



PLAN TO CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING

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Having worked in private industry for almost 10 years helping governmental and non-profit institutions to become more efficient, John believes that the only way to see true property tax relief is by making government run more efficiently, cutting waste, and directing these dollars back into education to relieve the burden placed on property owners. Accordingly, John wants to look at reducing the size and expense of government by:

- Reducing the size of the Legislature
- Returning the \$130 million Legislative “Slush Fund” back to the General Fund
- Identifying opportunities to reduce administrative costs
- Introducing and implementing sound, cost-saving business practices across the Commonwealth
- Providing strict performance testing of all state grant programs to determine their effectiveness
- Controlling the rate of future spending increases and freezing spending for non-essential programs

In addition to identifying cost savings at the state-level, John will also work with educators to discuss how the state can help to relieve regulatory burdens placed on Pennsylvania’s school districts. Finally, John will lead by example by not taking a state paid car, per diem reimbursements, and many other perks that are available to legislators. There are certainly many opportunities to provide taxpayer relief. We just need the right leadership and conviction to do it.