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DATE : April 6, 2011  
TO : All House Members  
FROM : Hon. Will Tallman *WT*  
SUBJECT : Property Tax Relief

As you all know, property tax and land assessment reform is an issue that has been debated and considered on multiple occasions over the course of recent legislative sessions. The need for these debates stem from the burden property taxes place on homeowners and the lack of continuity the assessment process maintains on a county-by-county basis.

In an effort to further address both of these matters, I will be introducing two pieces of legislation in the near future which provides property tax relief to homeowners that reside in a county that recently conducted a reassessment.

The first piece of legislation would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to permit the General Assembly to establish standards which provide for limitations on property increases for single tracts or parcels of real property following a countywide reassessment. This amendment is needed in order to satisfy the uniformity clause contained within the Constitution.

The second piece of legislation would serve to build off the aforementioned constitutional measure by amending Title 53 as it relates to actual property tax limitations. If enacted, my legislation would prohibit property taxes from being increased more than 10% annually as a result of a reassessment. This 10% annual limit would be in place until the total property tax obligation rate is realized for a single tract or parcel of real property.

Please join me in my efforts to reform the manner in which property taxes are levied after a reassessment occurs. If you wish to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact Jodi Addington in my office at 783-8875 or via email at [jaddingt@pahousegop.com](mailto:jaddingt@pahousegop.com).