



# DAN DEASY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

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## HOW DOES REDISTRICTING AFFECT YOU?

Every 10 years and based on U.S. Census data, legislative districts are redrawn based on population shifts. New maps are drawn by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission to equalize populations in legislative districts. Due to reapportionment, the 27th state House District will see some changes effective December 1st.

### CURRENT DISTRICT MAP



### NEW DISTRICT MAP



As you can see, the 27th District loses McKees Rocks Borough and some city neighborhoods in the 19th and 20th wards. The district will pick up the areas of Scott Township, Rosslyn Farms, and Heidelberg.

I am honored to serve the residents of the 27th Legislative District. This is the second reapportionment that's happened during my tenure. I do not have any input on how the maps are drawn, and while change can be hard, I remain grateful for the opportunity to serve everyone in the 27th Legislative District. If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 928-9514.

# BUDGET INVESTS IN EDUCATION AND FUTURE OF PENNSYLVANIA

I voted in favor of the 2022-23 state budget because it will deliver historic funding for education, investments in the environment and infrastructure, as well as tax relief to Pennsylvanians. Here are some other budget highlights:

## EDUCATION

This budget makes significant investments in education from pre-K through higher education.

It includes:

- **\$750 million** in Basic Education Funding and Level Up funding.
- **\$100 million** in Special Education.
- **\$100 million** in school safety and security.
- **\$100 million** in mental health resources in schools.
- **\$79 million** in early education.
- **\$220 million** for public higher education.

**These historic and significant one-time investments on the state level hopefully provide a reprieve to an increase in local property taxes for homeowners, especially seniors and those struggling to keep their homes.**

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

This budget utilizes ARPA funds to expand property tax/rent rebates to eligible households. It also invests ARPA dollars for home repairs and rehabilitation, and affordable new housing construction.

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate expansion: **\$140 million** (ARPA).
- LIHEAP expansion: **\$25 million** (ARPA).
- Affordable housing construction: **\$100 million** (ARPA).
- Whole-Home Repairs Program: **\$125 million** (ARPA).

## CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT

This budget helps working families who are struggling with rising costs and childcare shortages. A new state tax credit is being created to allow more families to work by providing childcare assistance.

- NEW Dependent and Child Care Tax Credit based on the federal tax credit for eligibility.
- Child Care Stabilization grants: **\$90 million** (ARPA).
- Child Care Cliff initiative: **\$25 million**.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

This budget supports giving community violence prevention organizations and law enforcement the tools they need to fight violent crime. It also invests in evidence-based programs that work to prevent gun violence and address mental health.

- Support for local law enforcement: **\$135 million** (ARPA).
- Gun violence investigation and prosecution: **\$50 million** (ARPA).
- Violence intervention and prevention: **\$75 million** (ARPA).
- Expansion of mental health services: **\$215 million** (\$100 million ARPA).
- Local and municipal health departments: **\$5.6 million**.

## WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM

The Whole-Home Repairs Program is the first of its kind in the nation. It creates a system that Pennsylvanians can utilize to apply for funding for home repair and weatherization projects. Homeowners will be able to apply for up to \$50,000 for repairs and energy-efficient upgrades. The program also calls for the establishment of a support office to assist applicants. It includes funding for pre-apprenticeship and training programs to build a skilled local workforce capable of meeting the growing demand.

The state Department of Community & Economic Development will administer the program, which is being created now and expected to open in 2023.

I will share more information as it becomes available. Sign up for my email updates at: [www.pahouse.com/deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/deasy).



# A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR YOU

*As your state representative, I take the honor and responsibility of serving as your voice in Harrisburg very seriously. I work hard to stand up for what is right and to make our Commonwealth better.*

## DEFENDING OUR STATE'S CONSTITUTION

*Constitutional amendments should require 2/3 majority vote*

Legislators have been using the constitutional amendment process to change Pennsylvania's founding document. Changes to the state constitution, while sometimes necessary, require serious forethought and debate. Legislators must be committed to working together so that all Pennsylvanians are heard, and our constitution is treated as the sacred document that it is.

I joined my colleagues and co-sponsored H.B. 2340, a constitutional amendment that would require all future amendments be approved by a two-thirds majority vote. We must stop sidestepping debate and recommit to working together so that all Pennsylvanians are heard in Harrisburg.

## TAKING ACTION

*PA should divest in all Russian backed holdings*

When Russia invaded Ukraine, I joined several colleagues by co-sponsoring H.R. 175, which urged our state employee and teacher retirement funds to divest from Russian-backed holdings. This action led to our retirement funds starting the divestment from the more than \$250 million they had invested in Russian-backed holdings. Not one penny of the hard-earned money of our state employees and teachers should go to a dictator-led country like Russia, especially when they undermine democracy and attack a sovereign nation.



## SUPPORT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY

*Modernizing PA's mental health and substance-use disorder laws*

This session, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a bipartisan legislative three-bill package to create local fatality review boards to help prevent future overdose deaths and suicides, and modernize Pennsylvania's mental health and substance use disorder laws. I supported this package because, in my opinion, we are facing a mental health crisis, not only in Pennsylvania but across the nation, and this package delivers resources and solutions to help those who need them.

The overdose crisis is not abating quickly enough. Instead, it is rapidly shifting, and the need for timely, in-depth data and actionable recommendations has become increasingly vital. Under H.B. 1308, local communities and agencies across Pennsylvania would establish fatality review teams such as Pennsylvania's Methadone Death and Incident Review Team to bring together representatives from various public safety, public health, and social services agencies to identify system gaps and opportunities to prevent future suicides and overdose deaths.

House Bill 1308 is awaiting action in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

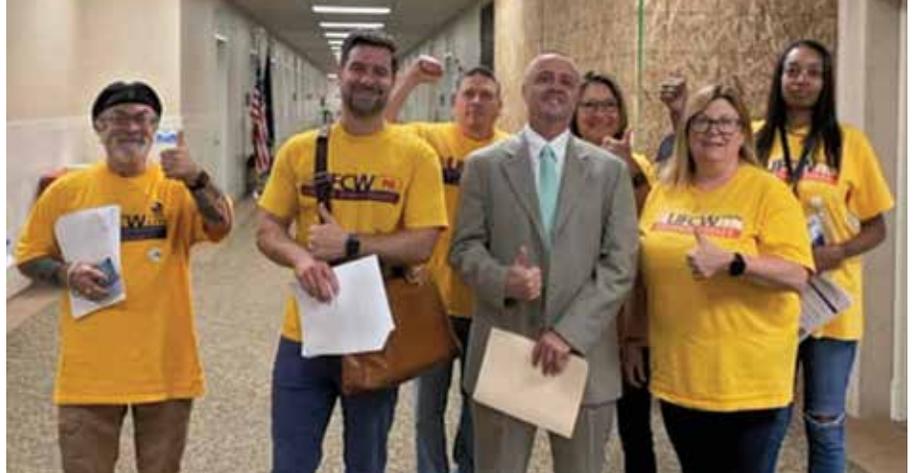
House Bills 1561 and 1563, signed into law this year as Acts 32 and 33, respectively, amend the state Mental Health Procedures Act and the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act to align with federal health privacy standards to permit providers, facilities, and health plans to share patient mental health and substance use disorder-related information more easily. Both laws use terminology and requirements that are already familiar to providers, to create a consistent and easily understandable standard and revise outdated regulations to provide consistency between statutory and regulatory language and their intended requirements.

# DEASY FIGHTS FOR WORKERS



## **Supporting healthcare workers**

*I joined my colleagues in supporting healthcare workers to demand better pay and working conditions. Healthcare workers have always been vital, but COVID shined a brighter light on their selfless work. We have a dire labor shortage in health care. We need to listen to these trained professionals and do all we can to support, recruit and retain them.*



## **Protecting family-sustaining jobs**

*Why am I opposed to the privatization of our state liquor store system? I question why we would sell off a revenue generator for the Commonwealth for a one-time influx of cash, resulting in higher prices, fewer options, poorer service and less accountability. I will fight for the professional system Pennsylvania has in place and the more than 3,500 family-sustaining jobs. I was honored to have members of UFCW Local 1776 visit me in Harrisburg to discuss this important issue.*

## **DEASY RECENTLY BROUGHT MORE THAN \$4.5 MILLION BACK TO THE DISTRICT**

- **\$3.5 million** combined grant and loan to develop an industrial park at a vacant 25-acre site in Pittsburgh's Fairwood neighborhood.
- **\$500,000** for the city of Pittsburgh's Sheraden Park rehabilitation project, which includes improvements to the rest area/park building, grill area, hiking trail addition, children's discovery garden, hillside dog park, wilderness education area, ADA-accessible community garden and apiary. The funding will also include site preparation, grading, landscaping, signage, stair repair, pedestrian lighting and safety improvements. The project will add 6,800 linear feet of cleared, graded trail additions and water control elements within Sheraden Park.
- **\$438,000** for traffic signal updates in parts of Crafton and Green Tree.
- **\$100,000** to the Thornburg Community Center to replace 38 deteriorated single-glazed windows with energy efficient double-glazed windows. The funding will help the borough of Thornburg continue its efforts to preserve and restore the building, which has stood since 1910.

## **FIREWORKS LAW UPDATED**

In response to public requests, I voted yes on a bill adding restrictions to the state's 2017 fireworks laws that the House of Representatives sent to Gov. Wolf, who signed it into law. It includes the following:

- Municipalities can prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. on all days except on July 2, 3 and 4 and Dec. 31, when fireworks may be used until 1 a.m. the following day.
- Requires competent knowledge of safety and handling to set off DISPLAY fireworks.
- Requires any fireworks to be at least 150 feet away from any building or vehicle.
- Lowers the \$2 million insurance requirement for municipalities to \$1 million to reduce costs and take the burden off smaller communities.
- Requires permitting of new fireworks facilities.

My office has received many calls over the years regarding the dangers of fireworks in communities. Fireworks can take a toll on children, families and veterans or others who experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The noise can scare family dogs and other animals, who could run outside and into the path of oncoming vehicles. These improvements to the law allow for continued celebrations while working to keep people safe and out of harm's way.



# DEASY AROUND THE DISTRICT

## CRAFTON



*I worked with Crafton Borough Manager Doug Sample and borough officials to secure nearly \$500,000 to replace deteriorating steps in the community.*

## GREEN TREE



*I was happy to coordinate a meeting with PennDOT for Green Tree Borough officials to discuss borough concerns and how PennDOT may be able to assist with help from some of the federal infrastructure money.*

## THORNBURG



*I was honored to attend the ribbon-cutting for the new community playground in Thornburg. It was a true community effort to bring this project to fruition.*

## INGRAM



*I recently talked with Sam Nucci in Ingram about the borough's interest in making improvements to Foster Park.*

## CITY OF PITTSBURGH



## MT. WASHINGTON

## WEST END

*Always a pleasure to see residents at the local Pittsburgh Healthy Active Living Centers. I visit the centers monthly as part of my Senior Info Series, in which I discuss a variety of state programs and services available to older Pennsylvanians.*

## MT. WASHINGTON



*I recently reviewed plans for preservation work at Chatham Village on Mt. Washington, which will be funded by a historical preservation grant that I was able to assist in securing.*



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## MINI SENIOR EXPO SERIES

All events are from  
**Noon – 3 p.m.**

**Thursday,**  
**September 22**

Sheraden Healthy Active Living  
 Center

**Wednesday,**  
**September 28**

West End Healthy Active Living  
 Center

**Monday,**  
**October 3**

Mt. Washington Healthy Active  
 Living Center

## FREE SHREDDING & MEDICATION TAKE BACK

**Saturday**  
**September 24**  
**8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

*or until the truck is full*

West End City Parking Lot  
 S. Main & Alexander Streets  
*(must enter on S. Main)*

## DEASY MOBILE DISTRICT OFFICE SERIES & COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS

All events are from  
**4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 5**  
 Ingram Borough Building  
 40 W. Prospect Ave., Ingram 15205

**Wednesday, October 19**  
 Green Tree Volunteer Fire Dept. Social Hall  
 825 Popular St., Pittsburgh 15220

**Wednesday, November 2**  
 American Legion Post 496 – Langley  
 2863 Chartiers Ave., Pittsburgh 15204

**MEDICATION TAKE BACK AT ALL FALL EVENTS**