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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS TANGRETTI

SUBJECT: CO-SPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION: PARAMEDIC TRAINING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation designed to allow volunteer firefighters to receive paramedic training. As the law is currently written, a firefighters' relief association can only pay for the expenses incurred for attending firefighters' training schools. I believe it is important that we do all we can to ensure that all of our first responders have the comprehensive training they need to protect our families and friends. The Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute has voiced its concern about the need to amend the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act in this manner to assure that all providers of emergency medical services are included. This is a simple but important piece of legislation in fulfilling our commitment to these brave men and women.

If you wish to join me in this effort, please contact Cynthia Clory in my office by calling 783-5963 or via e-mail at cclory@pahouse.net.