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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Tim Solobay 

DATE: June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo #41: Third Class City Fire Tax

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce House Bill 163 of the 2009-2010 legislative session. I originally introduced this legislation during my time in the House of Representatives.

This bill would establish a third class city fire tax of three mills for the purposes of procurement, maintenance or improving fire equipment and facilities; for purchasing land on which to erect a facility; or for training firefighters. Other components of the tax include:

- Up to one-half of the revenue (not more than one mill) may be allocated to firefighter salaries or other compensation.
- Up to one-half of the revenue (not more than one-half mill) may be allocated to offset the costs and compensation of other emergency services.
- If the city wishes to impose a tax higher the rates set forth in this legislation (but not to exceed it where it is ultimately capped), it must be placed on the ballot for a vote.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 7-1463.