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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2012
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Tony Payton
SUBJECT: Legislation Regarding a Constitutional Amendment to Provide Pennsylvania Residents with Rebates from Fees Collected on Natural Gas Production

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would amend Section 29 of Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania to provide residents of the Commonwealth with rebates from fees collected on natural gas production.

Currently, the Constitution of Pennsylvania prohibits appropriations for charitable, educational, or benevolent purposes to any person, community, or denominational and sectarian institution, corporation, or association. Appropriations can only be made to Pennsylvania residents for public assistance, military service, and scholarship grants and loans for higher learning.

Under this legislation, Section 29 of Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania would be amended to provide the General Assembly with the authority to enact laws that provide for the distribution of revenues from fees collected on natural gas production to residents of the Commonwealth.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Tajuanna Franklin at 717-787-1354 or TFranklin@pahouse.net.