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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Democratic & Republican House Members

**FROM:** Kevin Murphy, Member  
113<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, Lackawanna County

**RE:** Legislation naming November 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Month in Pennsylvania

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In the near future I intend to introduce legislation that declares November 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Month in Pennsylvania. More than 37,000 people will die as a result of terrible disease this year in the United States, approximately 2,070 of whom live in Pennsylvania.

Pancreatic Cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer and is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with the lowest survival rate of any major cancer. Statistics show that 75 % of pancreatic cancer patients will die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 % of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years of diagnosis.

It is well known that there is no cure nor has there been any significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods or survival rates for Pancreatic cancer in the last 25 years.

This legislation will help to bring much needed awareness and attention to this deadly disease and offer support to those battling Pancreatic Cancer. Please contact Stephanie in my office if you'd like to be a co-sponsor on this legislation via email at [shardman@pahouse.net](mailto:shardman@pahouse.net).