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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2011
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Brad Roae
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – 2011 COLA Freeze for House Members

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would suspend the December 1, 2011 COLA for State House Members only. This legislation would not include the Senate, judges and judicial employees, the Governor or his administration. Under this legislation, House Members would begin receiving COLAs again December 1, 2012.

The Commonwealth's revenue has come in \$215 million less than scheduled for the first quarter of the year. Couple that with a \$1 billion spending cut in the current fiscal year budget, no growth in private sector wages, a nine percent unemployment rate, pay freezes for teachers and public employees, and no COLA for Social Security in the last three years, the time is right for Members of the House to accept a one year freeze in their COLA.

Weeks from now newspapers across the state will be flooded with articles about our greed and unwillingness to share the pain. This legislation is a good, responsible way to get in line with the economic times.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Tierna via e-mail at ttuckey@pahousegop.com.

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