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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of the House of Representatives

From: Representative Tina Davis
107 East Wing
Tina Davis

Date: May 22, 2012

Subject: **Increase VLAP Loan Amounts for Facilities and New and Used Apparatus
Co-Sponsorship request**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by increasing the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) amount caps for facilities and new and used apparatus.

Currently, volunteer fire companies and ambulance services apply for necessary loans through VLAP and are approved up to a certain capped amount. These vital organizations are looking to modernize or establish new facilities, or buy new and used equipment, but are restrained by the current loan caps which have been set in place for over two decades. The current loan caps are as follows:

- \$200,000 loan cap for modernizing or establishing new facilities which has remained unchanged since 1992;
- \$100,000 loan cap for buying new apparatus which has not been increased since 1990; and
- \$60,000 loan cap for buying used apparatus which has been in place since 1990.

My legislation would increase the three loans caps for facilities, new apparatus, and used apparatus to \$500,000 each. This increase would give these important organizations the option to take out higher loans to make needed upgrades to their facilities or buy vital equipment.

Volunteer fire companies and ambulance services provide essential community services and deserve our continued support and funding. If you would like to co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact Debbie Brady at 717-783-4903 or at DBrady@pahouse.net.