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DELIVERING STATE FUNDING TO OUR COMMUNITIES

Part of my job as your state representative is to advocate for dollars coming back to our region from Harrisburg for schools, seniors, veterans, improved housing and local businesses. My website www.RepProbst.com has a regular list of state grant programs that accept applications. Organizations seeking funding are encouraged to contact my office for assistance at (570) 420-2850.

SOME GRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

Delaware Township

\$200,000 to rehabilitate Akenac Park and Ball Park Road Park.

Delaware Water Gap Borough

\$200,000 for pedestrian safety upgrades to Mountain Road.

\$60,000 to purchase a public works truck.

East Stroudsburg Borough

\$252,743 to make pedestrian safety improvements.

\$100,000 to purchase a street sweeper.

\$37,000 for the Water Operations Department.

\$30,000 to purchase a tractor.

Middle Smithfield Township

\$239,238 to develop a new park and public works garage.

\$75,000 to improve accessibility to the Community and Cultural Center.

Monroe County Industrial Development Authority

\$300,000 for the Phase 2 expansion at the Smithfield Gateway.

\$236,462 on behalf of Suburban Emergency Medical Services to purchase an ambulance and equipment.

\$230,631 on behalf of the Animal Welfare Society of Monroe to expand and outfit an animal shelter in Stroud Township.

\$220,000 on behalf of Smithfield Sewer Authority for a sewer expansion project along Seven Bridge Road/State Route 209 in Smithfield Township.

\$212,353 to renovate the Little Bethel African American Methodist Episcopal Church in Stroudsburg Borough.

\$200,000 for the Stroudsmoor Country Inn water line connection project in Stroud Township.

\$80,000 on behalf of East Stroudsburg University Foundation Inc. for an equipment upgrade at the student-run radio station WESS 90.3.

Pocono Mountains Industrial Park Authority

\$50,000 for a project on State Route 209/Milford Road in Middle Smithfield Township.

Smithfield Township

\$100,000 on behalf of Bushkill Emergency Corps. to purchase ambulance power stretchers.

Stroudsburg Borough

\$200,000 to rehabilitate and repair the Ann Street Parking Garage.

Stroudsburg Little League

\$100,000 to renovate Morey Field.

Stroudsburg Volunteer Fire Department

\$74,000 for a utility terrain vehicle.



The closing of Ramsey Elementary inspired me to run for mayor of Stroudsburg, and seeing it reopened now as a state representative is one of the most incredible feelings. Thank you to everyone who worked to get the school back into shape for our young students. I am especially grateful to the Stroudsburg Area School District, the school board members, the Monroe County Commissioners, and Pocono Services for Family and Children for your dedication to reopening Ramsey.





988 HOTLINE SAVES LIVES

owe it to them to make sure the 988 Suicide and Crisis

Mental health challenges don't discriminate. They

affect our children, veterans, first responders and

families in every corner of the commonwealth. We

That's why I am proud to share the state House of Representatives passed my legislation to promote

increased awareness of the 988 lifeline. Too many

communities, still don't know that help is just a call

If you or someone you know is having a mental

YOU MATTER

Text. Call. Chat.

988 LIFELINE

or text away by dialing 988 to speak to a trained

counselor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

health crisis, please call 988.

Pennsylvanians, especially in rural and underserved

Lifeline isn't just available, it's visible.

SEEKING ANSWERS WITH I-80 EXPANSION

Despite the efforts of my office and other concerned residents, businesses and local officials, PennDOT continues to move forward with the overpriced \$935 million expansion of I-80 through Monroe County.

This year, in October we learned about the discovery of a bald eagle's nest near the project; in September we participated in a state Department of Environmental Protection public hearing regarding permits; in August we uncovered a hidden flyover video of the proposal buried deep in the I-80 project website, which triggered a new wave of opposition; in May we discovered that an internal re-evaluation of the project showed PennDOT and the Federal Highway Administration quietly reaffirmed an impact statement without public notice; and in April we learned

We remain committed to making sure community voices are heard and that the impacts on our schools, neighborhoods, and environment are fully considered. You can stay up to date regarding the I-80 project and more by signing up for my biweekly email updates by scanning the QR code or visiting www.pahouse.com/Probst/emailsignup.



the plans could threaten a protected seasonal wetland.

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR TAX REBATE

Extended until December 31, 2025

My office helps hundreds of seniors apply for a rebate of up to \$1,000 on their property taxes or rent paid each year. This program is for people 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older and people with disabilities 18 or older. Please contact my office at (570) 420-2850 and we'll help you apply before the deadline of Dec. 31.

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR YOU!

As a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I am proud of the things we have accomplished in 2025. We have worked to lower your taxes, help you save for retirement, put more teachers in the schools, and make your community safer.

THIS YEAR, I VOTED TO:

- Increase Pennsylvania's minimum wage.
- Continue equitably funding our schools to make up for years of underfunding from the state.
- Increase transparency and accountability at cyber charter schools.
- Create the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit to cut costs for working families.
- Protect your health care from cuts made in Washington, D.C.
- Close corporate tax loopholes, relieving some of the burden on small businesses.



Unfortunately, the state Senate has decided that these issues are not important enough to pass the bills and send them to Gov. Josh Shapiro to become law.

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STATE SENATE BUDGET IMPASSE

I'm standing up for Pennsylvania workers, families and businesses. Pennsylvania needs a budget that doesn't raise taxes, and working families need a budget that supports our schools, health care and public safety.

As of the writing of this newsletter, the state House of Representatives has passed three bipartisan budget options for the Senate Majority to take up, but they have yet to bring a single House version up for a vote in 100+ days of the current budget impasse.

The House Democrats remain committed to finding middle ground, while the Senate Majority seems content to do nothing. House Democrats will return to Harrisburg to finalize a budget as soon as Harrisburg Republicans prioritize passing a budget.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

Since I went to Harrisburg in 2023, I've been working to make sure our veterans have access to the programs and benefits they not only were promised, but deserve.

That's why I authored a bill that would exempt from property taxes all veterans deemed at least 50% disabled, regardless of whether their service was in combat. It also would guarantee benefits for surviving spouses of eligible veterans, including those who were killed in action, taken prisoner, or went missing in action.





It was a pleasure welcoming so many veterans and their families to the Veterans Expo held by Rep. Maureen Madden to discuss the state programs available to those who proudly served our country, including my staffer Carlos.



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MY OFFICE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU!

Do you or does someone you know need help accessing state programs or services? Have a question about a state program or law and don't know where to go? My team and I stand ready to help on a range of issues, including:

- PACE (pharmaceutical assistance for qualified senior citizens).
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- · PennDOT problems or questions.
- CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program).
- Information regarding financial assistance for higher education (PHEAA).
- · Information on PA's 529 College Savings Plans.
- · Requests for state informational materials.
- Obtaining birth and death certificates.
- Questions or problems with any state agency.
- · Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups.
- Certificates of recognition or achievements from the PA House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and citations for important family milestones.

For help, or to speak with me or a staff member about any of these issues, please don't hesitate to stop by my office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 18 S. 9th St. in Stroudsburg or call us at (570) 420-2850.

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