

**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative Eugene DePasquale  
Representative Seth Grove

**DATE:** January 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Legislation – Providing a Long-Term Care Insurance Tax Credit

In the near future, we will be reintroducing legislation that would provide those who purchase long-term care insurance with a personal income tax credit.

While many people qualify for long-term care coverage under the state's Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program, those who do not qualify are often faced with no alternative but to purchase their own insurance. Unfortunately, with the ever-increasing costs of long-term care, many people struggle to afford their insurance premiums.

With that said, it is important that we follow the lead of more than two dozen other states and the District of Columbia in assisting those who purchase their own insurance. Under our legislation, those who purchase long-term care insurance would be eligible for a personal income tax credit of 50% of their premiums paid during a calendar year or \$1,000, whichever is less.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory at [cclory@pahouse.net](mailto:cclory@pahouse.net) 717-787-7514 or Lisa Burkholder at [lburkhol@pahousegop.com](mailto:lburkhol@pahousegop.com) 717-783-2655.

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