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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2011
RE: Reintroduction of Legislation (former HB 2211)
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Ed Staback 

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation that would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) to require sellers of mobile homes and other vehicles used for human habitation to obtain a tax status certification as a condition of the sale. **This proposal was introduced as House Bill 2211 during the 2009-10 Legislative Session.**

This legislation was prompted by concerns expressed by a county tax claim official who expressed frustration at the high number of mobile-home owners who sell vehicles on which they owe delinquent property taxes and subsequently move out of state. Since no title or tax status check is required by PA laws for such sales, the new owners sometimes learn of the delinquent taxes only after the sale is final and then risk losing their homes at a county tax sale.

Under my legislation, the tax status certification would include a statement from the tax collection authority of the municipality and the county tax claim bureau or equivalent office of the county in which the vehicle is situated. If current or delinquent taxes are due at the time of sale, the owner will be required to pay those taxes before the sale may be completed. This legislation will hopefully help our municipalities and counties collect delinquent taxes and prevent citizens from paying another party's taxes.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this bill, please contact Julie at 783-5043 or by email at jfoley@pahouse.net.