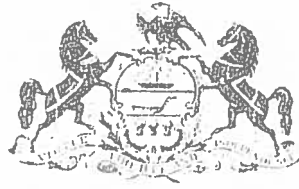


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MEMORANDUM

TO: *All House Members*

FROM: *Representative Mauree A. Gingrich*

DATE: *January 18, 2011*

SUBJECT: *Co-sponsor Legislation- LTC Quality Improvement Act*

I am reintroducing legislation that I had proposed last session as House Bill 310, the Long-Term Care Quality Improvement Act.

Pennsylvania is a demographic leader in our population of older residents. I believe that as our older population increases, there will be a concurrent increase in demand for more intensive services, particularly in light of the peak baby-boom retirement years which will begin next year. This legislation will help to ensure that Pennsylvania will be the nation's leader in improving the quality of long-term care services to our citizens.

My legislation will take the next important step toward promoting excellence in Pennsylvania's long-term care continuum by making a transition from simply achieving a "minimum standard" of care through enforcement and sanctions to one in which uniform excellence is attained by creating a quantifiable and reliable performance measurement system. The PA Department of Health's clinical best practices study of nursing home care was a very important step toward promoting excellence. This bill will go further to create an honest and reliable performance measurement system, coupled with a system of public disclosure in order to provide Pennsylvania long-term care consumers with the best possible information upon which to compare quality, and upon which to base their long-term care choices and decisions.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this bill, please notify Nicole Foit in my office at nfoit@pahousegop.com or 783-1815. Thank you.

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