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**MEMO**

December 20, 2010

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Rep. Tony DeLuca

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony", written over the printed name "Rep. Tony DeLuca".

**SUBJECT:** Proposed legislation – Constitutional amendment – Outside Income for Members of the General Assembly (654 of 2009)

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I will be introducing legislation (similar to HB 654 of 2009) to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution, prohibiting Senators and Representatives, from receiving outside earned income. The proposal I am introducing this Session will put into place a limit on outside earned income of up to 35% of legislative salary annually.

Over the past few years, we have all heard the call for increased accountability for the Legislature. As we all know, the duties of our office require our full time attention and dedication, frequently requiring us to attend events or make constituent calls and the like on holidays and weekends, year-round.

We are, without question, a full-time legislature; we are to be accountable to our constituents first and foremost. As such, our duties as elected officials in the Pennsylvania General Assembly are paramount and should be conducted without distraction or possible conflict.

Additionally, this provision would bring the Pennsylvania General Assembly more in line with our colleagues on the Federal level. Similar limitations are imposed on members of our U.S. Congress for earned income and honoraria.

Should you wish to join me as a co-sponsor of the proposal, please email my office at [chaldi@pahouse.net](mailto:chaldi@pahouse.net). Thank you.