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LETTER FROM STATE REP. KOSIEROWSKI

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the fall.

My team and I have been hard at work both in Harrisburg and our district, providing critical constituent services, bringing home grants for our communities, helping to increase business opportunities in Lackawanna County, and passing legislation that will improve all of our lives.

This newsletter will provide a snapshot of important updates on my legislation, highlights from around the district, helpful information about state programs, and upcoming events.

THE CHALLENGES OF PASSING A STATE BUDGET IN PENNSYLVANIA...

Passing a state budget in Pennsylvania is a complex and often difficult process. Our state government is divided among different political parties across the governor's office, the State House, and the State Senate, which can make reaching agreements a real challenge.

Lawmakers must balance many competing priorities — from funding public schools and healthcare to supporting infrastructure and social services — all while managing Pennsylvania's fiscal realities. Differences in spending priorities and revenue approaches often lead to prolonged negotiations. Additionally, political dynamics unique to Pennsylvania, including regional interests and party control, add layers of complexity to budget talks. When lawmakers can't agree by the start of the fiscal year, it creates uncertainty for schools, local governments, and service providers that depend on state funding.

Despite these challenges, I am committed to working across the aisle to help deliver a budget that serves all Pennsylvanians fairly and responsibly.

I invite you to subscribe to my weekly e-newsletter where I share information on the budget process, legislation, grant opportunities and events that may be of interest to you. Visit my website at RepBridget.com and fill out the email signup form at the bottom of the page. It's that easy to stay informed!

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you!

State Rep. Bridget Malloy Kosierowski

GRANTS FOR OUR DISTRICT

I worked hard to bring back tax dollars that would improve life in our communities this year.



Rep. Kosierowski delivers

\$18.4 Million

**to the 114th District
from August 2024
to August 2025**

MY LEGISLATION

As your state Representative and as a nurse for nearly 30 years, I am thrilled that my bipartisan legislation (HB 928), co-sponsored with state Representative Kristin Marcell (R-Bucks), that would help childcare facilities better manage food allergies passed the House of Representatives with overwhelmingly bipartisan support (197-6). This legislation would provide Pennsylvania day care workers with the necessary training and medication so they can immediately identify the signs of an allergic reaction and provide life-saving medication like epinephrine. The lives of some of our most vulnerable residents depend on it.

With more and more hospitals closing and with uninsured Pennsylvanians who are going to lose Medicaid due to federal budget cuts soon to flood our already overwhelmed emergency rooms, day care facilities will have to replace the emergency room as the site where life-saving care is provided.



This legislation will save lives

Known as Elijah's Law, the bill is named after 3-year-old Elijah Silvera, who died from an allergic reaction to a dairy product he ingested at his day care. Following his son's death, Thomas Silvera has advocated for the passage of Elijah's Law that would require the education and provision of life-saving medicine to childcare workers and teachers.

The measure is already law in Illinois, New York, Maryland, Virginia, California and Arizona. The legislation now moves to the state Senate for consideration.

HB 1676 — Nursing Shortage Assistance Program



In July, I testified before the House Labor & Industry Committee about one of my pieces of legislation (HB 1676) that is intended to address the growing nursing shortage in Pennsylvania. The decreasing number of people entering the nursing profession is creating an impossible workplace situation of longer hours, greater patient loads, high stress, and burnout. The result is decreased patient care, diminished health outcomes, and inevitably, increased mortality rates. This legislation would strengthen and support the nursing pipeline and help our struggling healthcare system better serve the public. This bill was then approved by the Labor & Industry Committee, as well as the Rules committee. It is currently being considered by the full House of Representatives.

May as Nurses Month in PA

I joined my fellow Nursing professionals in the House of Representatives, Rep. Tarik Khan and Rep. Joanne Stehr, to introduce a joint resolution designating May as “Nurses Month” in Pennsylvania.

Nursing is the largest healthcare profession in the United States. Our nurses

work long hours in stressful conditions and must be protected from unsafe staffing issues and honored for the vital role that they play in protecting the health of our family members, neighbors and fellow Pennsylvanians.



HB 106 — Patient Safety Act

I proudly co-prime sponsored the Patient Safety Act (HB 106), which would establish safe patient limits for nurses in Pennsylvania hospitals. As staffing levels continue to decline, nurses are being assigned more patients than ever before—putting lives at risk. In fact, nearly 300 surgical patients die each year in Pennsylvania due to inadequate staffing.

The Patient Safety Act addresses this crisis by ensuring nurses can provide the safe, high-quality care every patient deserves. The bill has passed the House and is now under consideration in the state Senate. In this critical moment, our patients need these protections more than ever.



IN THE COMMUNITY!



During these last two years, I have worked closely with Governor Josh Shapiro to increase funding by \$1.5 billion for Pennsylvania's students and schools, \$100 million in cyber charter reimbursement for public school districts, \$250 million for environmental repairs and upgrades to our schools, \$200 million to make student-based mental health services available, and secured state funding for free menstrual products in schools. I am so proud that now 1.7 million Pennsylvania students receive universal breakfast—that's nearly 10 million more breakfasts served than in the prior school year. We have also increased funding for career and technical education and apprenticeships by nearly \$65 million.

We are **Getting Stuff Done!**



Every year, I team up with Lackawanna County Representatives Kyle Donahue, Kyle Mullins, Jim Haddock, and Senator Marty Flynn to host a free shredding event for local residents. This year, we had a great turnout at the Scranton High School parking lot, where people brought their old documents, like bank statements and insurance papers, to be safely and securely shredded. This tradition will continue next year.

◀ **Pictured L to R:** Senator Marty Flynn, Rep. Bridget M. Kosierowski, Rep. Jim Haddock, and Rep. Kyle Donahue.



I am always thrilled to welcome visitors to visit Harrisburg and tour the state Capitol!

Middle school students, administrators and staff members from The Scranton School for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children visited us and were introduced in the House of Representatives chamber by Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton. Later that afternoon, Senator Marty Flynn welcomed the students to the state Senate.



Good things are happening in Scott Township! Earlier this summer, I participated in the ribbon cutting and welcoming of a major expansion of KOLMAR, a South Korean-based, world-wide manufacturer of beauty, skincare and personal care products. This is a \$60-million expansion project that will create 280 new jobs, while retaining 290 existing positions, increasing the tax base for Lackawanna County, the Lakeland School District and Scott Township.

Thank you to the Governor's Office and the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce for the dedication to bringing this project to the finish line!



In August, I participated in a regional town hall focused on issues impacting people with disabilities. I joined state and county officials to discuss inclusion and accessibility. While we recognized the progress made in creating more accessible spaces, we also acknowledged that much work remains to be done.

Our goal is to continue to connect across all systems so that those with disabilities will have equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self sufficiency.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS



**PENNSYLVANIA,
PROTECT YOUR BENEFITS!**

 You lock your house.

 You lock your car.

 Now you can lock your card!

 Download the ConnectEBT mobile app
or visit connectebt.com to get started!

Protect your benefits with ConnectEBT

There's a new security feature that allows recipients of public benefits to lock their EBT cards when not in use. This tool is designed to protect benefits like SNAP and TANF from theft — especially from card skimming, a growing problem nationwide. Users can choose to lock their card everywhere or only outside Pennsylvania. An optional auto re-lock feature adds even more protection.

Learn more about this feature, how to spot skimming devices, and how to protect your benefits at www.dhs.pa.gov/scams.

NOW OPEN



**Property Tax /
Rent Rebate Applications**

Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,270	\$1,000
Up to \$15,510	\$770
Up to \$18,610	\$460
Up to \$46,520	\$380

Extended until **December 31, 2025**

PTRR deadline extended until December 31, 2025

My office helps hundreds of seniors apply for a rebate of up to \$1,000 on their property taxes or rent paid each year! This program is for seniors 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older and people with disabilities 18 or older. Please contact my office and we'll help you apply!

Joint Senior Expo 2025

Friday, Sept. 19, 2025
11AM – 2 PM

With State Legislators & Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging

**FREE PARKING &
FEATURING OVER
70 VENDORS!**

Marketplace at Steamtown
300 Lackawanna Ave
Scranton, PA 18503



Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging will be providing:
bag lunches and transportation from Senior centers!

Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners



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Sen. Rosemary M. Brown
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Rep. Kyle J. Mullins
112th Legislative District



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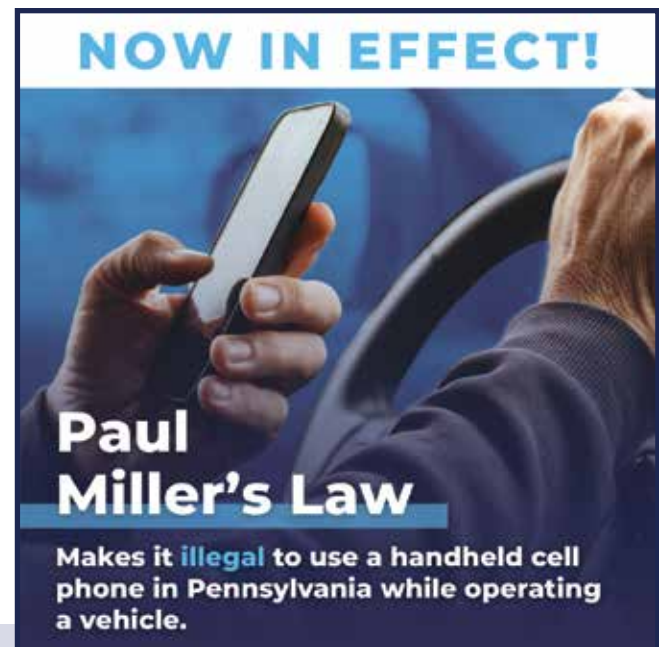
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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- 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 – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the PA 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/PACENET cards for senior citizens
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

**Any issues with state government,
please contact my office!
(570) 562-2350**



Paul Miller's Law

This is a reminder that a new law prohibiting the use of handheld devices while driving, even when temporarily stopped in traffic or at a red light, **took effect on June 5, 2025.**