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# MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** Cosponsorship of Legislation

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Peter J. Zug *PJZ*

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will remove the "preexisting condition" language from Act 129 of 1998, known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act.

Under current law, the children of emergency services personnel killed in the line of duty, would not be eligible for this free educational program if their deceased parent was known to have a preexisting health condition.

This preexisting condition language is inconsistent with the Commonwealth's Emergency and Law Enforcement Death Benefits Act (Act 101 of 1976), which awards a \$50,000 death benefit to the survivors of the deceased. This Death Benefits Act does not have a preexisting condition clause. Therefore, my intentions are to make both death benefit acts uniform in scope.

If you should like to become a cosponsor of this legislation, please contact my office at 7-2686. Thank you.

