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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Robert D. Robbins *RDR*

SUBJECT: Invitation for Co-Sponsorship
Military Physician Incentive Program

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will assist the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) in their efforts to recruit and retain military resident physicians.

There is a critical need for a state recruiting incentive for physicians in the PNG as only 58 percent of the available military physician slots are filled. Although military physicians qualify for various federally-funded bonuses and incentive programs that include military obligations, none of them require continued service in the PNG.

The intent of the program is to leverage current and anticipated Educational Assistance Program (EAP) funding to support this program while maintaining full participation in EAP. No increase in current EAP funding levels is anticipated. Further, The Adjutant General would have authority to adjust physician stipends if available funding is insufficient.

My bill is supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and is one of their legislative priorities.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation or have any questions, please contact my office at 787-1322 or email Chris Yniguez at cyniguez@pasen.gov.