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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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DATE: March 16, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John P. Sabatina, Jr.

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SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship

In the near future, I will introduce legislation to prohibit the renewal of vehicle registrations for Pennsylvanians that have delinquent fines, surcharges, fees, and penalties imposed by a court of this Commonwealth for any violation of law. Once a person has paid their fines, surcharges, fees, or penalties, the courts shall send a written or electronic notification to PennDOT that a person has paid all fines, surcharges, fees, and penalties owed to the courts. Then, PennDOT may renew the person's vehicle registration.

The Pennsylvania Judiciary is owed millions of dollars in fines, fees, and other charges. This legislation will give people an incentive to pay their fines, fees, and other charges. The initiative will help the Commonwealth's Courts collect money they are owed and provide Pennsylvania with a source of revenue to help close another significant budget deficit.

This legislative effort has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Stack and Senator Rafferty and is SB836.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Nicole Vargas in my office at nvargas@pahouse.net, or at 717-772-4032.