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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 6, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Robert W. Godshall, Chairman *R.W.G.*
House Consumer Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Mcare Legislation (former HB 204)

I would like to invite you to co-sponsor legislation I plan to re-introduce to provide for a change to Act 13 of 2002, the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act.

This legislation will lower the minimum required amounts for medical professional liability insurance coverage for a health care provider to \$500,000 per occurrence or claim and to \$1,500,000 per annual aggregate. The legislation will make no changes to the Health Care Provider Retention Program (abatment program). However, the limit of liability for the Mcare Fund for an occurrence or claim that arises on or after January 1, 2008, will be zero.

The passage of this legislation will assist physicians to continue to provide quality health care to all of their patients, by lowering the medical professional liability insurance premium burdens placed upon them. A health care provider's quality of care is a goal that continues to be of utmost importance to not only the provider, but also to all members of the legislature. I believe that this legislation will go far in assisting the satisfaction of this goal.

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If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office by email to Jane Hugendubler, at jhugendu@pahousegop.com or phone 783.6429.

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