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FROM: Senator Dave Argall 

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SUBJECT: Inheritance Tax Legislation

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In the near future I will be introducing legislation that will revamp the formula by which counties and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue share inheritance tax proceeds.

Currently, the counties are tasked with collecting inheritance taxes and disbursing it under the following formula:

\$1 - \$200,000 collected in any calendar year – 4.25 % is retained by the county

\$200,000 - \$1 million collected in any calendar year – 1.75% is retained by the county

\$1 million and above collected in any calendar year - .5% is retained by the county

All proceeds above the percentages retained by the county are submitted to the PA Department of Revenue.

My legislation will change the formula to a much simpler 1% across the board to be retained by the counties regardless of how much any given county collects. In addition, this legislation will also mean a slight increase in the funds counties retain for local programs and services. In light of the fact that the money is generated within a given county and the county Register of Wills is tasked with collecting the funds, this formula will allow for a fairer distribution of these funds.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Susan Bentzel in my office at 7-2637 or at [sbentzel@pasen.gov](mailto:sbentzel@pasen.gov).