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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Tony Payton
Date: March 12, 2012
Re: Background Check Fee Waiver for Nonprofit Volunteers

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will waive fees for criminal background checks provided by state or local police for volunteers with not-for-profit organizations.

Currently, the Pennsylvania State Police and local police departments as well as the Department of Public Welfare charge individuals fees for processing criminal background checks. Under my legislation, fees charged by these entities for criminal background checks will be waived for individuals who require them in order to volunteer with a not-for-profit organization.

It is my belief that individuals who volunteer should not be subject to additional expenses while making an effort to help others. Therefore, I ask that you please join me in enacting this important legislation.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Tajuanna Franklin in my office via email at tfranklin@pahouse.net or at 717-787-1354.