



State Representative | 21st Legislative District

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HELLO NEIGHBOR,

As we approach the beginning of fall and the end of this legislative session, I have been reflecting on my first full term as your state representative and what that means, both for what we have accomplished in Harrisburg and the progress we must continue working towards.

We are at a moment where the cost of everyday necessities continues to rise – housing, utilities, gas, and food are becoming harder and harder for many of our neighbors to afford. Hearing from our community and understanding the dire need for action is exactly what I have been working to address in Harrisburg.

Recently, we passed this fiscal year's budget. I won't sugarcoat it—this is the fifth year in a row that the General Assembly missed the end-of-the-fiscal-year budget deadline, largely due to an aversion to compromise on the part of Senate Republicans. Nonetheless, this budget makes important investments that will help lower costs and strengthen services for working families.

This budget increases funding for crucial programs, including rape crisis and prevention centers, mental health resources, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and more secure SNAP/EBT cards to protect against skimming. It also provides additional investments in education, expands after-school program grants, and improves access to career and technical education opportunities.

That said, our work is far from over. Pennsylvania still needs a sustainable, dedicated funding solution that provides certainty for transit agencies across all 67 counties. Our state also needs reforms that lower utility costs, expand access to homeownership, and preserve social services across Pennsylvania.

I am also committed to delivering results here at home – including helping to secure more than \$15 million in grant funding for district projects – and ensuring access to state services for our neighbors, ranging from my annual Family Fair to paper shredding events, the next of which will be on **September 12th at the Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania.**

My team and I are here to help and listen, whether that be assisting you with state services or sharing the issues that matter most to you and your family. I encourage you to visit our district office in Lawrenceville or reach out at any time.

Be well,

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UPDATES FROM HARRISBURG



MAKING THE WEALTHY PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

For too long, some of the world's largest and most profitable technology companies have not paid their fair share toward the public investments that make Pennsylvania strong. This summer, the House passed a Digital Advertising Tax, which I was proud to cosponsor. The legislation would require Big Tech to pay taxes on digital advertising revenue generated in Pennsylvania. The revenue would provide much-needed property tax relief for Pennsylvania seniors. The bill is now awaiting consideration in the Senate—but Senate Republicans have refused to bring it up for a vote.



IMPROVING OUR TRANSPORTATION AND CUTTING COSTS

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) are programs that allow governments to partner with the private sector for the engineering, financing, and maintenance of transportation projects, helping to lower costs for taxpayers and speeding up this work. My legislation, which passed the House unanimously, would allow Pittsburgh and counties like Allegheny to use P3s in improving our local highways, streets, and public transit.



PUSHING FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Coming from a working-class family, I know how difficult rising housing costs are to handle, especially in the current market. That is why I have introduced legislation that will provide the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency with the funding it needs to make housing cheaper and homeownership attainable for more Pennsylvanians, including seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities, first-time homebuyers, and low- to moderate-income individuals.



HOLDING BIG TECH ACCOUNTABLE FOR DATA CENTERS

The recent growth of large-scale data center development has already impacted many communities across our state, including two in Allegheny County. In Harrisburg, we have passed 10 bills to protect consumers and the places we call home. Data centers will now be required to provide full transparency on what the expected water and energy usage will look like and its impact on residents and small businesses. The House has also passed bills now under consideration in the Senate that would require disclosure of AI usage in advertising, limit electric rate increases in communities with data centers, and allow communities to put six-month moratoriums on data center applications.



I had the honor of recognizing Shaler Area Middle School for being named a Pennsylvania Don Eichhorn School to Watch.

The SAMS community has poured time and care into creating a supportive environment where every student feels seen, challenged, and inspired to discover their passions — the greatest work our public schools perform. I am so proud to stand up for and support our local public schools like SAMS.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



I stood with the Teamsters Local 249 as ready-mix drivers from Heidelberg Materials held the line to strike against unfair labor practices. These workers are making reasonable asks that every worker deserves, such as equitable healthcare and a secure pension. I'll keep standing with our local unions to ensure our workers get their fair share.



My second annual Family Fair was an absolute blast and the perfect way to kick off the summer — even if I ended up in the dunk tank! It was great to see so many of our neighbors, including County Councilman Jordan Botta, Sauerkraut Saul, and Jalapeño Hannah, while making resources from across our community readily available in one place.



No one should be forced to choose between their next paycheck and the health of themselves or their family. With the passage of the Family Care Act, a direct program will be created to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have access to paid medical and family leave, even if their employer does not offer it or cannot afford it. It now awaits consideration in the Senate.



I would like to recognize the Shaler Area softball team, which recently won the PIAA Class 5A State Championship, capping off a 22-game winning streak with an incredible 10-0 victory and the program's third championship title. Congratulations to the players and coaches on an outstanding season!



Domestic violence may happen behind closed doors, but it is not uncommon — over 100 of our fellow Pennsylvanians have died from violence at home in just the last year. That is why I am working on bipartisan, practical legislation with Rep. Jason Ortity that will protect survivors from continued fear and harm from their abusers.



I was recently joined in Harrisburg by two local members of Miss Military Star, Abigail and Madeline Hall, who were recognized for their volunteer work supporting veterans, active-duty service members, and charitable causes in our community. They have given so much back to our neighbors at such a young age — thank you for your hard work!



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TO THE PEOPLE

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- ✓ Unemployment Compensation problems
- ✓ Questions or assistance with PennDOT
- ✓ Disability plates & placards
- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ License applications
- ✓ Pennsylvania income tax questions
- ✓ Senior bus pass applications
- ✓ And much more!

HARRISBURG AND COMMUNITY UPDATES INSIDE

WORKING FOR OUR DISTRICT

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Call (412) 781-2750 to set-up an onsite appointment with a Veteran Service Officer

10 AM - 2 PM

SEPTEMBER 14 - 15 | OCTOBER 13 - 14
NOVEMBER 16 - 17 | DECEMBER 14 - 15

Veterans may be assisted with:

- ★ Compensation + Pension Claims
- ★ Education Benefits
- ★ Enrollment in the VA Health Care System
- ★ Burial + Survivor Benefits
- ★ State Benefits
- ★ Obtaining Military Personnel + Medical Records

So far, Rep. Powell has brought in over

\$15 Million

in 2026!

Highlights include:

\$6 Million

in community revitalization for Etna, Millvale, and the Strip District.

Over
\$2.3 Million

for various apprenticeship and work study programs.

Over
\$280,000

to local fire departments and EMS groups.

\$176,000

to keep Allegheny County streams healthy.

\$100,000

for after school programming at the Sarah Heinz House.

\$200,000

to the new Etna Center for Community.