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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

March 17, 2011

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Brad Roae  $\emph{BTR}$ .

SUBJECT:

Legislation to Prohibit Taxpayer-Funded PSAs by Members of the General

Assembly

As you are aware, the Commonwealth is currently facing one of the worst fiscal crises in our state's history. As a result, we must examine ways to not only spend money more efficiently, but also identify areas where we can eliminate the use of taxpayer funds altogether.

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would prohibit taxpayer-funded public service announcements that feature members of the General Assembly. The prohibition would apply for any public service announcement in which Commonwealth funds are used to pay for the broadcast time or the production costs. In my opinion, this ban is one manner in which we can conserve public funds which would be better allocated elsewhere.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Tierna via e-mail at ttuckey@pahousegop.com.