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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Mike Peifer 
DATE: December 14, 2010
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – Employment Incentive Payments Program

Legislation related to the creation and retention of jobs in Pennsylvania is a prominent issue the General Assembly has considered over the course of recent legislative sessions. When the new session begins in January, the enactment of legislation which spurs job creation and retention across the Commonwealth will remain a top priority going forward. With this in mind, I will be introducing legislation designed with the intent of re-enacting and amending the Employment Incentive Payments Program.

As many of you know, the Employment Incentive Payments Program expired on December 31, 2009. Prior to its expiration, the Employment Incentive Payments Program served as a valuable tool in the General Assembly's efforts to provide businesses with tax incentives that hire individuals who receive public assistance. If enacted, my legislation would re-enact the Employment Incentive Payments Program, while expanding the applicability of the program to include those individuals who are receiving unemployment compensation, in addition to those receiving public assistance. Furthermore, my legislation reduces the Employment Incentive Payments Program cap from \$25 million to \$7 million.

Please join me in my efforts to improve Pennsylvania's economy by growing its job market. If you wish to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact Barb Dysard in my Harrisburg office at 783-2037 or bdysard@pahousegop.com.