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Dear Neighbor,

It's been an exciting first five months as your state representative, meeting with constituents and local groups, seeing two of my bills pass the House, and getting ready to help form the next state budget in June.

It is an honor to be your voice in the state legislature, where I am your advocate for working families.

My legislative goals include:

- Strengthening public schools through a fair funding system that rectifies structural inequities as well as provides varied pathways to high school graduation, which would in turn support different career opportunities.
- Supporting strong unions and Pennsylvania's workforce through the establishment of a living wage for all workers and apprenticeship programs to help organizations grow their next generation of employees, whether in business and industry, education or health care.
- Offering efficient and effective physical and mental health care options that will guarantee reproductive freedom and provide easy-to-understand and inclusive insurance plans and manageable out-of-pocket expenses for doctor visits and prescriptions.
- Ensuring a clean environment by educating youth and families about recycling needs and ways to reduce waste, and by preserving parks and farmlands.
- Making the commonwealth a community where no one is marginalized – regardless of ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation or gender.

If you would like to receive weekly email updates on state government issues, go to www.RepRivera.com and scroll to the bottom of the page for the email sign-up form.

For timely updates, you can follow me @Rep_Rivera on Instagram and @RepNikkiRivera on Facebook.



HERE TO SERVE YOU

My district office staff is happy to help you navigate state government programs and services. Call the 1560 Lititz Pike office at (717) 295-3157 or email RepRivera@pahouse.net for assistance.



WORKING TO EXTEND COLA MORATORIUM & PROMOTE RECOVERY-ORIENTED LANGUAGE



I introduced H.B. 923, a bipartisan piece of legislation along with my colleague Rep. Shelby Labs, which would extend the current Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) moratorium until December 31, 2027. This would allow PACE/PACENET cardholders to remain enrolled in these programs instead of having their previously approved COLA moratorium expire on December 31, 2025. The bill unanimously passed the House with bipartisan support on April 22 and now is with the Senate for consideration.

Words matter, and that's why I introduced H.B. 1117, Promoting Recovery-Oriented Language, to update the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs' (DDAP) statutory language by replacing outdated and stigmatizing terminology with recovery-oriented language that promotes dignity, respect and greater access to care. The bill passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support on May 5, and is with the Senate for consideration.

HOUSE PASSES CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION:

The House adopted this legislation I co-sponsored:

- HR 62:** Designating April 5-11, 2025, as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania
- HR 110:** Recognizing April 2025 as National Poetry Month
- HR 113:** Recognizing Diabetic Eye Screening in Pennsylvania
- HR 117:** Recognizing March 14, 2025, as Black Midwives Day
- HR 144:** Recognizing 2025 National Osteopathic Medicine Week in Pennsylvania
- HR 149:** Recognizing April 11, 2025, as "Black Doula Day" in Pennsylvania
- HR 155:** Recognizing April 20 through 26, 2025, as "National Infertility Awareness Week"
- HR 172:** Recognizing May 2025, as "Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month"
- HR 180:** Recognizing April 13-14, 2025, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Pennsylvania
- HR 181:** Designating April 11-17, 2025 as Black Maternal Health Week in Pennsylvania



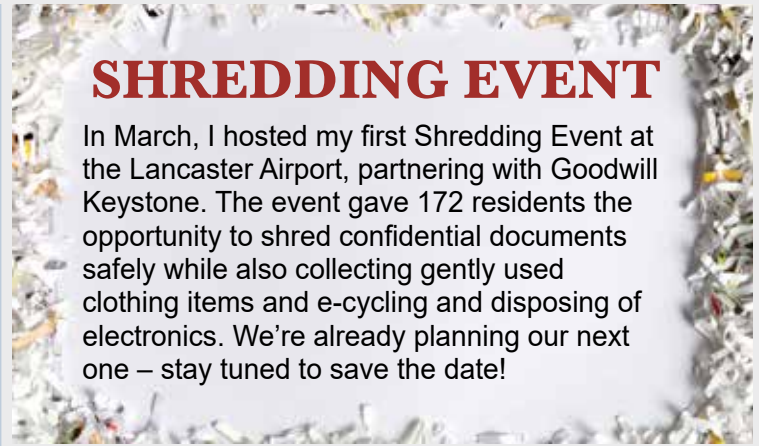


PRE-K POLICY HEARING

In March, I hosted my first Policy Hearing on the importance of investing in pre-K education to improve K-12 educational experiences for students. Twelve groups, consisting of education experts and stakeholders, presented their findings, challenges and needs of pre-K programming to various panelists, who included state representatives, Deputy Secretary Shante Brown from the state Office of Child Development and Early Learning and Lancaster County Commissioner Alice Yoder.

CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION MEETING

In May, I participated in the Chesapeake Bay Commission's meeting at the Reservoir Center for Water Solutions in Washington, D.C. We heard presentations from experts on topics including **Stormwater Overview in the Chesapeake Bay**, how **Stormwater, Like Politics, Is Local**, **Environmental Concerns within the Bay Watershed**, and discussion on the **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement**. You can review presentations from this meeting and any other meetings at www.chesbay.us/meetings.



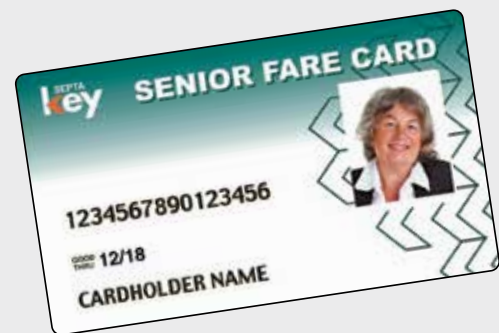
SHREDDING EVENT

In March, I hosted my first Shredding Event at the Lancaster Airport, partnering with Goodwill Keystone. The event gave 172 residents the opportunity to shred confidential documents safely while also collecting gently used clothing items and e-cycling and disposing of electronics. We're already planning our next one – stay tuned to save the date!



FIND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

You can contact our office for help locating unclaimed property held by the Pennsylvania Treasury or search by your name at www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.



NEED A SEPTA SENIOR FARE CARD?

Schedule an appointment with our office at (717) 295-3157 to apply for a SEPTA Senior Fare Card. You will need to bring your PA ID/ driver's license or birth certificate. If renewing, bring your expired card. Please note that you will NOT receive your card the same day and the anticipated processing time is between three and four weeks.



2025-2026 FEDERAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) IS JUNE 30, 2025

DOWNLOAD THE PENNDOT 511PA APP!

511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras. Users can also see plow truck statuses and travel alerts along a specific route using the "Check My Route" tool. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional Twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.



APPLY FOR YOUR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE TODAY!

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has made it easier for older friends and neighbors here in Lancaster County to stay in their homes and afford groceries, medicine and so much more.

This program supports eligible homeowners and renters across Pennsylvania with a rebate ranging from \$380 to \$1,000.

The deadline to apply for your Property Tax/Rent Rebate has been extended to December 31, but don't wait!

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE
APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
DECEMBER 31, 2025
pa.gov/PTRR

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APPLY HERE:



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

Register for any event via RepRivera@pahouse.net (include name and home address) or call (717) 295-3157.

JUNE 7: PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

The Public Safety Fair will be on Saturday, June 7 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Manheim Township Fire Rescue Station 201, 1399 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster. Safety info will be provided related to traffic, fire, bikes, mental health, fall preventions and emergency preparedness. Free items will be available while supplies last. Participating groups include Manheim Township Fire Rescue, PA Fish & Boat Commission with animal demonstration, Paul Davis Restoration, Penn Medicine LGH, Mental Health America and other groups.

JUNE 10: THE LANCASTER HISPANIC SUMMIT ON ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Our office is collaborating with the Alzheimer Association-Greater Pennsylvania Chapter and other organizations to host our 4th Annual Hispanic Summit of Alzheimer & Dementia on Tuesday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (750 E King St., Lancaster). There will be community conversation addressing health disparities in the Hispanic community, Alzheimer's prevention and the importance of early detection and diagnosis. Complimentary lunch will be provided.

AUGUST 10: BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

I am partnering with Rep. Ismail Smith-Wade-El to host the 14th Annual Back to School Event on Sunday, August 10 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Penn Medicine Park (650 N. Prince St., Lancaster). Students will receive free backpacks, books, school supplies, clothing, shoes,



socks, haircuts, food, and a Barnstormers' game. **Pre-registration is required and available until August 4th at www.RepRivera.com.** If your business or organization is interested in helping this year, please contact Francis Miliano at fmiliano@pahouse.net or (717) 295-3157.



SEPTEMBER 11: STATE GRANTS WORKSHOP

Rep. Smith-Wade-El and I will be co-hosting a workshop for local small businesses to learn more about applying for state grants on Thursday, September 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the IU 13 Conference Center, 1020 New Holland Ave., Lancaster.

OCTOBER 9: SCAM JAM

Held jointly with the PA Department of Banking, the Scam Jam will help protect you from scams and identity theft. It will be held Thursday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Calvary Homes, 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster.



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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Car registrations, special tags, disability parking 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
- Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- State agency-related questions or concerns
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- SEPTA Senior Fare Card