

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Eugene DePasquale
DATE: January 5, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: The Pennsylvania Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that creates The Pennsylvania Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act.

Earlier this year, President Obama signed a federal version of this legislation into law. The bill, which was endorsed by the National Taxpayers Union and Citizens Against Government Waste is a move in the right direction to correct government misuse of funds. The Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act was one of the few bills that both Republicans and Democrats both supported this past session in Congress.

The bill would enact stricter standards among state agencies to identify improper payments and recover taxpayer dollars that were misspent. By holding government agencies accountable, the new law will help eliminate wasteful government spending each year. These improper payments include money misspent due to fraud or a lack of financial oversight within the agency.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory in my office at (717) 787-7514 or CCLory@pahouse.net.