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Subject: Quinn Co-sponsor: 2011-12 COLA Suspension for General Assembly
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Dear Colleagues,

This session, I will reintroduce my bill for a one-year suspension of the annual, automatic COLA in place for members, officers and leaders of the General Assembly.

As you know, Pennsylvania's annual, automatic cost-of-living adjustment for the General Assembly is effective December 1st each year, and is based upon the increase in the Consumer Price Index. This bill was not relevant last year, since the CPI number did not trigger an automatic COLA for Pennsylvania legislators. Regardless of any potential increase in this number for 2011, myself and others do not believe it is prudent for PA House of Representative members to potentially receive an upward adjustment if our senior citizens do not receive an increase in their annual COLA.

This bill will amend (for one year only) the Public Official Compensation Law to **suspend** the automatic December 1, 2011 annual cost-of-living-adjustment. This suspension will expire on November 30, 2012. Many of us already give back or donate this COLA in difficult economic times. Passage of this legislation will make this process uniform, but will not set long-term policy.

Please join me in supporting this common sense, one-year COLA suspension.

Thank you for your consideration.

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