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FROM:

Senator Patricia H. Vance

DATE:

April 8, 2011

SUBJECT:

Memo #18 – Liquid Fuels Tax Allocation Release Date

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to change the release date of the liquid fuels tax allocation from April 1 to March 1.

Currently, these funds have been released annually on April 1 as stipulated in Section 2615.4(3) of the Liquid Fuels Municipal Allocation Law. During harsh winters, governors have authorized the release of these funds on March 1. A permanent release date of March 1 would benefit cash-strapped Pennsylvania municipalities by making funds available to deal with snow and ice removal on a timely basis. This is a benefit that would not require any new tax and could result in cost savings to municipalities in the form of avoiding tax anticipation notes.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my office at 787-8524 or email Tracy Polovick at tpolovick@pasen.gov.