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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2012
SUBJECT: Legislation
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Kurt Masser

I am preparing to introduce legislation that would amend the Public Welfare Code to allow counties to receive their allocation for child welfare services in the form of a quarterly advance payment.

Under the complicated current system, I know that many counties have been forced to borrow to cover the cost of services they are required to provide, while they wait to be reimbursed from the Department of Public Welfare. This legislation will provide our counties with the additional financial flexibility they need to provide services to our most vulnerable children.

This legislation was previously introduced (House Bill 829) by Rep. Dennis O'Brien, who is no longer a House Member. As a sign of support, I decided to reintroduce this legislation, which is important to counties all across the Commonwealth.

I hope that you will join me by cosponsoring this legislation. If you would like to do so, please contact Cindy Abbott in my office at cabbott@pahousegop.com or 0-6134.