

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Dom Costa

DATE: December 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Public Adjusters Legislation (former HB2370)

In the near future I will be reintroducing House Bill 2370 from the previous session. This consumer protection legislation will update and modernize the Commonwealth's laws relative to the regulation of public adjusters.

Public Adjusters are individuals that represent the public in the adjusting of claims for losses arising out of an insurance policy. They are licensed and regulated by the Insurance Department.

Pennsylvania's Public Adjuster Licensing Law has not been amended in over 25 years, and therefore, it does not reflect certain economic realities of the world in which we live today. For example, the law does currently provide for the licensing of non-residents or business entities. Moreover, many of the reforms we adopted in the Producer Licensing Model Act (Act of), such as multi-year licensing of adjusters and continuing education requirements for licensees, have applicability to public adjusters and my legislation will include those reforms. Finally, my legislation will add necessary enforcement provisions to ensure that the public is protected from unscrupulous public adjusters.

Prior Co-Sponsors: DeLUCA, BARBIN, DEASY, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, HALUSKA, MATZIE, MELIO, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, SHAPIRO, SIPTROTH, THOMAS AND WHITE

If you would like to co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact Maribel Echevarria at 717-783-9114 or via email at mechevar@pahouse.net.