GERALD J. MULLERY, MEMBER

115 EAST WING P.O. BOX 202119 HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120-2119 (717) 783-4893 FAX: (717) 780-4782



156 SOUTH MARKET STREET NANTICOKE, PENNSYLVANIA 18634 (570) 740-7031 FAX: (570) 826-2584

E-MAIL: GMULLERY@PAHOUSE.NET

House of Representatives HARRISBURG

MEMORANDU<u>M</u>

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative Gerald Mullery

DATE:

January 18, 2011

SUBJECT:

Request for Co-Sponsorship

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would amend the Public Official Compensation Law (Act 39 of 1983), establishing a requirement that all members of the General Assembly contribute ten percent (10%) of the costs associated with our benefits package.

Currently, members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly earn a base pay that is the fourth highest in the nation. Furthermore, members receive a premium benefits package that includes medical, vision, dental, and prescription coverage. Members of the Pennsylvania Senate currently pay one percent (1%) of the costs of these benefits while members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives contribute zero percent (0%). Considering the dire economic times and the financial hardships that face our constituents of this Commonwealth, I believe that we have a duty to eliminate any unnecessary spending.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this legislation. You may contact Ms. Jo- Ann Bucher in my Harrisburg Office at (717) 783-4893 or via e-mail at JBucher@pahouse.net. Thank you!