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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Sheryl Delozier, Representative John Bear, Representative Gary Day, Senator Dave Argall, Senator Lloyd Smucker, and Senator Bob Mensch

SUBJECT: Resolution to form a Government Modernization Commission

Over the past two years, the House of Representatives has led the way in finding fresh and innovative ways to deal with our ongoing budget deficits. To date, we have saved taxpayers approximately \$350 million through the success of our tax amnesty program, correcting tax refund error rates and changing the way we pay for goods and services.

This session, we would like to take the next step. Given our current fiscal situation and the fact that difficult decisions will have to be made in the upcoming budget negotiations, we believe it is imperative that there be a formal focused process established to determine ways in which government can be made more efficient and effective, and provide taxpayers with a better return on their hard-earned tax dollars. Accordingly, we will soon be introducing a concurrent resolution that will create a new Government Modernization Commission.

The purpose of this Commission will be to reduce the cost, size and scope of government, streamline its operations, increase accountability, improve customer service and transition the Commonwealth into a more fiscally sustainable form of government.

We have been working with members of the House and Senate, as well as the Administration. The Commission will be comprised of public and private sector leaders appointed by the House, Senate, and Governor, and conclude at the end of the 2011-2012 legislative session.

This proposal is cost neutral.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Jennifer Haines in Representative Sheryl Delozier's office at 717-783-5282 or jhaines@pahousegop.com.