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### UPDATE FROM YOUR 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

#### State Weatherization Program to Reduce Home Energy Costs

Increasing utility costs are causing serious financial hardships for many residents, especially in these difficult economic times. This is why our Delegation would like to inform you of the State's Weatherization Assistance Program that helps seniors, disabled residents and low-income households permanently reduce their energy bills through energy conservation improvements.

A significant federal grant provided to the state in the amount of \$119 million for weatherization programs is due to expire in March of 2012. As a result, there is a limited time frame for eligible residents to take advantage of the benefits and cost savings on their energy bills that can be achieved through the Weatherization Assistance Program. Normally, the federal grant for this Program is approximately \$5 million per year.

This communication is part of our Delegation's continuing constituent services outreach efforts. In these difficult budgetary times when there are not sufficient funds to provide public service announcements, we are stepping up our efforts to have our 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Office serve as a clearing house for information on available State services and programs as a means of more effectively representing our constituents.

If you are eligible, trained personnel of the Weatherization Assistance Program will come to your home and provide energy-efficiency/saving services such as insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. In limited situations, assistance can also be provided to repair or replace windows, furnace/boiler, heat exchanger, or distribution systems. It is important to note that the State runs this Program through county-based agencies.

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Ocean County  
 732-244-8174

Attached to this communication are the following documents:

- Informational brochure about the Weatherization Assistance Program
- Eligibility guidelines
- Agency information list for the Weatherization Assistance Program
- Program Application

Please look in to the aforementioned information to see if you are eligible and have the opportunity to permanently reduce your energy bills. If you are not eligible, please feel free to pass this information on to someone you know who may be. Please contact the agency designated for your county, as shown below, with any questions regarding the Weatherization Assistance Program.

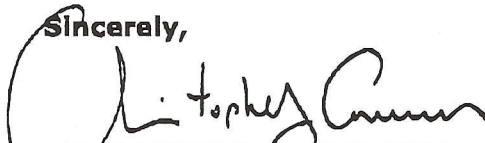
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Thank you, in advance, for the opportunity to provide this information. It continues to be a privilege and honor to represent the constituents of the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

Sincerely,

  
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