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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation (Previous HB 1618)

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Larry O. Sather

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation, which amends Act 205 of 1984 by altering the disbursement formula for "Foreign Fire Insurance Tax" funding for volunteer fire companies. Under current law, the amount of annual funding that a volunteer fire department receives is based on the value of the properties/real estate being protected and the population being serviced by a fire department in a given municipality. This often results in a high percentage of municipalities receiving less than \$3,000 annually, and in some cases, only a few hundred dollars annually. My legislation would require that each municipality receive the minimum sum of \$5,000 annually in Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund monies.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jennifer in my office at 787-3335 or by e-mail at jhaines@pahousegop.com.

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