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*Hello!*

I'm State Representative Peter Schweyer and I am proud to serve you and the 22nd Legislative District. I was born and raised here in Allentown, graduated from Allentown Central Catholic High School and then earned a degree in political science from Penn State University. I live in the city with my wife and two daughters, one of whom attends Allentown public schools. Prior to becoming your representative, I served on Allentown City Council, beginning my tenure there in 2008.

My district office is now open and ready to help you with any state-related issue. You can stop by between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1912 S. 4th St., Allentown. The phone number is 610-791-6270.



Rep. Schweyer making remarks during the ribbon-cutting on Dec. 29 for his district office.

*From left: Elizabeth Martinez; Mitch Hanna, Hamilton District Main Street manager, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Schweyer; Rep. Daniel McNeil; and Rep. Mike Schlossberg.*



Rep. Schweyer cutting the ribbon on Dec. 29 for opening his district office.

*From left: Elizabeth Martinez; Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski; Mitch Hanna, Hamilton District Main Street manager, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce; Jennifer Schweyer; Erin and Sarah Schweyer; Rep. Schweyer; and Rep. Daniel McNeil.*

## MEET MY STAFF



Nancy Wilt and Elizabeth Martinez are ready to help you in my district office.

Nancy is from Allentown and worked in state Sen. Lisa Boscola's Bethlehem office for 19 years. She has

**Elizabeth Martinez, Rep. Schweyer, and Nancy Wilt**

a strong understanding of state government and the legislative process. Nancy is very much involved in our community.

Elizabeth is from Allentown and serves as an appointed member of the Allentown School District Board of Directors. She worked 20 years for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, and has knowledge of state operations and programs. Elizabeth is fluent in Spanish, is a real estate agent and is active in our community.



Rep. Schweyer is sworn in on Jan. 6 along with three other new Democratic representatives for the 2015-16 legislative session.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Protecting and expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for senior citizens
- Properly funding public schools and investing in pre-K programs
- Providing affordable access to higher education, including the DREAM Act
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10/hour
- Supporting initiatives that create family-sustaining jobs

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Aging and Older Adult Services
- Consumer Affairs
- Liquor Control
- Urban Affairs
- Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness



Rep. Schweyer's first committee meeting as a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee. Members heard the final report from the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Commission.



## PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

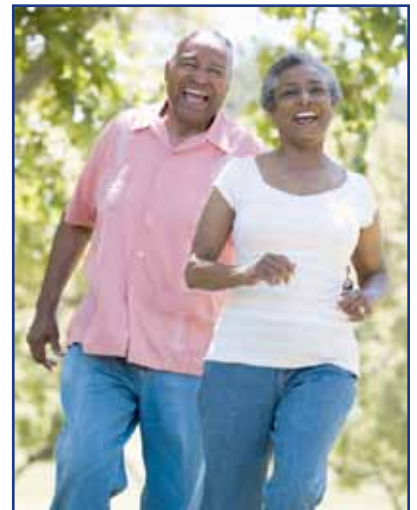
My staff can help senior citizens and other residents who qualify for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Applications were available starting Feb. 11 to apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with permanent disabilities 18 or older may qualify for the benefits under the program. The annual income limit for homeowners is \$35,000 and \$15,000 for renters. When calculating your annual income, you only need to count 50 percent of your Social Security income, and Social Security COLAS are excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650.

## SAVE MONEY ON YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE

Do you know everything you need to know about your coverage? Did you know there are programs that could help you save money on your monthly premiums? My office is here to help. Beginning Feb. 17, my office's volunteer benefits counselor is available the third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The session will take about an hour. To make an appointment, call my office at 610-791-6270.



## FOLLOW ME ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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# ENROLL ON THE DO-NOT-CALL LIST

Unwanted telemarketing calls are one of the most frustrating things people have to deal with. The good news is that Pennsylvania maintains a free Do-Not-Call List that can help you avoid most telemarketing calls.

To see if you are enrolled, please call my district office at 610-791-6270 and a member of my staff can help you. If you are not enrolled and would like to be added to the list, my office will be able to address that, too!

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

By signing up for Pennsylvania's list, you will automatically be added to the national Do-Not-Call list.

This is a rolling enrollment; individuals may sign up at any time and registration is good for five years. After that, people need to re-enroll to remain on the active list.

If you continue to receive unwanted telemarketing phone calls, complaints can be filed with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Attorney General's Office by calling 1-800-441-2555.

The law does not prevent telemarketers from calling folks with whom they had an established business relationship within 12 months preceding the call. Telemarketers calling on behalf of charities, government or politics are exempted from this law.



## IN ADDITION TO PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS, MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Getting answers to your Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

***Any problem with state government!  
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