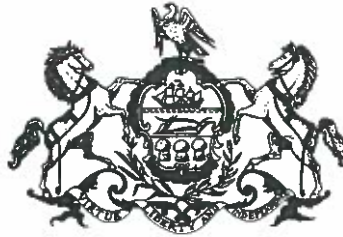


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives  
**FROM:** Representative Tony Payton, Jr.  
**DATE:** March 7, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Small Business Reserve Co-sponsorship

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will amend Title 62 (Procurement) of Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes in order to establish a Small Business Reserve for the purpose of assisting small and disadvantaged businesses.

Small businesses are the backbone of Main Street America. During these difficult economic times, many businesses, both large and small, are in dire need of assistance. Larger businesses have been given ample support from the federal government and have many opportunities to acquire state contracts. Conversely, many small businesses are still feeling the effects of the recession. In addition, these businesses are at a disadvantage when competing for state contracts. As such, I am proposing the establishment of the Small Business Reserve. The Small Business Reserve will provide increased economic opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses by providing those businesses with the opportunity to bid on state government contracts, without directly competing with large businesses. In order to assure that funding will be available, a reserve account will be established and ten percent of the total value of the procurement contracts will be allocated to the small business reserve. Furthermore, an annual report will be submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House and Senate to assure the effectiveness of the operations.

By spurring economic growth amongst our smaller business, we can assist in the recovery of our Commonwealth and ensure an end to the current recession. Please join me in co-sponsoring this legislation by contacting my office at 717-787-1354 or by emailing Jorge Santana at [jsantana@pahouse.net](mailto:jsantana@pahouse.net).