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# MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2012

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Tony Payton, Jr.

SUBJECT: Request for Co-sponsorship—Reintroduction of Former House Bill 2684 of 2010:  
Amending the Dental Law to Provide for a Restricted License to Teach Dentistry

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In the near future I plan to reintroduce former House Bill 2684 of 2010 which amends the Dental Law to make it easier for the three schools in the Commonwealth—the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Pennsylvania, and Temple University—to attract and retain dental educators, particularly those dentists who have been trained at a dental school outside of Pennsylvania.

My legislation seeks to create a restricted licensure classification for teachers of dentistry under the State Board of Dentistry. Among other requirements, qualifying applicants for a teacher's license must have received basic dentistry training, special dentistry training, or advanced training in a clinical field at a dental school approved by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. Additionally, the applicant must hold an appointment to teach at a Commonwealth dental school before applying for the license. Furthermore, my legislation ensures patient safety by providing that teachers of dentistry with a restricted license will be limited to practice dentistry only for the purposes of teaching and maintaining clinical hours as required by the State Board of Dentistry.

After originally seeking co-sponsorship for similar legislation in October of 2011, I became of the opinion that certain modifications to the language were necessary in order to ensure both the protection of patients, and retention of qualified and well trained teachers of dentistry. I believe my legislation will help our dental schools recruit some of the best dentistry teachers to ensure the best education for our Commonwealth's future dentists.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Tajuanna Franklin, at 717-787-1354 or [tfranklin@pahouse.net](mailto:tfranklin@pahouse.net).