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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Harold James *HJ*

DATE: July 12, 2005

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

On August 9 2005, I will be introducing legislation to further offset reductions to Medical Assistance by instituting a two percent tax on the purchase price of firearms and ammunition.

Clearly, Medicaid cuts have a direct and lasting impact on the elderly and chronically ill. While recent legislative initiatives were implemented to address these cuts, it is obvious that even minor restrictions will hurt our most vulnerable residents. Consequently, I will be introducing legislation to amend the Tax Reform Act of 1971 by instituting a two percent tax on the purchase price of firearms and ammunition. The revenues raised from this tax will be used to supplement Medicaid funding.

In an effort to further augment Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance, I also introduced legislation increasing the beer tax. Clearly, our residents are crying out for our help. We need to do more. We must do more. I hope you will join me in answering their pleas. These two revenue proposals will aid in relieving the suffering of Pennsylvania's less fortunate.

To join me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Gerald Everett at 787-9477 or email geverett@pahouse.net.