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Dear Leaders:

Due to a serious reduction in revenues and a deepening budget deficit, Governor Rendell has proposed spending cuts necessary to narrow the budget gap. One such item is the elimination of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network (PPTN).

This legislation provides for the termination of PPTN and related matters. Per this bill, on July 1, 2009, the act of November 20, 1968 (P.L.1075, No.329), referred to as the Public Television Network System Law, would be repealed. As of that date, PPTN will cease all operations and its existence shall be terminated.

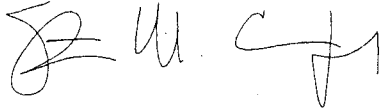
Any remaining funds, including appropriations, will lapse on June 30, 2009. Usable equipment owned by PPTN may be assigned, along with the associated service and maintenance contract, to other commonwealth agencies. Upon termination of PPTN, equipment not assigned as well as all files, records and other materials will transfer to the Department of General Services for proper disposition.

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Thank you for consideration of this legislation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. M. Crawford". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Steven M. Crawford
Secretary for Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Joseph Scarnati, III, President Pro Tempore, Senate of Pennsylvania
The Honorable Keith McCall, Speaker, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
The Honorable Jake Corman, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jay Costa, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Dwight Evans, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Mario Civera, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Mike Folmer, Chairman, Senate Communications and Tech. Committee
The Honorable John Wozniak, Chairman, Senate Communications and Tech. Committee
The Honorable Joseph Preston, Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee
The Honorable Robert Godshall, Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee

AN ACT

1 Providing for the termination of the Pennsylvania Public
2 Television Network Commission and for the disposition and
3 transfer of property, records and equipment; and making a
4 repeal.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Termination.

8 The Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission,
9 together with its corresponding statutory functions and duties
10 and any advisory agencies, shall terminate and to go out of
11 existence.

12 Section 2. Disposition and transfer of appropriations,
13 property, records and equipment.

14 (a) Lapse of appropriations.--All appropriations to and
15 funds of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission
16 not spent or encumbered shall lapse on June 30, 2009.

17 (b) Transfer of equipment.--The Pennsylvania Public
18 Television Network Commission is hereby authorized to transfer

1 usable and unencumbered equipment to other Commonwealth
2 agencies. Associated equipment service and maintenance contracts
3 may be assigned to the receiving Commonwealth agency at the
4 option of the receiving Commonwealth agency.

5 (c) Files, records and other materials.--Upon termination of
6 the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, all
7 remaining equipment, files, records and other materials of the
8 Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission shall be
9 transferred to the Department of General Services for
10 appropriate disposal of property and retention of records.

11 Section 3. Repeal.

12 (a) Intent.--The General Assembly declares that the repeal
13 under subsection (b) is necessary to effectuate the purposes of
14 this act.

15 (b) Provision.--The act of November 20, 1968 (P.L.1075,
16 No.329), referred to as the Public Television Network System
17 Law, is repealed.

18 Section 4. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, or immediately,
20 whichever is later.