



Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators

DATE: January 19, 2011

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boscola

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SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation to establish an academic excellence scholarship program, and I invite you to join me as a co-sponsor.

This bill provides financial incentives for high-school students to attend college and stay in Pennsylvania once they've graduated.

It authorizes PHEAA to provide \$5,000 grants to students that have demonstrated academic excellence. To qualify, students must:

- ✓ Be Pennsylvania residents
- ✓ Graduate in the top 5 percent of their high-school class
- ✓ Score at least a 2130 on their SATs, and
- ✓ Agree to work in Pennsylvania for at least 2 years after graduation.

If students earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher at the end of each academic year, they may continue to apply for grants for a maximum of 4 consecutive academic years.

This is a revised bill that is based on Senate Bill 800 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors of SB 800 included Senators Tartaglione, Stout, Fontana, Rafferty, Washington, Alloway, Hughes and Wonderling.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.