

TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Jay Costa
DATE: January 12, 2010
SUBJECT: Introduction of legislation
Re: Landslide Insurance

Please join me in sponsoring legislation introduced as Senate Bill 263 in the 2009-2010 legislative session by Senators COSTA, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, ORIE, STOUT, FONTANA, VOGEL, LOGAN, BROWNE AND PIPPY.

Over the last several years landslide and slope movement have caused a vast amount of damage to homes and roadways in southwestern Pennsylvania. This recurring problem has caused an estimated \$4 million in damages a year.

There are currently insurance programs for landslides caused by mining practices and mudslides. However, other types of landslides are most often not covered by insurance. The residents of these landslide prone areas of Pennsylvania are in need of protection from the devastating effects of landslides.

This legislation would establish the Pennsylvania Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. This program would be administered by the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Board using the Landslide Insurance Fund and the Landslide Assistance Fund. The Landslide Assistance Fund will receive an initial appropriation of \$2.5 million and the Landslide Insurance Fund will also receive an initial appropriation of \$2.5 million.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this legislation by contacting Anne Griffin-Gray in my office at 7-7683 or e-mailing her at aggray@pasenate.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.