



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Brendan Boyle

DATE: May 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Revenue-Neutral Philadelphia Reassessment

As the city of Philadelphia proceeds to implement full-value reassessment, the transition should not unfairly burden our neighbors who will find the value of their properties vastly different – seemingly overnight. Similarly, this change in policy should not provide an unreasonable windfall to city government.

Accordingly, in order to prevent this "back door tax increase", I will introduce legislation ensuring the reassessment must be revenue-neutral. This will protect Philadelphians from an outrageous hike in their property taxes while not depriving city officials of much-needed revenue. This balance will allow both parties to adjust much more smoothly to the new assessment design.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kristen Womelsdorf at kwomelsd@pahouse.net or 717-787-3055.