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REPLY TO:

To: All Senators

From: Senator Christine M. Tartaglione

Subject: Co-Sponsorship – Legislation Establishing the “Train-to-Work PA” Program

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will build upon the successful Georgia Works model that has helped reduce unemployment and enable unemployed people to quickly return to the workforce.

The program would be employer-driven, multifaceted and have the latitude to quickly respond to the job training needs of employers. The priority trainee would be an individual who receives unemployment compensation. The program would subsidize up to 80% of the trainee's wages.

Funding for this program would come from existing sources which are the Industry Partnership funds and the Dislocated Worker funding streams. In addition, my legislation encourages the Department of Labor and Industry to apply for any additional funding that may be available from the Workforce Investment Act.

An advisory committee would be established under this act, to advise the Department, which would consist of representatives from the business and labor communities.

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Sherry Hess at 7-1141 or by email at SHess@pasenate.com.