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MEMORANDUM

TO:

ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM:

REP. MATT BAKER, CHAIRMAN

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE:

12-6-2010

RE:

REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION:

RIGHT TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE IN OTHER

STATES – INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY

(FORMER HB 1745)

In the near future, I will be re-introducing legislation that will require the Insurance Commissioner to undertake review of our laws to determine how best to allow for residents of the Commonwealth to purchase health insurance products sold in other states by insurance carriers not otherwise subject to Pennsylvania law.

My legislation seeks to remove the barriers that limit access to affordable health care and expand the opportunities for consumers in the Commonwealth to purchase coverage that better suits their needs.

The Commissioner, upon conducting his review, will report to the General Assembly on what changes to Pennsylvania law and regulation would be necessary in order to enable consumers in the Commonwealth to purchase out-of-state health products, along with a proposed timeline for implementation of such changes.

Once the necessary changes are made, consumers would be free to purchase any health plan 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

Previous cosponsors: Baker, Micozzie, Cutler, Gingrich, Boback, Causer, Clymer, Denlinger, Everett, Gabler, Geist, Goodman, Kauffman, Micozzie, Moul, Murt, Oberlander, O'neill, Pickett, Readshaw, Reichley, Swanger, Tallman, Vulakovich,