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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Steve Santarsiero

DATE: December 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation (HB 2114 of 2009-2010): Contribution toward Health Insurance Benefits

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation that would require Members to pay 1 percent of their salaries towards the cost of their health insurance, which is the current practice in the Senate.

This bill is a simple matter of fairness as most if not all of our constituents contribute toward their health care costs -- to the extent that they have health coverage at all. Under the bill, the requirement to contribute toward our health benefits would not take effect until the beginning of the fiscal year following the bill's enactment, which would give members adequate time to budget for the additional cost.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kaitlin Mull in my office at (717) 787-5475 or kmull@pahouse.net.