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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Jeff Pyle
60th Legislative District *JPP...*

RE: Proposed Legislation:
Local Authority Emergency Relief from Mandates Act
(Previously HB 2081, 2009-2010)

DATE: January 21, 2011

In our previous legislative session, Representative Sam Rohrer introduced language that addressed one of our government's largest failings-unfunded mandates. The Commonwealth deals with them constantly being thrust upon us by the Federal government and none of us appreciates it due to the financial burden that is often unachievable.

Mirroring Sam's legislation, I will soon be introducing legislation that addresses unfunded mandates that we, the Commonwealth, place upon our local governmental units. In an effort to attain a more functional and financially realistic relationship with our municipalities, this legislation is quite simple in its focus: put simply, if the Commonwealth places a mandate upon our local governments, the Commonwealth must also attach the required funding to execute the mandate OR the local government would not be required to follow the mandate.

This legislation would not apply to federal mandates that we are compelled to execute. It would apply only to Commonwealth mandates thrust upon our local governments. It is felt this philosophy would allow our local governments the flexibility they need to better address our shared constituency's issues and problems.

This legislation was drafted with the assistance of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the PA State Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania School Board Association, and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

If you would like to be listed as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please call Tracey Mattern at (717) 783-5327 or email at tmattern@pahousegop.com. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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