



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the House of Representatives

**From:** Representative Michelle Brownlee *MB*

**Date:** January 28, 2011

**Subject:** Proposed Legislation – Expanding Property Tax/Rent Rebate Eligibility to Individuals in Government-Subsidized Housing

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would amend the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of Special Session of 2006) to expand Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) eligibility to include individuals in government-subsidized housing.

Specifically, my bill would strike §1304(d) from the Act. This subsection excludes government subsidies from the rent eligible for rebate under the PTRR. Since such housing is reserved for those with especially low incomes, such a rebate would most likely be spent since those with lower incomes are, according to data from Moody's Analytics Inc., more likely to spend such "found money" than those with higher incomes. Accordingly, in addition to getting more money into the hands of those who need it most, we can stimulate our local economies at this difficult time.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Daisy Latham at [dlatham@pahouse.net](mailto:dlatham@pahouse.net) or 717.783.8752 (in-house 6559).