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Dear Neighbor,

It has been a busy 2022 so far! This newsletter features some of the many legislative events and activities I have participated in this year – from being appointed by the governor to the COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task Force, to championing legislation that would help retain health care staff by providing bonuses to those working in the long-term care field.

Of course, one of my tasks as state representative is to help direct state and federal funding back home, and the article on page 5 lists some of those highlights.

Finally, this newsletter also offers information on the senior expo I will be hosting, along with a monthly veterans outreach program that I host in my office. And, I would be remiss to not mention the wide variety of services my office can provide: from PennDOT paperwork, to help in applying for state programs and more.

If you have any state-related questions or are in need of assistance with one of the many programs the state has to offer, please give my office a call: 570-562-2350. We're here to help!

Sincerely,

Bridget M. Kosierowski



I put my nursing hat back on to administer COVID-19 vaccines to Lackawanna County residents.

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KOSIEROWSKI COVID-19 WORKER PROTECTION BILL UNANIMOUSLY PASSES IN HOUSE

My bill that would protect Pennsylvania's food supply chain workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic unanimously passed the House.

If our hardworking food packing and processing workers contract COVID-19, that can create a serious disruption of available food for families to put on their tables. I am pleased to see my colleagues working in a bipartisan way to recognize the seriousness of this issue and voting not only to protect our food processing workers but also to ensure our food supply will also be protected.

The legislation would create a Food Establishment Pandemic Disease Remediation Cost Reimbursement Grant Program within the state Department of Agriculture to help food packers and processors pay for personal protective equipment for workers, physical barriers to help protect workers, the cost of hand washing stations, enhanced sanitation efforts and medical monitoring such as temperature checks of employees.



KOSIEROWSKI INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO ENSURE STAFF RETENTION AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES



Aiming to address labor shortages impacting long-term care facilities across the commonwealth, I introduced legislation that would provide retention bonuses to professionals working in the long-term care profession.

Our long-term care facilities are in trouble. We know how the pandemic has caused several industries to face labor shortages and, sadly, our long-term care facilities have suffered immensely.

My legislation would provide retention bonuses to those employed in long-term care facilities in Pennsylvania using \$200 million of remaining federal funds from the American Rescue Plan of 2021.

This program would provide an essential and deserved incentive for those employees who have served residents dependent on their care since the beginning of the pandemic. It's time we provide for those who have worked on the front lines during these challenging times and have remained in this profession. Additionally, this legislation would create a program that functions with transparency and would ensure our long-term care facilities are able to be properly staffed and can provide essential care to those who need it most.

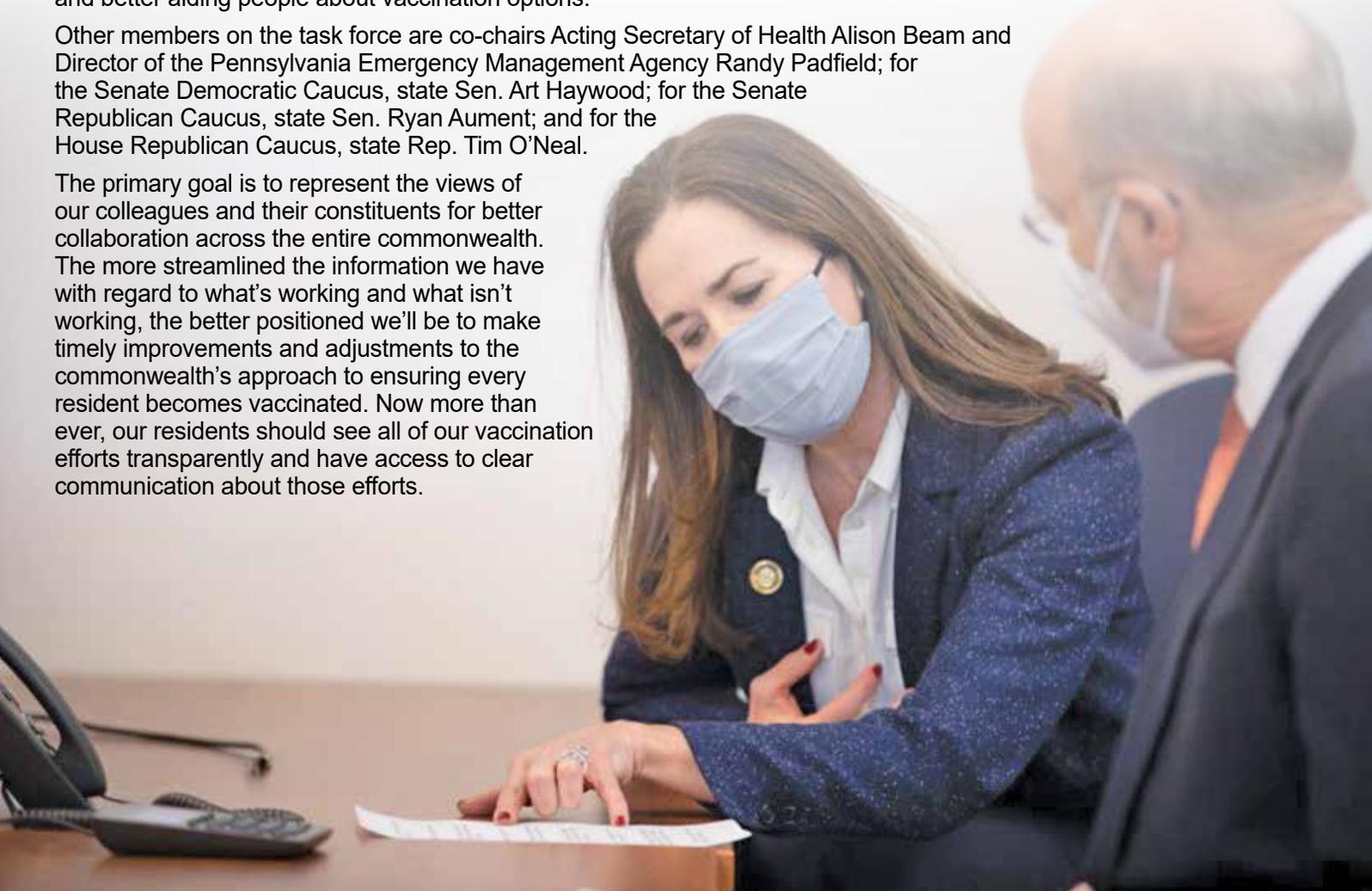
KOSIEROWSKI APPOINTED TO COVID-19 VACCINE JOINT TASK FORCE

Early last year, I was appointed by the Wolf administration to a COVID-19 Vaccine Joint Task force comprising the governor's office and members of the General Assembly.

The task force was designed to streamline and better focus issues of importance regarding the ongoing COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts. As someone who comes from the health care industry, I'm glad the governor took this extra step as we work to distribute an unprecedented number of vaccines while facing continuing challenges like vaccine supply and better aiding people about vaccination options.

Other members on the task force are co-chairs Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam and Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Randy Padfield; for the Senate Democratic Caucus, state Sen. Art Haywood; for the Senate Republican Caucus, state Sen. Ryan Aument; and for the House Republican Caucus, state Rep. Tim O'Neal.

The primary goal is to represent the views of our colleagues and their constituents for better collaboration across the entire commonwealth. The more streamlined the information we have with regard to what's working and what isn't working, the better positioned we'll be to make timely improvements and adjustments to the commonwealth's approach to ensuring every resident becomes vaccinated. Now more than ever, our residents should see all of our vaccination efforts transparently and have access to clear communication about those efforts.



MONTHLY VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM



Area veterans are invited to take part in the monthly support program at my district office. A representative from the American Legion Service Office Outreach program is available to provide information on programs and services available to veterans and their families. The representative is available to discuss education, health care and death benefits. Legion membership is not required to take advantage of the help, but anyone interested in speaking to the advisers must schedule an appointment. Please call my office at 570-562-2350 to find out available dates and times.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS



Life Sciences Pennsylvania, the statewide trade association for the commonwealth's life sciences industry, honored Rep. Kosierowski for her work as a member of the PA COVID-19 Task Force.



The Pennsylvania Society of Oncology and Hematology recognized Rep. Kosierowski with the 2021 Legislator of the Year Award in recognition of her strong advocacy for pediatric cancer research and her work to bring forward a bipartisan bill supporting the largest effort to fund pediatric cancer research in the commonwealth.



The United Food and Commercial Workers Union 1176 honored Rep. Kosierowski for her advocacy and work to advance legislation that prioritized health and safety initiatives for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to her role as a legislator, Kosierowski was appointed to the PA COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force. In that role, she aided in ensuring essential workers were provided earlier access to vaccinations, as well as on-site clinics at the workplace.

OUT AND ABOUT



Rep. Kosierowski and Rep. Kyle Mullins joined the American Legion, Post 665 in Dickson City, to celebrate funding for a stair glide for local veterans.



Rep. Kosierowski and Sen. Marty Flynn celebrate the purchase of two police interceptor utility vehicles, through LSA grant funding, for Clarks Summit Borough.



Rep. Kosierowski was honored to join the Kavulich family at the street-naming for the late Sid Michaels Kavulich. Sid will be forever in our hearts.

OVER \$200 MILLION BROUGHT BACK TO DISTRICT!

Over the course of the last 3 years, more than \$200 million in state grants were awarded to fund several projects in the 114th District in Lackawanna County.

This includes more than \$3.35 million in LSA grants coming to the region.

I would like to thank Governor Tom Wolf and my colleagues in Harrisburg for recognizing the importance of these projects, which will keep our communities thriving and safe for residents and visitors.

Here are some of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, Commonwealth Financing Authority, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Community and Economic Development and Pennsylvania Department of Education Safe Schools Targeted grants:

North Abington Township: \$152,687 for repairs and repaving Sullivan Road

Greenfield Township: \$400,000 to the Greenfield Township Sewer Authority to make a number of much-needed upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant to improve service reliability, safety conditions and provide back-up power in accordance with regulatory requirements

Dickson City: \$250,000 for the rehabilitation and further development of Bernard Siminski Park

Clarks Summit Borough: \$90,000 to purchase two police interceptor utility vehicles; \$40,000 to VFW Post #7069 for building renovations

Scott Township: \$200,000 for construction of an operations building for Dive Rescue Specialists

Waverly Township: \$94,450 for the purchase of a Ford Interceptor patrol car for the police department; \$44,450 for the purchase of a police patrol SUV and camera upgrade

City of Scranton: \$154,100 for renovations to VFW Post 25 in North Scranton; \$200,000 for building renovations to a blighted building at the intersection of Sanderson Avenue and Green Ridge Street; \$70,000 for the Victor Alfieri Literary Society to replace the roof in West Scranton

Old Forge: \$300,000 to renovate the municipal building and police headquarters

Glenburn Township: \$80,000 for the purchase of an F-550 maintenance vehicle for general maintenance, snow removal and salt application

Taylor Borough: \$205,000 to renovate the gymnasium of the Community Center

Mayfield Borough: \$125,000 for construction of a municipal garage and Department of Public Works office

Jermyn Borough: \$45,000 for the purchase of a police interceptor utility vehicle

Moosic Borough: \$100,000 for the construction of a new borough public safety headquarters

City of Carbondale: \$125,000 to the Greater Carbondale YMCA for lower-level renovations at its facility

Carbondale Township: \$147,699 for the Meredith Hose Fire Station expansion project

Fell Township: \$61,110 for the pavilion installation at Jefferson Park

Newton Township: \$50,000 for the construction of a salt shed



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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE prescription cards for senior citizens
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups

If you need help with any state or government-related services, please feel free to contact my office at 570-562-2350 for assistance.