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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE MATT BAKER

DATE: 1-11-11

RE: REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION-
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TAX EXEMPTION (FORMER HB 380)
SCHOOL CONTRACTORS SALES TAX EXEMPT.(FORMER HB 379)

In the near future I will be re-introducing 2 pieces of legislation.

1. The first piece of legislation (former HB 380) was drafted with the intent of assisting volunteer firefighters across the Commonwealth. If enacted, the legislation I intend to introduce will provide a tax credit of up to \$500 to those volunteers who purchase firefighting equipment.

As you may know, as part of the FY 2008-2009 State budget, the General Assembly enacted a tax credit for volunteer firefighters that is based upon service time. This tax credit would provide financial assistance to those volunteers that spent their own hard-earned money in order to purchase supplies that are designed to protect them.

I believe that being a volunteer firefighter is one of the most selfless things anyone can do, by providing financial assistance to these volunteers we show appreciation to these special citizens.

If you would like to join me in assisting volunteer firefighters by providing them a valuable tax credit, please contact Gina Strine in my office at 772-5769 or via email at Gstrine@pahousegop.com.

2. The second piece of legislation (former HB 379) was drafted with the intent of assisting school districts across the Commonwealth. If enacted, the legislation I intend to introduce will provide a SUT exemption for items and/or services purchased by a contractor(s) on behalf of a school district, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school or charter school that are related to a construction project.

Providing educational institutions with sufficient funding is a task that the General Assembly constantly considers. The task of providing adequate funding only becomes more muddled when schools are engaged in construction projects. By instituting an SUT exemption we provide schools with additional revenue while not increasing the tax burden on homeowners in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to join me in relieving our schools of this burden, please contact Gina Strine in my office at 772-5769 or via email at Gstrine@pahousegop.com

Thank you!