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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



I love meeting with students, and I especially love welcoming school groups to Harrisburg. A visit to the Capitol is a great way to learn about how state government works and how it impacts each of our lives every day. Plus, Pennsylvania has a beautiful Capitol building.

In May a group of National Junior Honor Society students from Vision Academy Charter School made the trip to Harrisburg to tour the Capitol and to be recognized by state legislators in the House Chamber during legislative session.

Dear Neighbor,



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It has been wonderful to spend time with so many members of our community this summer! Attending my office's events, like our monthly food giveaways, is a great way to learn about state programs and resources that you may qualify for and to let me know about your priorities.

Like you, I am very concerned about many of the policies being advanced

in Washington, D.C. While I serve in the state legislature and don't get to vote on federal matters, I can assure you that I communicate with our local members of Congress regularly to share our concerns.

Meanwhile in Harrisburg, I am fighting for programs that will help lessen the impact of painful federal cuts. In this newsletter you will find information about legislation the state

House passed to protect your access to health care and my bill to make it easier for you to vote.

Remember, you can be the first to know about news from the state House and local events by signing up for my weekly email newsletter and following me on social media.

More than \$2 million awarded to local projects

One of the most important parts of my job in Harrisburg is to advocate for community organizations when they apply for state grants. So far in 2025, more than \$2 million has been granted to a variety of organizations doing great work in west and southwest Philadelphia and in Yeadon and Darby.

Here is a list of some recent grant recipients:

- Yeadon - \$150,000 for the Providence Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project
- Delaware County Planning Department - \$170,000 to design the Lower Darby Loop Trail
- Darby Library - \$750,000 for renovations
- ACANA and the African and Caribbean Business Council of Philadelphia - \$100,000 for small business assistance and financial literacy education
- \$1.5 million from PennDOT to improve safety along west and southwest Philadelphia's trolley routes
- Mothers' Home - \$25,000 for plumbing upgrades
- The Community Grocer - \$100,000 to make nutritious food available in our community
- Park Lane Elementary (William Penn School District) - \$500,000 for solar energy equipment
- Urban Art Gallery - \$60,000 for a West Philadelphia nonprofit that offers free programs for youth
- Royal Sisters Project - \$50,000 to help at-risk youth and empower women
- Senior Community Services - \$75,000 for programming for local seniors
- Keith Dawson Foundation - \$50,000 to support foodbank operations



Celebrating the Philadelphia Eagles!



Like you, I love our hometown team and was happy to cheer the Eagles on to a second Super Bowl victory this year! Before the big game, I hosted a bipartisan pep rally at the state Capitol. After they defeated the Kansas City Chiefs in New Orleans, I welcomed Don Smolenski, the Eagle's president and other senior executives to the state Capitol – and they brought the Lombardi Trophies with them!

Photos From Harrisburg and Our Community

FIGHTING FOR YOU!



We are living in complex, chaotic, and sometimes, scary times. I want to assure you that I am fighting for your interests every day. Whether that is policy changes like increasing the minimum wage; protecting access to healthcare; or helping neighbors with food giveaways and back-to-school fairs, my team and I are here to help! Call or stop by my office and see what state resources may be available to help your family.



Government works best when it works together. I was happy to welcome some important local leaders to the Capitol in June to talk about how we can work together to improve the quality of life for all our neighbors.

Philadelphia Superintendent Tony Watlington and School Board Pres. Reginald Streater came to advocate for schools, and members of Philadelphia City Council, including Pres. Kenyatta Johnson, and Councilmembers Jamie Gauthier, Quetcy Lozada, Mike Driscoll, Nina Ahmad, and Rue Landau visited to explore ways our city and state government can work together.





I was thrilled to host a group of Philadelphia and Delaware County veterans this summer at the state Capitol. We owe our freedom and our safety to brave veterans who have served our communities.



In June, the House welcomed five police officers from the 12th Police District, who in March prevented community violence by disarming a person who was concealing an AR-15 rifle under their jacket. Our local law enforcement officers serve us heroically every day, and it was an honor to recognize them and their actions in the state House.



The PA MOMNIBUS is on the move

Last year, we made huge progress tackling serious issues related to women's health, including requiring Medicaid to cover doula services, securing funding to research maternal mortality, and ensuring that women and families have easy access to information about postpartum depression.

These measures were all part of the PA MOMNIBUS initiative, which is focused on reducing and preventing Black maternal mortality, and is being led by the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus.

But our campaign to improve women's health hasn't ended, there are many more policies I'm championing this legislative session to improve wellness in our community.

This year we advanced more MOMNIBUS bills to require health insurers, including Medicaid and CHIP, to cover maternal blood pressure monitors. The monitors are an important tool to detect and manage hypertension during pregnancy and postpartum, which is a common issue, but left untreated can lead to dangerous complications or death.

For more information about MOMNIBUS and Black maternal health visit pahouse.com/BHM.

The House has also passed legislation to preserve parts of Obamacare in state law, including protecting Pennsylvanians with pre-existing conditions, ending lifetime limits on insurance, keeping young adults covered, and maintaining access to preventive health care services.

Our goal is to safeguard these protections in state law, even if Republicans successfully eliminate them at the federal level.

Property Tax Rent Rebate

Have you received yours?

This summer the state began sending more than \$250 million in property tax and rent rebates to income-eligible seniors and residents with disabilities. In the first half of the year, more than 425,000 people had applied for their rebate on property taxes and rent paid in 2024. Have you applied?

Last year we expanded the program - so more people qualify, and rebates are bigger!

Eligible Pennsylvanians include:

- Seniors 65 and older
- People with disabilities 18 and older
- Widows/widowers 50 and older

It isn't too late to apply. If you think you or a loved one may be income-eligible, contact my office and we can help you find out and apply.

Protecting Your Right to Vote

Your vote is important! And casting it should be convenient and secure.

In May, the state House passed my bill that would make voting easier, while helping our county officials administer our local elections.

To make voting easier, my plan would increase the number of secure ballot drop boxes and make in-person voting available up to 11 days prior to an election. These are common methods in other states and widely supported by Pennsylvanians.

To speed up vote tabulation, my bill would allow county election officials to prepare mail-in ballots for counting (but not actually counted) before election day. When election outcomes can be determined more quickly, it prevents election conspiracy theories from taking hold.

This important legislation awaits consideration in the state Senate.

INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS



When I was in college, I had many political internships. Those experiences provided me insight into how our government serves our community. Internships and fellowships are a great way to gain work experience, while developing an understanding of how our state government operates.



If you know a college student interested in a future in government or politics, there are several opportunities in our state Capitol including the Legislative Fellowship Program or as an intern in my office. I often promote these opportunities in my weekly e-newsletter. Sign up to learn about the deadlines and requirements.



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for information about upcoming events, applying for your property tax or rent rebate, and how local organizations are using state grants to strengthen and support our community.



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UPCOMING
EVENTS

BACK To SCHOOL



Philly: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 15
149 S. 60th St.



Delco: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27
Penn Wood Middle School, Darby