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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

DATE: May 2, 2011

RE: Expiration of Pennsylvania's AdultBasic Program

In the near future I will be introducing important legislation to address the problems created by the expiration of Pennsylvania's adultBasic Program. As you will recall, adultBasic provided more than 40,000 Pennsylvanians with health care coverage, but came to an end when a significant funding source was not replaced.

My legislation, entitled the Health Care Insurance Certificate Program Act, will allow adultBasic enrollees and others who were on the adultBasic waiting to have the opportunity to purchase coverage and benefits as defined in the bill. These individuals will also be able to obtain financial assistance in the form of a certificate totaling \$500 annually that must be used for the purchase of health insurance. The funds, which should total at least \$75 million each year, will be available through the repeal of the sales tax discount currently available to retailers who collect the sales tax. The program will be administered by the Commonwealth's Insurance Department.

My legislation will revive and build upon the success of the adultBasic program. It will provide individuals access to quality health care, and will do so at a reasonable cost, and without a tax increase. I hope you will join me by supporting this bill

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lauren Bordner in my office at lbordner@pahouse.net.