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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2012

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John Hornaman

SUBJECT: **Co-Sponsorship: Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Program**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will create a free-standing act to establish a Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Program to provide one-time payments of \$500 to eligible veterans.

Under my proposal, eligibility would be limited to veterans who separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions and who served on active duty in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism. Direct support of the Global War on Terrorism is shown by the veteran having received the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, or the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Additionally, the veteran must have been or is a legal resident of this Commonwealth as determined under this act and United States military. In order to fund this important program, my legislation provides for bond authorization.

In the past we have created bonus programs for veterans' of the Persian Gulf War and World War II. However, Pennsylvania does not have a veterans' bonus program for those who have served our country proudly during the past 11 years in the Global War on Terrorism.

My legislation ensures that the brave men and women who have served our country in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism during the past 11 years will not go unnoticed.

If you would like to co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact Carla Walker in my Harrisburg office at 717-772-2297 or at cwalker@pahouse.net.