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The Honorable Frank Dermody
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Dear Representative Dermody:

I was extremely dismayed when I opened a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue today. It was a reminder about the change in filing frequency for Sales, Use and Hotel Occupancy Tax which becomes effective on June 1, 2011, pursuant to Act 48 of 2009.

I am a local business owner in your district and we are a small yet solvent company. One major reason that we have remained profitable during these last two difficult years is because we operate efficiently with a lean staff and very little overhead. I handle almost all of our accounting and payroll functions personally along with a multitude of other responsibilities. The present monthly filing requirement is quite often a struggle to have it completed by the 20th of the following month. This new semi-monthly requirement leaves me wondering how this can be accomplished. This will have a profound effect on how we run our business and will have a direct negative impact on our profitability.

I understand that this Act was passed back in 2009; however, the enormity of its effect did not strike me until I received the letter. I am also aware of the positive results the Commonwealth will reap by receiving sales tax payments earlier. Nevertheless, I ask that you please reconsider the enforcement of this portion of the Act to help other businesses such as ours.

Thank you very much for your time and please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number above if you would like to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

Scott Markel
Vice President/Partner

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