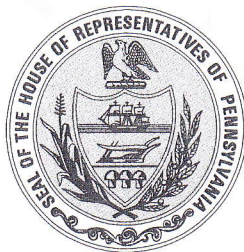ANTHONY M. DeLUCA, MEMBER

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2011

To: All House Members

From: Representative Tony DeLuca

Subject: Co-sponsorship of Legislation:
Self-Referrals (Formerly HB 2522 from 2009-2010 Session)

In the near future, I will be re-introducing important legislation which will minimize the impact of medical costs on the insurance system. The timing of this legislation is important given the federal health care reform and the Commonwealth's need to implement its many provisions in an economical and efficient manner.

The bill prohibits referrals by health care providers that are motivated by issues other than the best interest of the patient, and will ensure that patients and payers are not charged for or receive unnecessary services. The bill will take the current prohibition for such referrals that exists for Pennsylvania's workers compensation system, and extend it to all rendering of medical services.

The following members co-sponsored House Bill 2522 last session:
MUNDY, BARBIN, D. COSTA, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, FRANKEL, GEORGE, HARKINS, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, MATZIE, MILLER, M. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD

I hope you will join me in cosponsoring both of these important legislative initiatives. If you would like to do so, please contact Stacia R. Longenecker at slongenecker@pahouse.net or by calling 787-4437.

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