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RE: Help for the Holidays

With Thanksgiving just passed and the holidays right around the corner, many families are taking stock of their year and looking forward to spending time with their loved ones. The holidays are an excellent time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we have. But during these difficult times, the holidays also can be trying for families who have been struck by this tough economy.

We all have seen the news of the closing of the Valero oil refinery in recent weeks, and the closing of the Chrysler and GM auto plants also are still vivid in our memories. The loss of those companies and downsizing of others has left many families with an uncertain future. But there is help available.

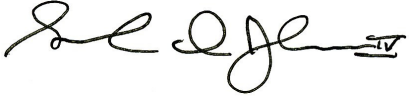
Those who need assistance with mortgage payments can contact groups such as the Home Ownership Preservation Foundation (888-995-4679) or Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (302-577-5001) for help. No one should lose their home at this time of year, so I encourage anyone who finds themselves in a difficult situation to make a call.

Residents looking for help with their utility bills can call the Delaware Helpline. The Delaware State Housing Authority has options available for residents to obtain a housing rehabilitation loan or find affordable housing. The state Department of Health and Social Services offers programs to help insure children, provide prescription assistance, help those with kidney disease and to help those who are on Medicaid.

There are many other services available to help residents get through these difficult times, several of which are available on our House Democratic Caucus Website www.DEHouseDems.com by clicking on the "Constituent Services" tab. These resources are not the cure-all for families, but they are there to help soften hardships and help get people back on their feet more quickly.

If you find yourself in such a difficult position, please take advantage of these opportunities. I also am always here to help you in any way that I can. Please feel free to call my office at 744-4351 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Quinton Johnson IV'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

S. Quinton "Quinn" Johnson IV
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