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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 7, 2011

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Thomas P. Murt

SUBJECT:

Cosponsorship - Low Cost Prescription Drugs

I am writing to invite you to join with me in cosponsoring a bill that I will be introducing in the near future that amends the Unfair Trade Practices Act to address an issue which has arisen relating to the ability of certain companies in Pennsylvania to offer low-cost prescription drugs.

You may have seen television commercials announcing that certain retailers will sell prescription drugs for as low as \$4 for a 30 day supply of generic drugs. Unfortunately, according to an interpretation by these companies' attorneys, Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices Act does not allow for this type of program in our state because goods cannot be sold under their actual value.

My legislation would correct this and allow for such programs in the Commonwealth, so that any current statutory impediment is removed and these companies can offer Pennsylvanians the same opportunities to purchase low-cost prescription drugs that the citizens of many other states currently have.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, kindly contact Amy Bossart by e-mail at abossart@pahousegop.com

Thank you.