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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2012
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Tony Payton, Jr.
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation -- **Small Business Reserve Program**

In the near future, I will reintroduce **HB2147**, which amended Title 62 (Procurement) to require the Department of General Services (DGS) to establish a small business reserve program. This proposal was part of a legislative package developed from recommendations of a report issued by the House Select Committee on Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Inclusion; pursuant to H.R. 78 of 2009. Moreover, the language of this proposal was incorporated into HB2149, an omnibus bill that passed the House on September 27, 2010 by a vote of 189-0.

Under this legislative proposal, the DGS would be required to establish a small business reserve program for the purpose of increasing economic opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses and positioning such businesses to bid on Commonwealth contracts without competing with large business enterprises. The DGS would be directed to, among other things, structure its procurement procedures to reserve up to 10% of the total dollar value of its procurement contracts to qualified small and disadvantaged businesses. The term "disadvantaged business" would be modified to include veteran-owned businesses, including those owned by service-disabled veterans.

Please join me in sponsoring this legislation by contacting my office at 717.787.1354 or by emailing my Legislative Assistant, Tajuanna Franklin, at tfranklin@pahouse.net.