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TO: All House Members

FROM: Gene DiGirolamo, Majority Chairman
Human Services Committee

DATE: September 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Human Services Supplemental Funding

In the near future, I intend to introduce a supplemental appropriation bill to restore \$84M in funding for Human Services. The 10% cut that was part of the budget is severely impacting services for people with mental illness, intellectual disabilities and addictions.

Increasingly, we are also hearing about layoffs, closings and the resulting loss of services for people who need them so badly. Families are scrambling to find alternative arrangements for their loved ones. Funding for these services must be a priority.

This legislation will return the line items to their funding levels from FY 11/12. There is sufficient money on the balance sheet for this fiscal year that allows us to make these badly needed restorations without adversely affecting our cushion for the current year or impeding the carry over for next fiscal year. If you would like to join in co-sponsorship of this bill, please contact Jennifer Korac in my office at 783-7319 or email at jkorac@pahousegop.com.

Here is a chart outlining the changes that would be made in this legislation: