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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dave Argall *DGA*

DATE: January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Downtown Location Law

In the near future I plan on reintroducing Senate Bill 1201 from last session. This bill is designed to strengthen the Downtown Location Law.

In the nearly 10 years since I authored the original law over 90 percent annually of all state government leases have been designated in our downtown areas.

To further improve the act, the amendment that I propose to the Downtown Location Law would provide for coordination between the Department of General Services and organizations committed to community, downtown revitalization and historic preservation. This will give the Commonwealth and these organizations additional ability to reshape and revitalize our aging downtowns.

Along with providing for new levels of cooperation, this bill will strengthen DGS's ability to deny requests to state agencies to locate outside of downtown areas.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact BJ Sieg at bsieg@pasen.gov or 7-2637.