

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House of Representatives

From: Representative Michelle Brownlee

Date: February 2, 2011

Subject: Proposed Legislation – Incorporating Social Security COLA into PTRR Income Guidelines

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 allow previously eligible individuals to remain eligible if the only reason they are no longer eligible is due to a Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA). This expansion mirrors one already adopted for PACE and PACENET.

A Social Security COLA is typically a relatively low sum of money. It is arguably a violation of public policy to allow that income adjustment to render an individual ineligible for programs such as PTRR that are designed to help Pennsylvanians with especially low incomes. I hope you will join me in correcting this matter.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Daisy Latham at dlatham@pahouse.net or 717.783.8752