



*Senate of Pennsylvania*

# *Senator Jim Ferlo*

## *38<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District*

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### *MEMO*

**Date:** *January 6, 2011*  
**To:** *All Senators*  
**From:** *Senator Jim Ferlo*  
**Subject:** *Co-sponsorship of Amendments to the Homestead Exclusion Program in Act of 1 of the 2006 Special Session*

Dear Colleagues:

In the near future I plan to re introduce Senate Bill 1384 that will improve the homestead exemption program in the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of the 2006 Special Session). The bill will have three important features.

First, the bill will require that homestead exemption applications be more readily available by placing them at school district and county assessor offices and online if an internet site is available. The bill will also require that mail notification of the homestead exemption program contain explicit information on the nature of the program and property tax reductions.

Second, my bill will require the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to improve the uniform application for the homestead exemption program. While DCED currently supplies a uniform homestead exemption application to counties, I believe that it can be enhanced by providing more information on the nature of the program and more clearly entitling the front form.

Lastly, the bill will require that all property tax collectors place the notice of property tax relief on taxpayer bills and state that the reductions are the result of taxes levied on gaming industry revenues.

If you would like to co-sponsor any piece of this package please call my office at 7-6123 or e-mail Gianna Veno at [gveno@pasenate.com](mailto:gveno@pasenate.com).