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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to take a few moments to update you on our progress this year, including the wins we've delivered and how they help families today while building momentum for the future.

From better-resourced schools to improved supports for veterans and retirees, we're investing in the people who make Dauphin County strong.

The state budget we passed directed new resources to Dauphin County schools where the need is greatest. Central Dauphin School District received \$6.8 million (+13.4%), Harrisburg City School District received \$9.5 million (+8.2%), Middletown Area School District received \$741,000 (+5.1%), and Steelton-Highspire School District received \$2.2 million (+12.2%). These investments expand classroom supports, strengthen safe and supportive learning environments, and help schools retain qualified educators with modern materials so every child has what they need to thrive.

We also honored lifelong public service and strengthened retirement security. The budget delivers a long overdue supplemental annuity for retired school employees, helping educators manage rising costs after years in the classroom. Retired municipal police officers and firefighters will receive a special post-retirement adjustment, recognizing careers spent safeguarding our communities. To protect retirees and taxpayers, we tightened oversight of state pension systems with routine stress testing and transparent reporting—supporting long-term fiscal stability and accountability.

Our veterans deserve timely, effective support. That's why the budget creates the Veterans' Trust Fund Board to strengthen grant oversight and distribution—so veterans and their families can readily access housing, behavioral health care, and other essential services. We also increased funding for the Paralyzed Veterans Pension, ensuring those who sacrificed for our nation receive the assistance they deserve.

The focus remains clear: invest where the need is greatest, ease pressure on taxpayers, and strengthen outcomes in every classroom. If you need assistance with a state service or want to share your priorities, please reach out—my team and I are ready to help.

Rep. Madsen



Putting Pennsylvanians Over Big Tech

I supported a commonsense legislative package that puts Pennsylvania families, workers, and neighborhoods ahead of billion-dollar data center developers. These bills would place clear guardrails on large data center projects, so growth serves, not strains, our communities.

The measures would strengthen local zoning authority, require real protections for our air, water, and energy resources, and end the costly sales-tax loophole for new data center equipment. The bottom line is simple: we're leveling the playing field—prioritizing people and the places we call home over corporate giveaways.

Summer Safety Fair

What a fantastic day at the Summer Safety Fair! A heartfelt thank you to the organizers, volunteers, and all the families who joined us.

Your enthusiasm helped create a warm, engaging environment where community members could connect with valuable safety resources, learn from local experts, and enjoy hands-on activities designed to keep our neighborhoods safer.



WebFX Announcement

WebFX recently announced a \$10.7 million investment to expand its presence in the region, bringing 100 new tech jobs and retaining 407 existing positions.

I joined Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Rick Siger, state Sen. Patty Kim, and state Rep. Nate Davidson to celebrate the Commonwealth's \$900,000 investment supporting this project. This milestone reflects strong collaboration and continued confidence in the Capital Region's growth.

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Coronet Park is officially open in downtown Harrisburg! Opening this new pocket park on Earth Day made the celebration even more meaningful, highlighting the themes of renewal, creativity, and community that shaped the project.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to the partners who helped bring this vision to life. Stop by, enjoy the space, and help make Coronet Park a vibrant new gathering spot in the heart of downtown.



I was honored to join state Sen. Patty Kim and state Rep. Nate Davidson in presenting a check to the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO to support the renovation of their Harrisburg headquarters. For more than six decades, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO has championed the needs of working families.

We recently helped secure a grant to restore their historic building, including new windows, asbestos abatement, and important energy efficiency upgrades. I'm proud to support the continued strength of this vital institution.

717 Community Day was a wonderful success. The basketball tournament brought out incredible energy—kids showcasing their skills with impressive teamwork, determination, and true sportsmanship. A heartfelt thank you to the coaches, volunteers, and families whose dedication made the day possible.



It was a pleasure to join Rep. Justin Fleming in recognizing Dr. John J. "Ski" Sygielski with a Pennsylvania House of Representatives citation commemorating his retirement and 15 years of leadership at HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College. His vision and commitment have left a lasting mark on the institution and its students. Congratulations to Dr. Ski on an extraordinary career.

Rep. Fleming and I are pleased to share that multiple Pennsylvania state government offices have been named among the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry's Greatest Places to Intern.

To celebrate, our interns—and the team who mentors them—enjoyed an exclusive tour of the Pennsylvania State Capitol, complete with a memorable visit to the House chamber. It was a motivating experience for these emerging leaders and a proud moment for all of us.



Harrisburg Pride Celebration

I was grateful to stand alongside colleagues and neighbors at Harrisburg's Pride celebration. A sincere thank you to Pride of Central PA for organizing such a vibrant parade and festival.

It was uplifting to see our community come together in support of inclusion, visibility, and a shared sense of belonging.



STATE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Applications are open for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program for taxes or rent paid in 2025. The Shapiro Administration has extended the filing deadline to December 31, 2026, giving eligible Pennsylvanians—older adults, widows and widowers, and individuals with disabilities—more time to apply. Recent changes to the program increased the maximum standard rebate to \$1,000 and raised income eligibility limits to \$48,110, helping thousands of residents qualify for relief.

The Department of Revenue reports strong participation, with more than 400,000 applications received so far this year. Many eligible Pennsylvanians still have time to apply for a rebate that could return up to \$1,000.

If you believe you qualify or need help completing your application, please contact my office at (717) 986-1673. Our team is ready to assist you every step of the way.

NEW DEADLINE

Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications
Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,550	\$1,000
Up to \$16,040	\$770
Up to \$19,240	\$460
Up to \$48,110	\$380

Applications due by **December 31, 2026**

LIHEAP \$100 Supplemental Payment for Eligible PA Households

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has announced a \$100 supplemental payment for eligible households through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Eligible households are those that received LIHEAP during the 2025–26 season and include at least one family member who has a disability, is age 60 or older, or is a child under six.

Approximately 193,000 households will automatically receive the \$100 supplemental payment. The payment will be issued to the same utility vendor that received the household's LIHEAP cash grant during the normal season. No action is required from eligible households. DHS will send a notice confirming eligibility and the supplemental payment.

Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit Delivers Millions in Relief

Pennsylvania's new Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit has already delivered nearly \$217 million in tax relief to more than 876,000 Pennsylvanians during the 2025 tax filing season. As additional tax returns are processed, the Shapiro Administration expects the program to provide approximately \$220 million to as many as 940,000 residents by the end of the year.

Created as part of the 2025-26 state budget, the WPTC is modeled after the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and provides eligible working families with a state tax credit equal to 10% of their federal EITC, worth up to \$805 in its first year.

The credit is helping families cope with rising everyday costs by putting more money back into their pockets. The Department of Revenue streamlined the application process by automatically calculating the credit for many online filers and has launched an online eligibility calculator to help more Pennsylvanians determine whether they qualify.

Contact our office for more information about the WPTC or any other state program or issue.

Veterans Temporary Assistance Program

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is offering financial assistance to veterans experiencing unexpected hardship through its Veterans Temporary Assistance program. This vital program provides eligible veterans and their surviving dependents with short-term help for basic needs like food, shelter, fuel, and clothing.

Since its creation, the program has provided more than \$8.6 million in support to over 9,650 service members, veterans, and families. Eligible individuals can receive up to \$1,600 in a 12-month period. Veterans must have served on active duty and received a discharge other than dishonorable, or have a service-connected disability; surviving dependents may also qualify.

Those seeking assistance can contact their County Veterans Affairs Director for help applying. More details on eligibility and documentation are available on the DMVA's Veterans Temporary Assistance webpage.



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NEW AWARDS

\$1.1 MILLION
for programs
benefitting our
District

The Joshua Group:
\$495,420
to expand after-school and summer out-of-school time programs for students in grades 1-12 in Harrisburg's most underserved neighborhoods.

Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg
\$400,000
to expand prevention-focused after-school and summer programs that will serve approximately 750 youth annually.

The Salvation Army in Harrisburg Capital City Region
\$217,456
to support and expand the Roller Enrichment Academy, a long-standing out-of-school-time program serving K-6 students.

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**Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program**

**\$3.75
MILLION**

**AWARDED TO PROJECTS
IN OUR DISTRICT**

\$2.25 Million

Harrisburg Broad Street Market

\$500K

Bishop Park - Phase 2
Development

\$500K

Cramer Long Term
Parking Facility

\$500K

Harrisburg City MLK
ADA Improvements



Available At My Office

- Pennsylvania Driver's Manuals and Commercial Driver's Manuals.
- Assistance with the Department of Human Services.
- Obtaining Birth and Death Certificates.
- PennDOT Services: vehicle registrations, reduced vehicle registration, special tags, titles, driver's license applications and disability placards.
- Questions for the PA Department of Revenue.
- Liaison to state agencies.
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program problems or questions.
- Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- Information about federal, state, and local government agencies.
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications.
- Unemployment compensation, disability, and workers' compensation.
- Problems with the PA Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- PACE/PACENET cards for senior citizens.
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions.
- Unclaimed property search.