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TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Rep. Chris Ross

DATE:

January 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation

Amends Tax Reform Code - Prior HB 504

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce HB 504 of the 2009-2010 session which updates the Tax Reform Code of 1971 regarding unexpected income.

Pennsylvania law states that every resident, nonresident, trust and estate with income in excess of \$8,000 in which personal income tax is not withheld, must make a declaration of estimated taxes each year. The legislation I plan to introduce would adjust the filing threshold of unexpected income for inflation. The legislation would increase the threshold to \$10,000. The last unexpected income adjustment occurred in 1999.

The bill also changes the required filing date. Currently, filings for unexpected income received in the 4th quarter are to be made no later than January 15th of the succeeding year. To make it more convenient for taxpayers, this legislation will change that date to April 15th so that individuals may declare the unexpected income along with their annual tax return.

Please join me to support updating our existing statutes and easing the filing process for taxpayers who receive unexpected income. If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office:

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