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TO: All Senators  
FROM: Senator Kim Ward  
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Interim Funding for Essential Social Service Programs during a Budget Impasse – **Memo # 10**

I plan to re-introduce legislation that would establish the “Emergency Essential Social Services Fund” to provide interim funding for essential social service programs during a budget impasse.

The legislation would establish the “Emergency Essential Social Services Fund” in the State Treasury. If the budget is not enacted by July 15, the State Treasurer shall periodically transfer unappropriated, unrestricted available General Fund moneys, to the “Emergency Essential Social Services Fund.” If the Governor fails to certify revenue estimates for the current fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer each time a transfer is needed that there are adequate funds to make the transfer.

The payments shall be made in the same amount as the previous year to existing essential social service programs including but not limited to: domestic violence programs, day care centers and mental health and mental retardation programs. Payments would be adjusted pursuant to the program’s appropriation in the enacted budget.

Co-sponsors from last session’s Senate Bill 1127 were: Brubaker, Baker, Erickson, Yaw, Earll, Smucker, Gordner, Washington, Alloway, M. White, Tomlinson and Boscola.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Tiffany Price in my office at 717-787-6063 or by email at [tprice@pasen.gov](mailto:tprice@pasen.gov).

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