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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. MATT BAKER, CHAIRMAN
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 12-6-10

RE: RE-INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
HEALTH INSURANCE CHOICE – RIGHT TO PURCHASE
HEALTH INSURANCE SOLD IN OTHER STATES
(FORMER HB 1744)

In the near future, I will be re-introducing legislation that would allow Pennsylvanian's to purchase affordable health insurance across state lines.

Close to one million Pennsylvanians are uninsured. Many of them don't choose to purchase coverage. One in four Pennsylvanian's between the ages of 19 and 25 are uninsured. According to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Health Insurance Survey, over 48,000 Pennsylvanians have incomes in excess of 300% of the federal poverty level (a family of four earning 61,950), yet still don't purchase coverage.

While cost is one of the main reason folks give for going without insurance, many consumers contend that fewer carriers and plan choices is another factor why they are uninsured.

My legislation would allow the uninsured to access different carriers and more choices – perhaps at lower rates – by allowing other states to sell their plans within the Commonwealth. This will enable Pennsylvania's uninsured to customize and purchase the benefit package that best suits their needs.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Gina Strine at 772-5371 or via email at Gstrine@pahousegop.com

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