



# Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

District 46, Lincoln & Pawtucket

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## **Shallcross Smith speaks to the facts regarding car tax exemptions**

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STATE HOUSE – Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, endorsed Democrat, District 46, Lincoln and Pawtucket stated that it is important for residents to be informed about several facts regarding the car tax exemptions.

“The Governor proposed wiping out the entire reimbursement to all cities for the final six months of the last fiscal year. The General Assembly restored three-fourths of that money which amounted to \$1.06 million for Lincoln and \$3.6 million for Pawtucket. I voted in favor of restoring a total of \$4,723,768 more for Lincoln and Pawtucket than the Governor proposed,” Shallcross Smith said.

“The General Assembly didn’t force the communities to raise their car taxes. It voted to give the communities the option of how to proceed beyond the \$500 exemption. Many communities (currently there are 12 including Providence, Newport and Scituate) are keeping the exemption rate at \$6,000. The Town of Lincoln has chosen to split the difference and exempt \$3000,” she added.

“The state has made cutbacks and the Assembly is hoping that the cities and towns re-examine their budgets and make any necessary cutbacks as well. Lincoln has found a way to ease the burden, as have many other communities,” she concluded.

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