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It was an honor to join with members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus to recognize the contributions of former Speaker of the House K. Leroy Irvis at an event in Harrisburg in May. As the first African American Speaker of the House, Irvis left a legacy of service that many of us seek to emulate today.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. I'm grateful that I was able to reconnect with so many of you at events across our community. And as we head into fall, I have a lot of news and helpful information to share with you.

Over the summer, the state passed a budget that makes many significant investments in our communities. My colleagues and I have also advanced meaningful legislation to promote gun safety, provide tax credits for working families and improve access to breast cancer screening.

In this newsletter, you'll also find photos from some of the events I hosted this summer, including a shredding event at the Woodland Village Shopping Center, the ribbon cutting of the Sgt. Robert Wilson III Park in Cobbs Creek, and my health fair in Yeadon.

These local events are great opportunities to gather with neighbors and to learn about important state-related programs and resources. If you missed them, I hope to see you next time. If you didn't know about these events, the best way to hear about them is to sign up for my weekly email on my website at www.pahouse.com/McClinton, or to follow me on social media @RepMcClinton.

Jocelyn E. McClinton

Around the Capitol

It is always a pleasure to welcome neighbors to the state Capitol!



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1 Students from the Montgomery County Jack and Jill Club visited the state House in June.



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2 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc members stopped by the state House this summer.



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3 Lawmakers met with members of Keystone Girls State during a Capitol visit in June.



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4 The PA House passed the CROWN Act in June which would end discrimination based on hair style.



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5 Members of the PA House's Philadelphia Delegation welcomed former City Councilmember Cherelle Parker back to the Capitol.

Around the Commonwealth

6 In June, I visited the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton for a roundtable discussion on women's health.

7 In August, I was proud to join AFSCME at an event in Harrisburg to recruit public servants.

8 In September, I marched alongside union leaders in the Pittsburgh Labor Day parade.

9 I was proud to be a keynote speaker at a White House event on reproductive rights in June.



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GOOD NEWS *in the* FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Good news neighbors! There's a new law in Pennsylvania that requires insurers to fully cover the cost of breast MRIs and ultrasounds for people with high-risk conditions and the cost for genetic testing and counseling for people at high risk of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations, which predisposes them to breast, ovarian and prostate cancer.

I was proud to support this legislation and shepherd it through the state House because early prevention is the most effective way to save lives. When breast cancer is diagnosed early, the survival rate increases exponentially - with a five-year survival rate of over 90%!

This is important because more than a quarter million women and men are diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S each year and the disease leads to tens of thousands of deaths. For Black women, the statistics are even more alarming, with a mortality rate as high as 40%, the highest of any ethnic group.

By eliminating out-of-pocket costs for our neighbors, this law allows more at-risk women and men to be able to access these tools to detect cancer earlier and treat it sooner.

RETURNING MONEY *to Our* WISEST NEIGHBORS

If you or a family member receive or used to receive a property tax or rent rebate from the state, there is good news. For the first time in 17 years, Pennsylvania is increasing the income threshold to qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

I've heard from many neighbors over the years who no longer qualify for PTRR due to modest increases in their Social Security payments but still need the rebate to help pay for essentials. For property taxes and rent paid this year, the income limit is increasing to \$45,000 for both homeowners and renters, and the income limit will rise annually based on changes in the cost of living.

Updating the income limit means an additional 173,000 Pennsylvanians – including more than 24,000 in Philadelphia and Delco - will qualify for a rebate!

Plus, rebate amounts are also increasing! Under the improved Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, the maximum rebate will grow from \$650 to \$1,000.

My office can help you apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Visit our new location at 149 South 60th Street or call 215-748-6712. For residents of Yeadon and Darby, visit my mobile office hours at the Yeadon Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday.



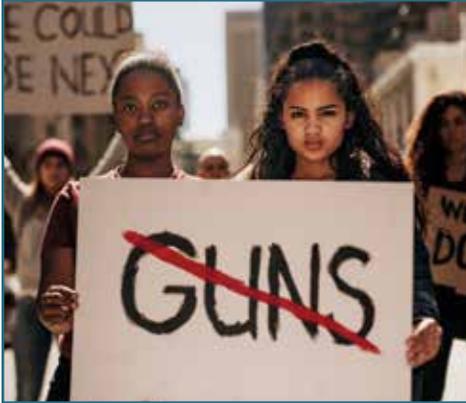
I was proud to join Governor Shapiro at a bill signing of a long overdue expansion to the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. With this boost, more than 173,000 more Pennsylvanians will qualify.



DEMOCRATS ARE DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

House Democrats are the majority party in the state House for the first time in more than a decade, and we've advanced bills to create better jobs, better schools, and better communities. We've put politics aside and focused on putting you first, in everything we do!

Here is some of the legislation we've passed to strengthen our community.



Strengthening Gun Safety

For the first time in decades, the state House debated and passed commonsense gun safety measures that would save lives in communities across Pennsylvania.

The first bill (HB 714) would close a major loophole in federal and state law by expanding background checks for firearms purchases by unlicensed sellers, including online, at shows and to strangers and would require background checks for long-barrel firearms.

The other bill (HB 1018) would empower the families of gun owners who are a risk to themselves or others to ask a judge to issue an extreme risk protection order to temporarily remove that person's access to firearms.

Both bills received bipartisan support, and the state Senate must now pass them. Governor Shapiro has indicated he would sign them into law.

Strengthening and Diversifying Our Teacher Workforce

Pennsylvania has a teacher shortage, which means larger class sizes and more teacher burnout. But we can do more to attract new teachers and diversify the teacher workforce (which is currently 96% white). Here are some policies advanced by House Democrats.

A Grow Your Own Educators Program (HB 141) would create a pathway for high school students, young professionals, and community members to become teachers by partnering with school districts, community-based organizations, and colleges. A program like this can boost the number of teachers and diversify the teacher pipeline.

Another bill passed by the state House (HB 1067) would update the state requirements to allow teachers from other countries who hold a valid immigrant visa, work visa, or valid employment authorization to teach in PA public schools.



Clean Slate 3.0

Building on Pennsylvania's 2018 Clean Slate program, the state House passed "Clean Slate 3.0," which would make low-level, non-violent drug felonies with a maximum sentence of 30 months eligible for automated sealing. The update would also permit petition-based sealing of a few other nonviolent felonies and reduces the waiting period for automated sealing of misdemeanors to 7 years.

Since the original Clean Slate law was passed, 40 million cases have been sealed and the lives of 1.2 million Pennsylvanians and their families have improved by giving people a second chance.

For more about how the House Democratic agenda helps you, visit pahouse.com/deliveringforpa.

Around the Community



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1 Great turnout for my Health Fair in Yeadoon in June.

2 Renaming and cutting the ribbon on the Sgt. Robert Wilson III Park in Cobbs Creek in July.

3 My shredding event in Philadelphia in August was a great opportunity to dispose of unwanted documents.



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STATE BUDGET BOOSTS INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Supporting our schools and students

There are many things to celebrate in this year's state budget, including a record investment in our schools. Not only will schools in the Philadelphia and William Penn school districts receive more funding for their classrooms, student mental health supports and school safety, but every student is eligible to receive free breakfast!

Universal free breakfast means that every student has access to a healthy meal to start the school day, which is important because kids can't learn as well when they are hungry. Plus, because everyone is eligible to receive free breakfast, it removes the stigma that sometimes discourages students from participating.

The budget also carves out \$10 million to provide Pennsylvania's student teachers with stipends to offset the costs of being a student teacher. This will help us attract well-trained teachers into our classrooms.

These investments are critical to help the state meet its constitutional mandate to provide a quality education to every student, no matter where they live.

	Basic Education	Special Education
SD of Philadelphia	\$1,521,722,082	\$167,669,696
William Penn SD	\$34,584,371	\$6,029,445

Improving Community Safety

This year's budget invests \$40 million in the Violence Intervention and Prevention program (VIP), which is \$10 million more than last year! VIP helps us address community safety by funding programs and organizations focused on reducing gun violence.

Addressing Maternal Mortality

This year, Pennsylvania is dedicating \$2.3 million to expand maternal health programming and to prevent maternal mortality and morbidity. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania ranks 26th among states for maternal mortality, and the outcome for Black mothers is especially staggering. As a member of the Women's Health Caucus, I've been working to advance this issue for years, and I'm proud that this year our advocacy secured this needed funding.



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