

## RISIA OCK STATE REPRESENTATIVE

#### WORKING for you in HARRISBURG

#### Recognizing "Career and Technology Week" and "National Skilled Trades Day"

Before taking office, I served as a dental sciences instructor at the Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center for nearly a decade. I've seen first-hand that the trades are not a fallback, they are a first-class opportunity for students of all ages.

To recognize the necessity of Pennsylvania's skilled trades workforce, the opportunities they provide, and their importance in shaping the future of our Commonwealth, I introduced House Resolution 97. This resolution designates May 7, 2025, as "National Skilled Trades Day" and May 4-10, 2025, as "Career and Technology Week" in Pennsylvania.

This observance is a celebration of possibility and a reminder that every student deserves the chance to build a bright future.



It was an honor to welcome my former dental students from the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center to the Capitol in honor of Career and Technology Week.

## Boosting flood insurance awareness for homeowners outside flood zones



My legislation would require insurance companies that offer or issue homeowner's insurance policies to disclose the availability and pricing of flood insurance.

The most common and costly natural disaster in the United States is flooding. While FEMA flood maps designate certain properties as being within a flood zone, floodwaters do not respect lines on a map. Some homeowners are required to have flood insurance because of their home's location, but many homes just outside these designated zones remain at significant risk. Many homeowners are unaware that affordable flood insurance is available to them.

I am sponsoring legislation that would require insurance companies offering or issuing homeowners insurance policies to disclose the availability and pricing of flood insurance. This legislation would address the existing knowledge gap and empower homeowners to make informed decisions about protecting their property and financial well-being.

**Last action:** Referred to the House Insurance Committee.

## Helping Pennsylvanians rebuild and prepare for the next big storm

We've seen how major storms are occurring more often and hitting our communities hard. That's why I introduced House Bill 1719 to create the Individual Property Disaster Assistance Fund, which PEMA could use after a state or local emergency is declared. This fund would help people who don't have flood insurance—often because they don't live in a designated flood zone—and would even offer retroactive aid for those recently impacted by disasters. It's designed to ensure Pennsylvanians have the financial support they need to weather the storm and rebuild afterward.

**Last action:** Referred to the House Insurance Committee.



In April, I hosted a Policy Committee hearing where state and local officials, along with residents, came together to discuss proactive steps we can take to prevent the devastating outcomes that have become more frequent due to severe storms.

## AROUND THE Community



In September, we proudly celebrated 50 years of nursing at Reading Area Community College. Having this program right here in Berks County is truly invaluable—not only for educating skilled nurses but also for strengthening our local workforce and community. Congratulations to everyone who has played a role in the program's continued success!



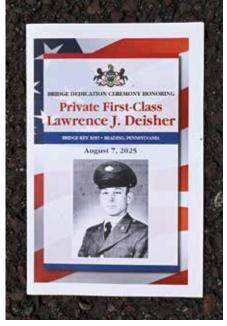


I had a blast at River Fest 2025. Serving up ice-cold drinks and chatting with so many amazing people from our community was an absolute joy!



I was honored to recognize PFC Lawrence Deisher by hosting a bridge-naming ceremony in Reading with his family. On June 9, 1966, PFC Deisher made the ultimate sacrifice when he fearlessly engaged the enemy. He displayed exceptional tactical skill, resulting in the neutralization of an imminent threat. It was a true privilege to dedicate the bridge in his name and preserve his legacy for generations to come.









I love shouting out new small businesses in the district—like Petite Pastries!
Supporting local businesses such as Petite Pastries is about more than just enjoying good food. When you choose to shop locally, you're investing directly in our community. You're helping to create jobs, support local families, and keep our neighborhoods vibrant and unique. Plus, the dollars you spend locally are more likely to stay in the community, strengthening our local economy!



I had the privilege of welcoming students from Muhlenberg to the State Capitol! It was wonderful to meet them, show them around the House floor, and talk about how state government works. I'm always encouraged to see young people engaging in the civic process and taking an interest in how laws are made!

#### The Municipal Primary is Nov. 4

Make your voice heard and cast your ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 4! If you're voting in person, polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you're voting by mail in or absentee ballot, the county election office must receive your signed and completed ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day; postmarks are not sufficient.

Scan this QR code to go to vote.pa.gov, where you can request a mail-in ballot, find your polling place, register to vote, become a poll worker, and more.





#### Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has made it easier for older friends and neighbors to stay in their homes while affording groceries, medicine, and much more. Don't forget—thanks to changes made in 2023, eligibility and rebate amounts have increased significantly!

Apply online at https://mypath.pa.gov, or contact my office for a paper application. My staff are here to help if questions arise during the application process, so please don't hesitate to stop my district office in Temple.



#### REAL ID requirements now in effect

Pennsylvanians now need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license—or another form of federally accepted identification, such as a passport or military ID—to board domestic flights and enter federal buildings.

You do not need a REAL ID to drive or for general identification purposes. Your regular Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID is valid for these uses.

If you decide that obtaining a REAL ID is in your best interest, here is the document checklist you'll need.

If you have questions about the REAL ID application process, feel free to reach out to my office.



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My team and I are ready to help you with a range of services, including registering to vote, help with PennDOT and unemployment services.

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