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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2011
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Kenyatta Johnson 
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship: Reintroduction of HB 309 of 2009-10

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce HB 309 of 2009-10 that would amend the Older Adults Protective Services Act. This bill would require full disclosure of any financial holdings or ownership interest by any attending or primary care physician to a resident or prospective resident of a nursing care or assisted living facility.

Currently, attending and primary care physicians employed at assisted living or nursing care facilities are not required to disclose whether they have a financial stake in the facility in which they practice. This very likely could affect many potentially vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth, since approximately 30% of the state's population, or more than 3.6 million Pennsylvanians, are 65 years and older¹.

I think we owe our senior citizens the opportunity of full-disclosure. As such, I invite you to sign on to my legislation as a co-sponsor by contacting Deborah R. Brady of my office at (717) 783-1792 or DRBrady@pahouse.net.

Thank you.

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