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Dear Neighbor,

Serving as your State Representative is an immense privilege, and I work hard every day to fight for you, your family and our community.

We have accomplished a lot together. In 2023, my team and I served over 13,000 constituents, helped with 410 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications and brought more than \$6.8 million in state grants back to our District. Last year, we moved our office to Brookhaven and set up several new Mobile Office Hours across the District to better serve your needs. I have appreciated all the feedback I've received at my office, events, community gatherings and through my website.

I look forward to another year of working together on the issues that will lead us to better schools, better jobs and safer communities in Delco and across Pennsylvania!

Please contact my office if you need help with any state-related program, service or issue.

All the best,

State Rep **Leanne Krueger**

2023
Year in Review

13,401 services provided to constituents	1,312 event attendees	\$6.5 Million in funding brought back to the district
3,153 constituents visited my office	1,281 Senior SEPTA Key cards processed	410 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications

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Aston Elementary's Veterans Day Breakfast.



DO YOU RECEIVE MY WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER?

SIGN UP NOW!



LEGISLATION
PRIME SPONSORED
 11 BILLS
 7 RESOLUTIONS
CO-SPONSORED
 35 BILLS
 12 RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY REPORT 2023

KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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SPONSORED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HOUSE



- HB1140: EXPANDING ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES
- HB1449: ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE CONTRACTOR LAW (PASSED THE HOUSE)
- HB1088: PROTECTING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FROM WORKPLACE VIOLENCE
- HB1308: ACQUISITIONS OF DISTRESSED WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS
- HB1326: PROHIBITING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING IN PENNSYLVANIA

POLICY → LAW
 INCREASED SCHOOL FUNDING
 EXPANDED PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATES FOR SENIORS
 PROBATION REFORM
 MATERNAL MORBIDITY REPORTING

POLICY → PASSED HOUSE
 INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE
 SAFE STAFFING
 WORKER PROTECTIONS
 CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM

VISIT WWW.KRUEGER.COM TO SIGN UP



PA State Police Troop K.



Delivering diapers collected in our office.



Court of Honor with Boy Scout Troop 225.

MAIL-IN BALLOT CHANGES

Thousands of legally cast mail ballots are rejected each election due to minor voter errors, like ballots returned in the mail-ballot envelope without the second secrecy envelope, voters writing their birthdate instead of the current date or voters forgetting to sign their ballot.

In November, the Shapiro administration announced redesigned mail-in ballot materials for the April 23 primary election. The redesigned envelopes and instruction sheets will better inform voters about how to properly fill out and return their mail-in ballots, with the goal of decreasing voter confusion and assisting county election workers in efficiently processing mail-in ballots.

If you apply for a mail-in ballot this year, you can expect:

- More easily identifiable secrecy envelopes on a yellow background, with watermarking to discourage stray marks.
- Coloring to make it easier to distinguish the inner and outer envelopes.
- Standardized full-page instructions with helpful graphics to show the order of envelope placement.
- A pre-filled “20” at the beginning of the year on the outer envelope to alert voters to write the current date, not their birthdate.
- Coloring on the return envelope to highlight fields the voter must complete in the voter declaration.
- Colorized outer return envelopes to help post office employees expediently identify and deliver ballots.
- Uniform blue ink on outgoing mail ballots.

Voting by mail is a safe, secure and accessible way for Pennsylvanians to participate in the election process. For more information on voting, call the Department of State’s year-round voter hotline at 1-877-VOTESPA, visit www.vote.pa.gov or follow #ReadytoVotePA on social media.

Important 2024 Primary Election Dates:

April 8

Last day to REGISTER before the primary

April 16

Last day to request a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

April 23

Primary Election: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Completed mail-in ballots must be received by County Election Boards by 8 p.m.



Meeting Local Businesses at the Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association Legislative Roundtable.



Garden City Fire Co. #1.



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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED, NOW OPEN

Every year, my office helps hundreds of our neighbors file for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Thanks to legislation I voted for last year, the program is now expanded to help more people afford their basic necessities and stay in their homes. Program changes include:

- Increase in the maximum income limit to \$45,000 for homeowners and renters.
- Automatic annual increase of the income limit to grow with inflation.
- Increase in the maximum rebate from \$650 to \$1,000.

(Note: Only half of Social Security is counted toward the income limits.)

The program benefits Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older, by giving them an income-based rebate.



Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion
 MORE people eligible, MORE money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380

Questions? Contact my office for help receiving your refund!

SENIOR MEDICARE

Medicare counseling is available on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in my Brookhaven office. Please call us at 610-534-6880 to schedule your appointment with a PA MEDI Counselor.



Do you have a SEPTA Senior Fare Card?

Seniors ages 65 and older can ride SEPTA routes in PA for free with a Senior Fare Card! You can sign up or reapply for your card at my office. Please call to make an appointment!

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Backgrounds Thanksgiving Celebration.



Guest Page Natalie D'Onofrio on the House Floor.



Chester Upland 8th grade students on the House Floor.



Cub Scout Pack 225.

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC EDUCATION

In June, I voted for the largest basic education funding increase (\$717 million new dollars) in Pennsylvania history and new state funding to provide universal free breakfast for all students. But we still have more work to do.

Over the past year, I toured schools throughout the state to talk with students, parents and administrators about the need to repair and clean up their school buildings and the teaching and other staff shortages they face.

I am happy to report that this advocacy paid off as the House and Senate voted in December to provide \$175 million for school facility improvements to ensure schools are safe learning environments for children and educators.

We also created a program to address our teacher shortage by providing up to \$15,000 for aspiring teachers during their student teaching semesters and a \$2,500 stipend for teachers who agree to mentor student teachers.

Last month, the Basic Education Funding Commission, which was set up early last year to examine Pennsylvania's historically flawed education funding system, approved a groundbreaking plan that could fully fund our schools with \$9.5 billion in new investment for basic education costs, cleaning up school buildings and providing relief to the many taxpayers who have been shouldering a significant burden.

I look forward to working with Governor Josh Shapiro and my fellow lawmakers to build on the successes of the 2023-24 budget and continue to move Pennsylvania forward.

Gov. Shapiro gave his budget address on February 6, and House Appropriations Committee budget hearings begin on February 20. You can see the full list of public hearings on the Appropriations website – www.HouseAppropriations.com – and watch them live at www.pahouse.com/live.

**Helping our kids,
Helping our schools**

- ✓ **\$1.4 billion** in new funding for all schools
- ✓ **\$5 billion** to close the gap to make sure all students can succeed
- ✓ **\$1 billion** cut in property taxes for hardest-hit areas
- ✓ **\$2.1 billion** to fix and repair our schools

MOBILE OFFICES TO BETTER SERVE YOU

Second Tuesday

DCHA - Fairgrounds | Bridgeview Community Center | Hours: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

1301 Peterson Street, Chester Township

Dates: Every second Tuesday

Dates: 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

Second Thursday

DCHA Kinder Park Community Center | Hours: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dates: 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

Third Tuesday

Upland Borough at McQueen Hall, Council Chambers | Hours: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dates: 2/20, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17

Third Thursday

American Legion Post 777, Crum Lynne | Hours: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Dates: 2/15, 4/18, 6/20, 8/15, 10/17, 12/19

STOP BY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH STATE ISSUES, INCLUDING

- Driver's License and Non-Driver Identification Applications
- SEPTA Senior Key Card Applications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications
- Birth & Death Certificate Applications
- PACE/PACENET Applications
- Handicap Plate & Placard Applications
- Information on PennDOT REAL ID
- Vehicle Registration



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I have several mobile offices to better serve your state government needs. Mobile dates and locations inside!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL MY OFFICE AT 610-534-6880 OR EMAIL REPKRUEGER@PAHOUSE.NET TO RSVP FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

March 11-15 | 9AM – 5PM

Unclaimed Property Week

District Office | 115 E. Brookhaven Road | Brookhaven

March 28 | 1PM – 6PM

Blood Drive

Garden City Fire Co. | 412 Moore Road | Wallingford

April 13 | 10AM – 1PM

Pet Expo (with Sen. John Kane)

Upland Park | 280 6th Street | Brookhaven

April 18 | 4PM – 6PM

License Plate Restoration (with Ridley Police)

Ridley Township Municipal Building
100 E. MacDade Boulevard | Folsom

April 25 | 10AM - 4PM

Senior Wills Clinic (with Sen. John Kane)

Brookhaven Municipal Center
2 Cambridge Road | Brookhaven

May 2 | 2PM – 7PM

Blood Drive

Congregation Ohev Shalom | 2 Chester Road | Wallingford

May 9 | 6PM – 8PM

Expungement Clinic

Brookhaven Municipal Center

May 11 | 9AM – 12PM

**Free Shredding and Drug Takeback Event
(with Sen. Kane)**

Upland Park | 280 6th Street | Brookhaven

May 23 | 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Medicare 101

There are some key dates you need to know if you are on Medicare or turning 65 this year. Learn about when to enroll and how to get the Medicare coverage that's right for you at this free workshop.

Brookhaven Municipal Center
2 Cambridge Road | Brookhaven

June 6 | 4PM – 6PM

License Plate Restoration (with Brookhaven Police)

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