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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dominic Pileggi 

RE: Co-sponsorship of Legislation Implementing a School Property Tax Freeze for Residents 65 and Older

I plan to introduce legislation implementing a property tax freeze for Pennsylvania residents 65 and older.

To qualify for a property tax freeze, an individual who is 65 or older must have qualified for a homestead exemption at their current residence for no fewer than five years. My legislation will establish 2011 as a "base year" for property tax rates.

This freeze will apply to property taxes levied by school districts. Affected districts will be reimbursed for lost revenue from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

If an individual is also eligible for the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program, he or she will be required to choose between the two programs; no one could receive both benefits.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please contact Michelle Kreiger at mkreiger@pasen.gov or 787-4712.

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