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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Gene DiGirolamo, Chairman
Human Services Committee

DATE: September 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Memo

Many of us have been hearing complaints from the parents of children who have disabilities about the Department of Public Welfare's plan to implement a co-pay for the services their children need. The plan will be for each family to contribute up to 5% of their gross annual income.

I think we should slow this proposal down in order to have time to learn more about its impact on the affected families. It seems that the \$5M in projected savings is not worth the chaos that will ensue for these families whose children need so many special services.

Therefore, I intend to introduce a resolution which is attached here for your review. My plan is to hold a voting Human Services Committee meeting on Monday, October 1st to move the resolution forward in the process. Because the legislative days are very short here at the end of the term, I feel this is the best way of addressing this pressing matter.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsorship, please call Pam Huss at 783-7319 or email her at phuss@pahousegop.com.