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## Dear Neighbor,

We have seen many changes occur in our day-to-day lives, and one of those is the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI). Along with several of my colleagues from both parties, I introduced H.B. 1925, which would regulate the ways that AI can be utilized in healthcare.

This would ensure that there is transparency to patients when AI is used in their care, require final assessments and diagnoses be made by a human decisionmaker, and ensure that the use of AI in healthcare complies with existing laws related to privacy, safety, and anti-discrimination.

Along with my work in Harrisburg, I have also been advocating to make sure our district has the resources it needs. My office recently hosted an event for our community to celebrate Diwali, and as you will see in this newsletter, **my next shred event will be on March 21**. Since my last communication, **I have secured over \$4.8 million in grant funding for projects in our district**.



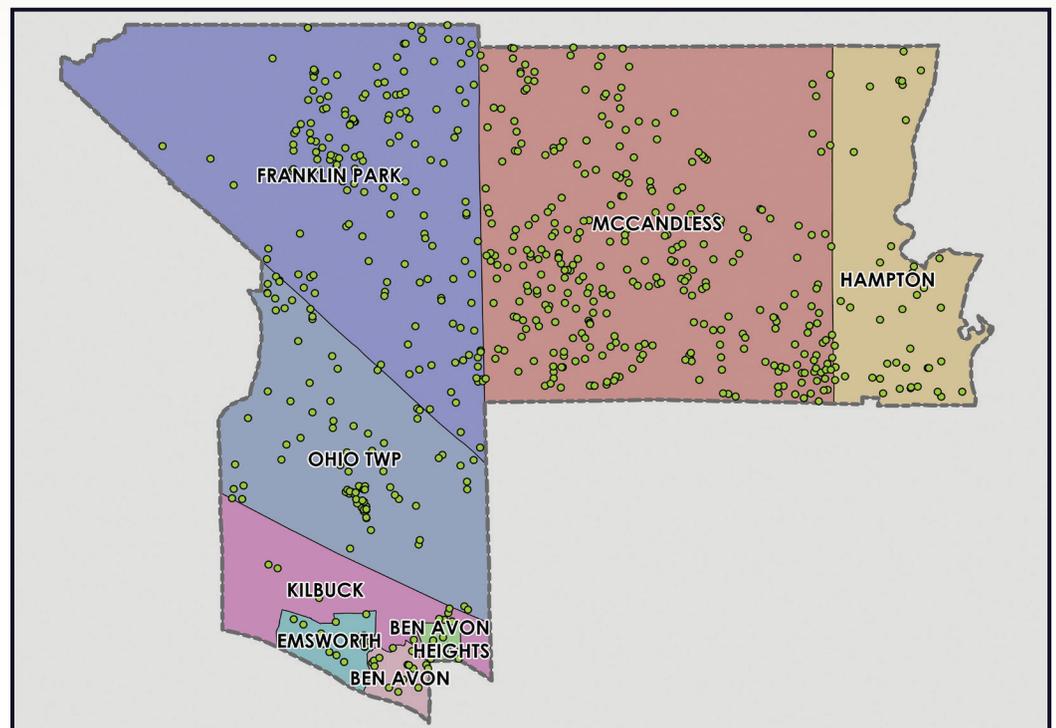
It is an honor to serve you in Harrisburg. I look forward to continuing to make our community's voice heard in the House and across Pennsylvania.

*Arvind Venkat*

Rep. Arvind Venkat, MD  
30th Legislative District

## Working for you in the district

To the right is a map showing the locations of all the constituents my staff and I have helped since my last newsletter. In addition, I personally have contacted 1,275 of my neighbors through legislative door knocking in the last few months to explain how my office can help them with state services.



# My Legislation to Ensure Vaccine Access

We have seen attempts from the federal government to restrict life-saving access to vaccines. I have introduced two bills to ensure that Pennsylvanians can easily get the vaccines they want with no out-of-pocket cost.

**H.B. 1828** would require insurers to cover the cost of vaccines recommended by state health agencies, and **H.B. 1881** would allow pharmacists to administer vaccines recommended by state health agencies. In both, state health agencies could consult professional medical societies for recommendations. Both bills passed the House with bipartisan support and are now under consideration in the Senate.



# Updates on My Other Legislation

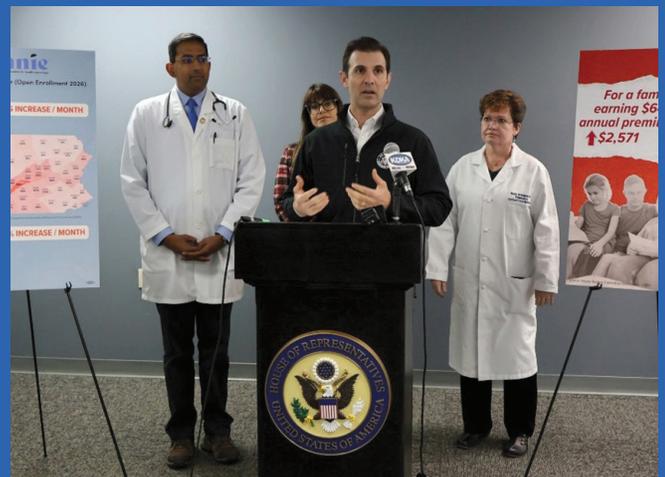
I have introduced several new bills that are moving through the House, including:

- **H.B. 1925:** Establishes regulations around the usage of artificial intelligence in healthcare.
- **H.B. 1974:** Creates a grant program to support contingency management, an effective treatment for stimulant use disorder.
- **H.B. 2120:** Provides greater transparency and protection to homeowners entering a shared appreciation agreement.

Additionally, **H.B. 80**, which would allow Pennsylvania to enter the interstate licensure compact for audiologists and speech-language pathologists, has advanced out of Senate committee to a pending floor vote in the Senate.



My office's shredding event in Ohio Township in September was a resounding success! We will be hosting another event March 21 in Franklin Park so you can safely dispose of your sensitive documents.



I recently joined Congressman Chris Deluzio and County Executive Sara Innamorato to address the affordable healthcare crisis in our region and state.



I really enjoyed reading to the students at St. Paul's Child Care Preschool in McCandless and learning more about how to support childcare centers and their staff.

# IN OUR DISTRICT

## Over \$4 Million in Grants Secured

Since my previous newsletter in the fall, I have worked with bipartisan colleagues to secure over \$4.8 million in grant funding for vital projects in our community.

- **Over \$1.7 million** for sewer and stormwater repairs in McCandless, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Ohio Township, and Hampton Township.
- **\$1.25 million** to fund the creation of the Ohio Township Park at Green Valley.
- **Over \$650,000** for first-responder vehicles, including a new fire truck in Hampton, a chassis replacement for McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority vehicles, three new vehicles for Ross-West View EMS, and a new ambulance for the Shaler-Hampton EMS.
- **\$308,000** to the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company in McCandless to update its radio system.
- **\$237,532** for lighting enhancements at the Mayernik Softball Field in Emsworth where the Avonworth Girls Athletic Association plays.
- **\$205,000** to Franklin Park for playground equipment upgrades in Blueberry Hill Park.
- **\$140,606** to support the Verland Foundation's purchase of new snow removal equipment in Ohio Township.
- **\$134,415** to support school zone safety throughout McCandless.



I always appreciate hearing from our neighbors on the issues that matter to them. I took part in a town hall with leaders from Ohio Township to discuss state and local issues.



I hosted my third annual community Diwali celebration at Baierl Family YMCA, where we also provided updates on available state programs and collected food items for North Hills Community Outreach.



It was amazing to visit the Avonworth Girls Volleyball Team ahead of their PIAA championship victory. Congratulations, Lopes!



Leaders from across Pennsylvania celebrated the opening of the new Pittsburgh International Airport terminal, which will provide economic opportunities for our region.



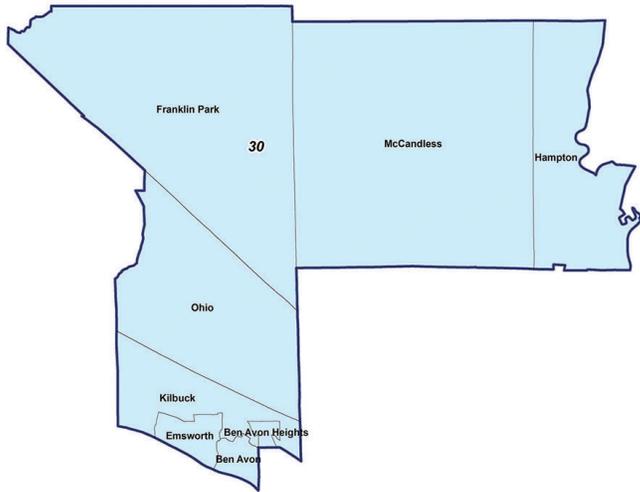
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## UPDATES FROM MY OFFICE

We will have two trucks at our next shredding event on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Franklin Park Municipal Building (2344 W Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh). Each household may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper.

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**REP. VENKAT'S**  
**SHRED**  
**EVENT**  
**THIS YEAR WITH TWO SHREDDING TRUCKS!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
**10 AM – 11:30 AM**

**OR UNTIL BOTH TRUCKS ARE FILLED**



**FRANKLIN PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
2344 W INGOMAR RD., PITTSBURGH, PA

**NO MORE THAN TWO BOXES OF PAPER PER CAR**