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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas J. Quigley

DATE: January 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - Welfare Reform

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation amending the Public Welfare Code that will help tighten requirements on the application of welfare benefits at the state's county assistance offices.

I am proposing a bill that will ensure that all eligible welfare applicants are afforded assistance based on levels authorized in their county of permanent legal residence, regardless as to where benefit applications are made in the Commonwealth. By requiring benefits to be issued based on an individual's permanent legal residence, the state can continue to allow residents with unique circumstances to apply for benefits in another county without remaining susceptible to potential fraud. Further, this would help prevent those who intend to defraud the system from applying for benefits in a county other than their county of permanent residence as a means to secure greater levels of benefit.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office by calling Lauren Pacella at 772-9963 or email her at Lpacella@pahousegop.com.