## YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

### DEAR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,

This year has been marked by resilience and action. As your State Representative for Reading and Berks County and Chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Delegation, I have worked to ensure our community has access to essential services as we experience unpredictability from the federal government.

Education, food security, housing, support for seniors, and reliable transportation remain top priorities. Even in challenging times at the state and federal level, my commitment to serving you is unwavering.

Please stop by my office or call with any questions or for up-to-date information on state resources. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a successful new year.

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#### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING RESOURCE FAIR**

My Annual Thanksgiving Resource Fair was a powerful and inspiring event! I'm proud to see this cherished tradition grow each year and to help underserved families put food on their tables.







## **EMPOWERING NEARLY 1,000 STUDENTS**

The 4th edition of the Back to School Kickoff has become one of Reading's most anticipated and impactful traditions! I'm proud to have provided backpacks, snacks, school supplies, and haircuts to nearly 1,000 students. Partnering with Mayor Eddie Moran and amazing local organizations made this day possible, filling it with joy, celebration, and community spirit.







### ADVANCING READING'S GROWTH THROUGH THE CRIZ INITIATIVE

Last July, I hosted a full tour in downtown Reading with the PA House Democratic Policy Committee, city officials, community leaders, and CRIZ board members, all supporting Reading's future. The CRIZ designation has great potential to drive sustainable growth, and I'm grateful for the continued support as we make progress for our community.







### PROGRESS Through Policy

This year, I introduced 25 bills and co-sponsored 104 others addressing our community's needs. From expanding school mental health services and creating a Bilingual Educators Advancement Program to improving consumer protection, local hiring, and year-round utility support, my focus remains clear: advancing legislation that improves life in Reading and Berks County.



Scan this code to see all the legislation I've introduced in this session.



#### STRENGTHENING PA'S WINE & GRAPE INDUSTRY

As Chairman of the Central PA Delegation, I led a roundtable in Lancaster on Pennsylvania's wine and grape industry. Alongside growers, producers, and colleagues from the PA House Policy Committee, we discussed climate change, out-of-state competition, and the need for updated regulations.

### **OPENING DOORS TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

My recent job fair was full of support, connection, and opportunity. Residents and employers came together, with some hired on the spot. Participants left with valuable tools and guidance to succeed in their careers. Missed it? Be sure to join me next time!





#### **GUIDING ENTREPRENEURS TOWARD GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS**

My Grant Workshop was a resounding success, bringing together entrepreneurs and business owners from across the county. Participants gained valuable insights and resources from Fadia Halma, Regional Director for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, equipping them with tools to simplify the grant process and craft successful applications.





#### **CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

I had the honor of recognizing an exceptional group for their contributions to our county. The celebration highlighted how the values, legacy, and triumphs of the Black community inspire, and uplift people like me, a proud Latino, reminding us to work together for a stronger city and state.







Stay connected with my office by following me on social media @RepMannyGuzman and subscribing to my weekly legislative updates at RepGuzman/emailsignup for updates on upcoming events and community news.



#### MONEY SMARTS AT READING HIGH



Early this year, I enjoyed speaking with students at Reading High School's Financial Reality Fair. This hands-on event promotes financial literacy, giving students the tools to build smart money habits and make informed decisions.



#### FOSTERING SAFER COMMUNITIES

In May, I partnered with CeaseFirePA to raise awareness about the impact of gun violence in our city and state and call for meaningful prevention measures.

#### CHAMPIONING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACROSS CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

As Chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Delegation, I hosted a meeting in Harrisburg with Tec Centro Workforce Network leaders, focusing on issues affecting York, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, and Dauphin counties. We highlighted Tec Centro's vital role and remain committed to helping it thrive while addressing the region's workforce needs.





# GOVERNOR MIFFLIN STUDENTS SHINE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

In March, I was glad to welcome the Governor Mifflin Middle School Show Choir and Woodwind Choir to the state Capitol for Music in Our Schools Month. Their outstanding performance filled the Capitol with joy and showcased the incredible talent of this amazing group of students.





#### I'm here to help!

My team and I can help with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Information about jobs, housing relief and utility assistance
- · Prescription assistance for seniors
- Drivers Licenses & Vehicle Registration

# RENEWING MY COMMITMENT TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

As I was sworn in for my third term last January in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I renewed my commitment to advancing economic growth, expanding access to quality health care and education, and investing in infrastructure development that strengthens our city and state.

