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**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

**FROM:** Senator Michael J. Stack

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**SUBJECT:** AdultBasic Co-Sponsorship

We have an option to save the AdultBasic program for the time being using the General Assembly's Budget Surplus. The budget surplus is the money used to pay for caucus offices, salaries, and other operating expenses. The surplus is an excessive \$189 million. We can use this surplus for a good use and save a good program that helps working Pennsylvanians obtain affordable health insurance. By using this funding, we should be able to finance AdultBasic, assuming expenses remain at \$14 million a month, for 13.5 months or approximately until the middle of April 2012.

While additional funding will help, we also need to reexamine the program to make some administrative changes and find additional sources of revenue to continue the program until the health insurance exchange begins to operate. We only have difficult choices to make regarding the future of the AdultBasic program. Using the General Assembly's budget surplus will give us time to weigh all of the options to save this worthy program that helps working Pennsylvanians.

If you would like to co-sponsor legislation to use the General Assembly's budget surplus to fund Adult Basic, please call my office at 7-9608.