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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Senator Patricia H. Vance
DATE: January 24, 2011
SUBJECT: Memo #7 – Low Cost Generic Prescription Drug Program

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce SB 603 from last session that would allow the full implementation of low cost generic prescription drug programs in Pennsylvania.

Senate Bill 603

A number of well-known retailers operate low-cost prescription drug programs. These programs have been advertised to cost as little as \$4 for a 30-day supply of generic drugs or \$10 for a three month supply. The programs offer certain drugs in Pennsylvania at prices higher than those charged in other states due to concerns regarding the Unfair Sales Act, a 1941 state statute that prevents retailers from selling merchandise below cost in order to attract patronage.

The legislation removes certain legal impediments to the full implementation of such low-cost generic prescription drug programs in this state. It would help Pennsylvanians who purchase generic prescription drugs through those programs to receive the same discount as individuals who live in other parts of the country.

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