



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boseola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation that would prohibit state government issued unemployment compensation (U.C.) debit cards from being used at automated teller machines (ATM's) in Pennsylvania casinos.

The legislation amends the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act by prohibiting individuals who receive benefits from unemployment compensation from having the ability to use their government issued debit cards at ATM's within casinos or any licensed facility.

State government benefits, especially with regard to the state unemployment benefits extension, are meant to provide individuals with the necessities of life and to pay their bills while seeking new employment or providing for their families. For that reason, the Gaming Control Board should ensure that U.C. benefits should not be easily accessible at ATM machines in Pennsylvania casinos.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 1483 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors included Senators O'Pake, Costa, Fontana, Stack, Vogel, Eichelberger and Ori.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.