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Making Our State Government More Efficient and Effective Reducing the Size of the Pennsylvania General Assembly

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Senator BoscolaPennsylvania currently has the largest full-time state legislature in the nation. While the importance of strong constituent representation cannot be overstated, the size and cost of our legislature have become unsustainable and outdated for the needs of a modern and efficient government.

In the very near future, I plan to introduce legislation that proposes a reduction in the size of the Pennsylvania General Assembly - encouraging responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. Fewer legislators will reduce the overall cost of government by lowering expenses related to salaries, benefits, staffing, and daily operational costs. It will also allow us to modernize how we serve our constituents, taking full advantage of technological tools that make it easier than ever for elected officials to stay connected to the people they represent, even within larger districts.

Beyond the fiscal and procedural benefits, this reform is a direct response to what we continue to hear from voters across the Common"While the importance of strong constituent representation cannot be overstated, the size and cost of our legislature have become unsustainable and outdated for the needs of a modern and efficient government."

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wealth. Pennsylvanians have repeatedly expressed their desire for a smaller, more efficient, and more accountable legislature. This legislation offers a real opportunity to deliver on that expectation.

A Two-Year State Budget

Moving Pennsylvania to a biennial budget cycle is another issue I am working on to make Pennsylvania's government more efficient.

Our state budget is more than just numbers on a page. It's a reflection of our priorities as a Commonwealth. Whether it's education, health care, human services, infrastructure, or economic development. Yet too often, the budget process itself gets bogged down in gridlock, with missed deadlines becoming routine rather than the exception. For the fourth year in a row, the budget will be late. This chronic dysfunction hurts working families, school districts, and local governments that rely on predictable state funding to serve our communities.

A two-year budget cycle would bring much-needed stability and predictability to the process. It would encourage long-range planning by state agencies and organizations that depend on state support.

This revised timeline, with a deadline of June 30th in a non-election year, would create space for the General Assembly to conduct more thorough review and evaluation of state programs, with a stronger focus on performance and outcomes. It would allow lawmakers to spend more time monitoring the effectiveness of state investments and adjusting policy as needed, rather than re-litigating the entire budget from scratch every twelve months.

We have a responsibility to make government work for the people of Pennsylvania. Reforming our budget process to a two-year cycle is a step toward more responsible, accountable, and efficient governance.