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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Senator Patricia H. Vance
DATE: January 21, 2011
SUBJECT: Memo #6 – Exclusions from Income under the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PT/RR) Program

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce SB 570 from last session that would make changes to eligibility for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program.

Senate Bill 570

This legislation excludes certain income in determining eligibility for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate (PTRR) program. The definition of income in section 1303 of the Taxpayer Relief Act will be amended to:

- Exclude veterans' disability payments; and
- Exclude 50% of pensions received in lieu of Social Security by persons whose employment was not covered under the Social Security Act.

Beginning with calendar year 1999, 50% of benefits under the Social Security Act have been excluded from income under the PT/RR program. Until 1984, employment by the Federal government was not covered by Social Security and some Federal retirees have been disadvantaged with respect to qualification for the PT/RR program. There may be other individuals whose employment was not covered by Social Security and who may be similarly situated.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please email Tracy Polovick at tpolovick@pasen.gov or call my office at 787-8524.