

Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Stephen Bloom

DATE: June 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo: Act 1 Property Tax Relief Referendum for Cumberland County

The voters of the 199th Legislative District, which I represent, have consistently demanded school property tax reform. While we continue to discuss statewide reform initiatives, the process has been slow and progress minimal. Therefore, to address the pressing need for immediate reform and relief, I will be introducing legislation to address escalating property taxes for those with homesteads and farmsteads specifically within Cumberland County

My legislation amends Act 1 of Special Session 1 of 2006, the Taxpayer Relief Act, to require school districts in Cumberland County to present a referendum question during the 2011 municipal election. The question will seek voter approval for the school district to levy, assess and collect a local personal income or earned income/net profits tax for the purpose of fully funding the homestead and farmstead school property tax exclusions. This will give voters the opportunity to directly determine an alternative mechanism to address arbitrary and unfair school property taxes.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my secretary Lauren Withjack at lwithjac@pahousegop.com or at 772-2280.