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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Tony Payton, Jr.  
State Representative  
179<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

DATE: March 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation – Green Economy Center

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would amend the Administrative Code of 1929 to provide for the establishment of a Green Economy Center under the Office of the Governor.

With the shifting economy, it is imperative for Pennsylvania to be at the forefront of green job development and oversight. This legislation would establish the Green Economy Center, which would be the leading office in the promotion and development of jobs and workforce training in the clean energy sector. This center will also be tasked with stimulating the creation and support of new and existing clean energy ventures.

Furthermore, my legislation will also establish the Green Jobs Fund. The fund will provide grants to stimulate the expansion of clean energy research and development. If passed, grants will be available to small businesses, educational institutions, community-based organizations, and companies that provide employment opportunities in the green sector for persons having a family income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

If you would like to join me by co-sponsoring this bill, please contact Tajuanna Franklin at 717-787-1354 or [tfranklin@pahouse.net](mailto:tfranklin@pahouse.net).