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Fall 2025



Dear Neighbor,

As we enter the fall, I wanted to update you on the progress we have made in the State House and how I am working for you—both in Harrisburg and in our community.

We are already seeing rising costs and threats to health care access caused by the federal government's ill-advised budget. I continue to fight in Harrisburg to protect and expand health care access for all Pennsylvanians and to make health care more affordable in our community and across the state.

It is an honor to represent you in Harrisburg. I am grateful for the opportunity to make the voice of our community heard in the House chamber and across Pennsylvania.

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Rep. Arvind Venkat, MD
30th Legislative District



It was wonderful to take part in the Fourth of July parade in the Greymbrooke neighborhood of McCandless.



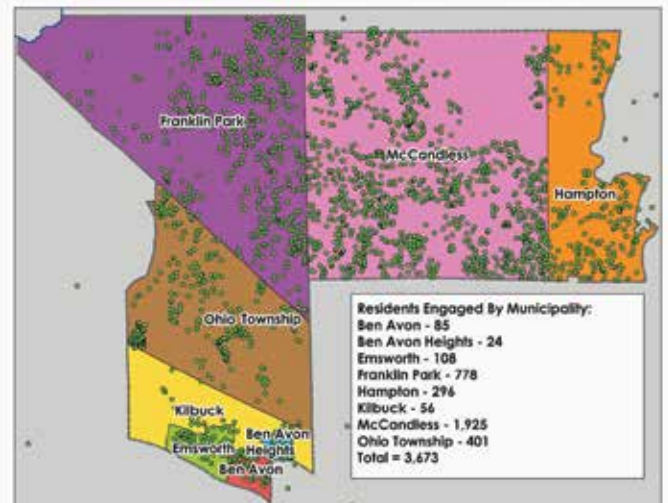
I had the chance to meet our future leaders from Avonworth Girl Scout Troup 16842. Their hard work at such a young age is incredible to see.



It was great to meet with our local first responders and staff at National Night Out in McCandless and Franklin Park.

Working for you in Harrisburg

My office is available to help you access crucial state programs – from assistance with PennDOT to obtaining vital records, such as birth certificates. This year, my staff has been very active, assisting many members of our community with their state government needs. Please stop by my district office or contact us by phone or email to see how we can help you. To the right is information on how many community members we have supported so far this year.



Visit www.pahouse.com/venkat/EmailSignup or scan the QR code to subscribe to my weekly e-newsletter to receive updates on my work as our state representative and learn more about what is happening in our community.

My Bill to Expand Benefits for the Pennsylvania National Guard Signed into Law

This session, my bill to expand educational benefits for the Pennsylvania National Guard was signed into law. I introduced House Bill 865 (now Act 32 of 2025) with Rep. Craig Williams (R-Delaware) in March. It was unanimously passed by both the House and Senate and signed into law by Governor Shapiro in July.

This bipartisan legislation makes it clear that families of Pennsylvania National Guard members can claim additional education benefits each time the service member re-enlists or renews their commitment.

Along with our service members, military families make significant sacrifices whenever their loved ones enlist and serve. This law will allow these resilient families to receive up to 10 semesters of tuition-free education every six years when their Guard member relative re-enlists.



Updates on My Other Legislation That Has Passed the State House

Along with Act 32, I introduced five other bills this session focusing on health, safety, and consumer protections that have passed the House with strong bipartisan support and are now under consideration in the Senate:

- **HB 77:** Would require menu disclaimers and safety training on food allergies in restaurants.
- **HB 79:** Would prevent the accumulation of medical debt by requiring transparency in hospital-based financial assistance programs.
- **HB 80:** Would authorize Pennsylvania to join the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, allowing these healthcare professionals from other states to be more easily licensed to work in Pennsylvania, and vice versa.
- **HB 81:** Would prohibit financial institutions from charging an additional fee when someone requests a paper statement.
- **HB 269:** Would help combat the opioid crisis by requiring the Department of Health to create opioid overdose awareness materials that explain the signs of an overdose and how to respond effectively.



I had the chance to meet with the North Allegheny Women's Association for their Adult Easter Egg Hunt in North Park. Thank you for your great charitable work and event!



It was great to join neighbors to clean up our community by picking up litter in Franklin Park.



I held a town hall in May at La Roche University in McCandless where I took thoughtful questions to understand what is important to our community.



My staff and I were happy to take part in Ohio Township's Community Day and Parade. Thank you to the township leadership, first responders, and my neighbors for a great event.

IN OUR DISTRICT

Over \$14 Million in Grants Secured

During my time serving as your state representative, we have secured over \$14.2 million for vital projects, ranging from school repairs to support for our local fire companies. Some recent highlights include:

- **\$1.7 million** to replace the roofs of Avonworth Middle/High School and Hampton Township Middle School.
- **\$650,000** to renovate the Northland Public Library, including its main entrance and lobby, making them safer and more ADA-friendly.
- **Over \$530,000** to the Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company, supporting the reconfiguration and expansion of their station, as well as operational needs.
- **\$500,000** to support the construction of a new building on the campus of Holy Family Institute in Emsworth, which will include features currently unavailable to students, such as a fixed stage and a regulation-sized gymnasium.
- **\$500,000** to support a park expansion project in Ohio Township.



Door Knocking in Our Community

One of the ways I stay connected with our community is through door knocking. Throughout the year, I go through our neighborhoods to introduce myself and learn what issues matter most to you.

- **Ohio Twp.:** 717 doors; 1,405 people contacted
- **Hampton:** 222 doors; 672 people contacted
- **McCandless:** 322 doors; 642 people contacted
- **Franklin Park:** 336 doors; 541 people contacted
- **Emsworth:** 324 doors, 572 people contacted

Look for me in Kilbuck, Ben Avon, and Ben Avon Heights in the fall!



Recognizing Our Student Athletes and Artists



I was honored to recognize the North Allegheny School District Boys Golf, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Water Polo Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association State Championship teams at the State Capitol.

It was also wonderful to present House citations to the Avonworth Football, Baseball, and Boys Hockey championship teams; the Avonworth champion individual Boys Swimmers and Wrestlers; and the award-winning cast and crew of the high school musical, as well as musicians recognized at the regional and state levels.

Resources for our Seniors

Our senior citizens have given and continue to contribute so much to our community. I will always stand up for them and make sure they get access to the services and support they need. My office can help connect seniors with various programs and resources.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program: We can help eligible homeowners or renters receive rebates to help offset the cost of property taxes or rent.

PRT Senior Citizen ConnectCard: We can help seniors get ConnectCards so they can travel free on Pittsburgh Regional Transit.

We can assist with these and many other state programs.





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CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE
SHRED
EVENT **HOSTED BY**
REP. VENKAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10 AM – 11:30 AM
OR UNTIL THE TRUCK IS FULL

OHIO TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK
325 NICHOLSON ROAD, SEWICKLEY, PA 15143

NO MORE THAN TWO BOXES OF PAPER PER CAR

My office's next shredding event will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or until the truck is full, at the Ohio Township Community Park (325 Nicholson Road, Ohio Township). Each household may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper only.

Diwali
Celebration
Hindu Festival of Lights

Sunday, November 2
6 - 8 PM

BAIERL FAMILY YMCA
2565 Nicholson Rd. Sewickley, PA 15143

Dry food items will be collected for North
Hill Community Outreach

Join us at the Baierl Family YMCA (2565 Nicholson Road, Franklin Park) on Sunday, November 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. Enjoy Indian food, dance performances, children's activities, and henna art. Dry food items will be collected for donation to the North Hills Community Outreach Food Bank. Scan the above QR code to register here or visit this link:

<https://www.pahouse.com/venkat/RSVP/?id=1785>