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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 5, 2011

To: All House Members

From: Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

Subject: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Health Information Technology Act

In the near future, I will be re-introducing House Bill 2106 from the 2009-2010 Session. The legislation, which was approved by the House, will be entitled the Health Information and Technology Act, and will manage the development of electronic medical records. As I am sure you know, development of electronic medical records are critical to the safety and security of patients, and will ensure the high quality of care that all citizens in the Commonwealth are entitled to receive.

My legislation will create the Pennsylvania Health Information Exchange to be administered and managed by the Pennsylvania Health Information Authority. The Authority will define the vision for a comprehensive statewide health information exchange system, and work with the Administration in the receipt of federal monies. In addition, the legislation will create a Health Information Technology Fund, which will be used to issue grants and loans to health care providers for the development of medical records.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Lauren Bordner at <u>lbordner@pahouse.net</u>.