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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Senate members

Subject: Property Tax Freeze

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was 7.3% in October 2020. Although it is still relatively high, the unemployment rate has decreased by more than half since its highest this year at 15.1% in April 2020. With that said, the majority of unemployed residents find themselves in this category through no fault of their own due to the devastating effects the coronavirus has created on the economy and people's livelihood.

Now is not the time to burden families even more with an increase to their property taxes. For this reason, I will be introducing a bill that would freeze school property tax rates at the 2020 levels. I understand the implications this will have on school districts, which is why it will only be effective for one year.

The General Assembly and school district should be doing everything in their means to not force people to decide between putting food on the table or keeping the house over their heads. I believe this short-term freeze will help families financially while they navigate getting back on their feet again. I hope you will consider joining me in looking out for Commonwealth homeowners.



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