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Dear Neighbor,

Welcome summer! I am excited for long days, warm nights, and more time in the district as things wind down in Harrisburg.

As I wrap up my first budget season, I look forward to working with my colleagues to support some of the priority issues of residents across the 168th District. Public school funding and increased behavioral health supports, affordable housing, increased funding for healthcare access and our first responders, along with support for our growing senior population are a few of the priorities bubbling to the top in the 168th. Oh, and potholes, potholes, potholes! On the top of everyone's list is to put more focus on our crumbling infrastructure.

The budget process has been front and center throughout the month of June, and that may continue into July. As negotiations move forward, stay up to the minute by following me on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. I will post daily.

These past six months have been incredible! The 168th is full of so many lovely residents who are making a difference as neighbors, business leaders, community providers, first responders, educators, health care providers and so much more. I look forward to meeting and speaking with more of you over the next few months.

Enjoy your summer!

In service,

Lisa

PROGRESS ON AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT BILL (HB479)

In some very exciting news, my first piece of legislation has passed! House Bill 479 would require Medicaid to reimburse emergency medical service providers for every mile of patient transport. This legislation would create critical revenue for local EMS providers to continue doing their lifesaving work. House Bill 479 was born out of several conversations with stakeholders at the local and statewide level who offered their expertise on the difficulties facing emergency medical service providers. With their support and support from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, my legislation was voted through the House unanimously and has been sent to the Senate for consideration. As this newsletter went to print, the Senate amended the bill to remove the language about ambulance reimbursement and replace it with a measure pertaining to school vouchers. I'm working with my caucus to return the bill to its original intent.



HARRISBURG UPDATE

PROGRESS ON LONG-AWAITED GUN VIOLENCE BILLS

At the end of May, the House passed two commonsense gun safety bills. Now, they're with the Senate for consideration. For the first time in a decade, we have the chance to pass legislation that respects the constitutional rights of every Pennsylvanian while still preventing gun violence and needless deaths and injury. The people are calling on us to implement these popular, practical solutions that will save lives and help our kids feel safer in school.

VISITS FROM VILLANOVA & GRAYSON SCHOOL STUDENTS

It is always a treat when constituents make a visit to the Capitol! I had the pleasure of joining a group of outstanding 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from the Grayson School on a tour of our beautiful Capitol and meeting with Villanova University students who were advocating for state funding to support student scholarships.



REMOVING DUPLICATIVE & REDUNDANT HEALTH CENTERS

Mid-June, the House overwhelmingly passed my legislation (H.B. 1131) that would remove duplicative state health services in counties (like ours!) that manage the public health needs of their own communities. This would help improve health outcomes across the commonwealth *and* lead to more responsible use of taxpayer money. This efficiency measure would let the state allocate public health funding to the communities that need it most, with zero health services lost elsewhere as a result – a win for all Pennsylvanians!

ANTI-HATE BILLS PACKAGE & FAIRNESS ACT

I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the Fairness Act (H.B. 300), which would prohibit anyone in Pennsylvania who identifies as LGBTQ+ from being denied housing, education, or access to public accommodations simply because of who they are or who they love. I have also signed on to a package of anti-hate crime bills (H.B.s 1024-1027) that would expand Pennsylvania's ethnic intimidation statute, provide more training for law enforcement and educators on how to identify and report hate crimes, and require offenders to complete diversity classes and allow community impact statements during sentencing. My hope is that this legislation will help curb the disturbing upward trend of hate crimes in our commonwealth.

IN THE DISTRICT



This spring, I was excited to get my hands dirty with the CRC Watersheds Association and Darby Creek Valley Association for creek cleanups across the district. Thank you to all the volunteers committed to preserving and protecting the 168th's natural waterways.



I got the chance to tour Mitzvah Circle's warehouse in Norristown to see firsthand the wonderful work they do to fill the gaps of government assistance. They help families all over Southeastern PA take care of their most basic needs in order to thrive, including almost 18,000 families in Delaware County.



My office spent a rainy morning with staff from Sen. Kearney and Rep. Vitali's offices and the District Attorney's Office to help almost 500 constituents protect their identity by shredding documents and disposing of unused medications.



Did you know that the Greater Philadelphia Area is home to the nation's most public gardens? We are lucky to have TWO in the 168th. I had a wonderful time touring Tyler Arboretum and Chanticleer Gardens to enjoy the scenery and learn how the legislature can best support public gardens.



I was thrilled to welcome Lt. Governor Austin Davis to Delaware County and show off the wonderful programs our technical high school has to offer. I was so impressed by the students who are a vital part of the talent pipeline for our trade industries.

Middletown Township was rocking on Community Day! My staff and I joined the fun to share state resources, meet new neighbors, and hang out with some familiar faces.



My office celebrated Armed Forces Day by hosting our first Veterans Expo with Rep. Jennifer O'Mara at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Thank you to all the wonderful vendors who came out to share their resources and help us thank those who served.



We honored Delco's fallen heroes in a moving ceremony at the Delaware County Police Memorial in Rose Tree Park. Our community does a wonderful job showing appreciation for the sacrifices of our law enforcement officers and their loved ones.



I got to catch up with some longtime friends at the Wayne Food Pantry to learn more about food insecurity in the district and how my office can be a partner in their work. Donations can be dropped off M-F 8:30am-3pm outside of Wayne United Methodist Church. My office will hold our own collection in the near future – follow me on social media to be notified ASAP!

I had a lovely time at the 10 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association in Newtown Square, where we honor all those who helped bring the memorial to life & those who gave everything to ensure our freedom. We also buried a time capsule to be opened in 50 years!



I had a lovely time lunching with some older residents at the Wayne Senior Center. I got to hear all about the wonderful programs WSC has to offer including fitness classes, daily lunch, technology tutorials, and many other enriching programs.



I enjoyed a night of beautiful music with Orchestra Concordia, an ensemble of highly skilled professional and amateur musicians offering free community concerts. I was honored to present them with a citation to commemorate their Gala Concert Season.



The Newtown Square Business Association threw a great Circle at Sundown party in St. Alban's Circle!



It was a beautiful and busy Memorial Day in the 168th District, where I attended a salute to Middletown residents who gave their lives for our country and the Radnor Township Memorial Parade.



I was proud to march with Crozer nurses at an informational picket to demand safe working conditions and proper staffing. Legislation to make these demands a reality is moving through the House.



My fellow Delco colleagues in the legislature and I joined the county's intermediate unit and school board leaders to discuss education policy and what the House and Senate can do to ensure all school districts in Pennsylvania are funded fairly.

SAVE THE DATE:

SEPTEMBER SENIOR FAIR

Seniors & their families are invited to join me for my first Senior Fair on **Thursday, Sept. 28**. Learn about the state services available to you, browse local vendors, enjoy some snacks, and enter to win door prizes! I'll share more details in my biweekly e-newsletter & on social media.

A graphic for a SEPTA Senior Key Card. It features the SEPTA logo (a stylized red and blue arrow) and the text "Do you have a SEPTA Senior Key Card?". Below this, it states: "Seniors ages 65 and older can ride SEPTA routes in PA for free with a Senior Fare Card!". It then says: "My office is happy to help you apply for or renew your card. Feel free to drop in, or schedule an appointment -- reach us toll-free at 833-787-5039 or RepBorowski@pahouse.net." At the bottom, it says: "Visit us at 24 South Newtown Street Road in Newtown Square." The name "Lisa Borowski" and her title "Montgomery State Representative" are at the bottom right, next to a small icon of the Pennsylvania state capitol building.

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Montgomery State Representative

Schedule an appointment with my office for help applying for a SEPTPA Senior Key Card.

FYI:

A graphic for the Delco Reads Mobile App. It shows a smartphone screen with the app's interface. The screen displays a search bar, a "My Account" section, a "Self Checkout" section, a "Our Libraries" section, a "Digital Collection" section, and a "What's Happening" section. Below the phone, the text "DELCOREADS MOBILE APP" is written in large, bold letters, followed by "The Library at Your Fingertips" in a smaller font.

DELCOREADS MOBILE APP

The Library at Your Fingertips

DELCO READS APP

Delaware County Libraries now has an app! In the DelcoReads app, patrons can search the catalog, reserve books & materials, access databases, and use self-checkout. It's available in Google Play & the App Store, and instructional videos are at < www.delcolibraries.org/Mobile-App>.



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

The PTRR program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 & older; widows & widowers 50 & older; and people with disabilities 18 & older. The income limit is \$35,000/year for homeowners and \$15,000/year for renters; half of Social Security income is excluded. My office can help you apply, or you can head to <www.revenue.pa.gov> to apply online.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The Pennsylvania Treasury is holding millions of dollars in Unclaimed Property for residents of the 168th District. Give our office a call at (484) 427-2884 to check if any of that money is yours! We will walk you through the process of claiming your cash.



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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My Office Can Help With:

- PACE & PACENET prescription assistance for seniors
- Voter registration forms & absentee ballot applications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program forms
- PA Higher Education Assistance Agency applications
- PA 529 College Savings Plans
- Requests for state informational materials
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Obtaining birth or death certificates
- PennDOT problems & questions
- Questions about state agencies
- Citations from the PA House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- SEPTA Senior Keys
- Notary services
- ...and much more. Just ask!

A PA MEDI Counselor is in my office on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. – noon to assist those currently or soon-to-be enrolled in Medicare (or another state-related healthcare program). These counselors are trained experts on Medicare & Medicaid, plus supplemental insurance programs and prescription drug plans. At no cost, they can help you find and enroll in the best program that suits your needs, as well as financial assistance programs that may be able to help you pay your premium, deductible, and co-pays.

**A PA MEDI COUNSELOR
CAN HELP YOU TO:**

- Understand Medicare eligibility & enrollment
- Understand what services are covered under Medicare Parts A and B and your Medicare Summary Notice
- Understand your Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) benefit
- Make informed choices about Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies and Medicare Advantage Plans

and more!

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