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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Jim Cox
DATE: February 4, 2011
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation Providing for Pharmacy Choices

Please be aware that I am planning to introduce legislation which would amend the Unfair Insurance Practices Act (P.L. 589, No. 205) by restoring the freedom of our constituents to choose either their local community pharmacy for medication and high-quality personal services or a mail-order distributor.

Under my proposed legislation, your local community pharmacy would participate as a provider under the same terms and conditions as a mail-order distributor without increasing costs to either the patient or the payer. This legislation will give your constituents a choice to use either a local community pharmacy or mail-order and NOT be penalized with a higher co-payment.

My legislation would prohibit insurers from doing the following:

- ★ Requiring the insured use a mail-order pharmacy when filling their prescriptions;
- ★ Penalizing the insured who choose not to use a mail-order pharmacy by imposing additional fees and/or other conditions not imposed on the insured using mail order pharmacies; and
- ★ Eliminating or restricting the right of the insured to use the pharmacy of their choice.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislative proposal, please contact Jen Sellers at 772-2435 or jeseller@pahousegop.com.