

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Jay Costa, Jr.  
**DATE:** January 12, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Introduction of legislation  
**Re: Unlawful Uses of Rent Rebate**

Please join me in sponsoring legislation introduced as Senate Bill 1470 in the 2009-2010 legislative session by Senators COSTA, STOUT, ORIE, M. WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, MUSTO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, STACK, BAKER, LEACH AND HUGHES.

The legislation will make it unlawful for a landlord and tenant to enter into any agreement that requires a tenant to pay or assign to the landlord any part of a Rent Rebate to which the tenant is entitled under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006. The Attorney General's Office is granted the authority to enforce this act. Further, any landlord who violates the act will be required to fully reimburse the tenant any portion of payment along with penalties and interest on the total amount of the payment to which the tenant was entitled.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this legislation by contacting my office at 787-7683 or emailing Ann Griffin-Gray at [aggray@pasenate.com](mailto:aggray@pasenate.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter.