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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Robert D. Robbins
SUBJECT: Invitation for Co-Sponsorship
Reinstatement of 2006 Uniform Construction Codes

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend the PA Construction Code Act by reinstating the 2006 International Building Code and International Residential Code until the 2012 codes are promulgated by the International Code Council (ICC).

I have been contacted by numerous builders and contractors from within my district and throughout the Commonwealth who are alarmed at the burden and cost of the latest code changes. Adding thousands of dollars in construction costs of new homes will further harm an already struggling sector of our economy.

Additionally, this legislation will direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the process by which codes are adopted by the ICC; the costs and benefits of triennial adoption of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC); the composition of the Department of Labor's Review and Advisory Council; the process of administration and enforcement of the UCC; the fee structure of the UCC; and the process, including time frames, by which the department adopts the UCC.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Justin Leventry in my office at 7-1322 by Friday, February 11, 2011.