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DATE: December 16, 2010
TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Anthony H. Williams
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation: **Budget Impasse Salary Forfeiture**

In the near future I will be reintroducing Senate Bill 1354 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This legislation will require members of the General Assembly to forfeit salary and all compensation during periods of budget impasse beyond July 1. This bill requires the General Assembly to forfeit that portion of their salaries attributable to the period from July 1 to the date on which a general appropriation act for that fiscal year is enacted.

It cannot be denied that legislators face a difficult task trying to balance the budget every year. However, the hardworking taxpayers of the Commonwealth should not be punished because the legislature cannot agree to a budget by the statutorily imposed deadline. The time has come to hold ourselves accountable to the standards that are mandated by law.

Previous co-sponsors of this bill include Senators Brubaker, Erickson, Farnese, O’Pake, Stack and Brown.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-5970 or email Donald Gordon, Esq. at dgordon@pasenate.com.