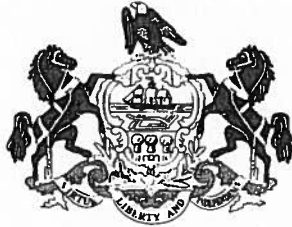


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas J. Quigley
146th Legislative District

DATE: May 23, 2012

SUBJECT: House Select Committee - Property Taxes

In the immediate future, I will introduce a House Resolution which will create a Select Committee to investigate, review, and make recommendations regarding the long-standing and multi-faceted problems involving local tax revenue for school districts and local governments across this Commonwealth, with a focus on property taxes.

Property taxes continue to burden Commonwealth homeowners and businesses and an over reliance on them, or any other single source of tax revenue, undermines the long-term sustainability of our school districts, our local governments, our communities and our State. School districts and local governments across this Commonwealth are under pressure from residents to lower property and other taxes, while also facing significant budget, revenue, infrastructure and pension challenges of their own.

The Select Committee will be comprised of majority and minority members appointed by the House Education, Finance, Local Government, and Urban Affairs Committees. The Select Committee will not duplicate past efforts but will gather and review relevant information, hold hearings as needed, and make recommendations for the future development of related legislation by each standing committee. In this way, the Select Committee will compliment other efforts for the reform of property taxes and related issues.

If you wish to join me in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Lauren Pacella at 772-9963 or email her at lpacella@pahousegop.com.