

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Lawrence Curry

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Former HB 2448  
Amendment to the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to provide for a “Check-off” for Cystic Fibrosis

DATE: January 10, 2011

In the near future, I will be Re-introducing legislation that would amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to provide for a “check-off” for the Cystic Fibrosis Program within the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

As you may know, cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States. Presently, there is no cure for the inherited genetic disease with which close to 1,000 individuals are diagnosed each year. More than 70% of patients are diagnosed by age two, yet almost half of the cystic fibrosis patient population is age 18 or older. The predicted median age of survival for a person with cystic fibrosis is more than 37 years.

By providing for this check-off, Pennsylvanians will be able to raise funds for and bring awareness to those suffering from cystic fibrosis. Every cent donated will go directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Program to help provide comprehensive medical services to children and adults with cystic fibrosis.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Nancy Porvaznik via email [nporvazn@pahouse.net](mailto:nporvazn@pahouse.net) or by phone at 717-783-1079/Ext# 6532.