

# State Representative | 38th Legislative District

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#### Dear Neighbor,

I am extremely proud of what my staff and I were able to accomplish during my first year serving the great folks of Baldwin, Dravosburg, Glassport, Liberty, Pleasant Hills, Port Vue, South Park, West Mifflin, and Whitehall. Although the year is still young, we are already on track to make it even better than last for the 38th District!

In 2021, we helped bring more than \$1.24 million of your tax dollars back to our communities through state grant programs. Since Jan. 1 of this year, we have already announced nearly \$800,000 in state grant funds that will go directly toward projects that support local schools, infrastructure upgrades, and recreational opportunities.

I'm particularly pleased that every municipality in our district has been awarded something since I took office. I pledge to continue fighting to ensure every community I represent gets what we deserve from Harrisburg.

I will continue working with my colleagues in the House to pass bipartisan legislation that improves the lives of all Pennsylvanians. I'm proud that H.B. 1220, a bill I wrote to help Pennsylvania veterans with disabilities, passed the House unanimously.

It's no secret that we're living in incredibly divided times. I'm looking forward to working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to make this legislative session as productive as possible. I'll continue doing everything in my power to see that the people of our great commonwealth get the highly effective government they deserve.

What issues are important to you? Please let me know by contacting my district office by phone at **(412) 466-1940** or by email at **<u>RepPisciottano@pahouse.net</u>**. As your state representative, I am eager to hear your thoughts and assist you with any state-related matter.

Yours in Service,



#### \$1.24 MILLION in state grant money for our district in 2021. Nearly \$800,000 awarded since Jan 1, 2022.

Glassport Borough

\$300.000

As your elected representative, it is my duty to ensure your hard-earned tax dollars are not going to waste. State grants are a huge opportunity to use tax money to improve our community. With my extensive background in public policy and finance, I am proud to help bring this money back into our district.

### \$4.8 MILLION

boost to education funding in the 2021 budget for schools in our district, including

#### \$695,000 for special education programs.

The foundation of every strong community is built upon public education, which is why one of my top priorities is ensuring our schools receive the funding they need to provide a high-quality education to our next generation of leaders.

## I SUPPORT OUR MILITARY VETERANS,

which is why I wrote and introduced House Bill 1220 to increase monthly pensions for veterans with disabilities in Pennsylvania, who haven't seen a pension increase since 1999. As a state legislator, I'll continue doing everything I can to support the brave men and women who have served our country.





#### VISIT MY WEBSITE TO START YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD A NEW CAREER.

As we rebuild our economy from the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential that workers can access the best employment opportunities and career paths in our region.

To help jobseekers connect with employers, I recently launched a new page on my website **www.RepNickPisciottano.com/EmploymentCenter** that offers free job training and career resources. It features all the necessary tools to search for and apply to good paying jobs, and it will be continuously updated with new information and opportunities. Check it out!

## I'M FIGHTING FOR ALL FAMILIES IN THE 38TH DISTRICT - INCLUDING MY OWN.





In August of 2021, my wife gave birth to our son, Nickolas, who we call "Nico." My family has lived in this region for many generations, and I can't think of a better place to raise a family than right here in our corner of Allegheny County. I wake up every morning with the goal of making our region better so that my son can grow up and start a family here, just as so many of us have done over the past generations.

## STANDING UP FOR VETERANS

#### HB 1220 PASSES

HB 1220 would increase the state monthly pension amount for blind, amputee, and paralyzed veterans from \$150 to \$200 and would index it to inflation. This would be the first increase in this pension since 1999.



### Looking for your next job?

Let my office help! Check out the Employment Center page on my website:

RepNickPisciottano.com/EmploymentCenter

## SUPPORTING LOCAL WORKERS

I am proud to represent more than 11,000 members of union households, including steelworkers, teachers, nurses, and more, who serve as the backbone of our local economy.



Last fall, I showed support for nurses demanding better working conditions in a profession that is reeling from the crushing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. My mother is a nurse, and I understand the calling that our caregivers answer, so I support policies and legislation – including the Patient Safety Act – that would provide safer working conditions and better wages for our health care heroes.



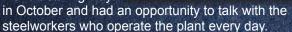


Steamfitters Local 449 Training Facility

Since taking office, I have toured several of the incredible union training centers in our region – including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #5 – that serve as a pipeline of talent for our next generation

As a member of the Pennsylvania House Steel Caucus, I joined a bipartisan group of legislators to tour U.S. Steel's Edgar Thomson Works as part of National Manufacturing Day









The Eastern Atlantic States Region Council of Carpenters' Pittsburgh Training Center

### **RECOGNIZING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS**

We have some incredible first responders in our community, and it's important we make sure they have access to the resources they need to protect us. My office recently announced nearly \$240,000 in state grant funds for local fire and EMS crews, and the House unanimously passed legislation last month that distributes \$25 million in American Rescue Plan funds to first responders across the commonwealth.



I was proud to support the Whitehall Fire Company's Food Truck Day!



Over the holidays, I got dressed up in my Christmas best and filled a shopping cart with games and toys to support the West Mifflin Police Dept. and Froggy Radio's toy drive on behalf of children in need.



Last May, I presented a House citation to Pleasant Hills Police Officer Kristin Mitrisin, who acted quickly to save the life of a 9-day-old baby.



In September, I presented each of the fire companies I represent with a special flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in memory of the lives lost on 9/11.



Chief Todd Plunkett, Assistant Chief Brian McCaffrey, Bill Plunkett, and Ernie Vattimo gave me a tour of Baldwin Emergency Medical Services in October.

## **HELPING OUR SENIORS THRIVE**



I presented constituent Catherine Priano with a citation from the House of Representatives to commemorate her 90th birthday.







My son, Nico, made his Halloween debut as Scrappy-Doo.







During Halloween, my staff and I dressed as the Scooby-Doo crew and hosted a very successful Senior Drive-Thru Fair in West Mifflin! We met more than 300 seniors, informed them about senior services available, and helped facilitate more than 140 COVID-19 booster and flu shots.









I love ice cream – almost as much as I love helping the seniors of our community enjoy their golden years! My office held five ice cream socials last year to answer questions and provide useful information about state programs available to local seniors. It was an absolute pleasure to meet so many wonderful folks in Glassport, Port Vue, West Mifflin, Whitehall, and Baldwin.



### SAVE THE DATE!

### SHRED PERSONAL DOCUMENTS AND PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WITH REP. PISCIOTTANO

The shred event will be held on:

#### Saturday Oct. 1, 2022 10 a.m. – noon

West Mifflin # 3 Fire Dept. 3722 Rodeo Dr. West Mifflin, PA 15122



Are you a homeowner? You may be eligible to receive assistance through a new state program, the Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund. Funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, PAHAF aims to assist Pennsylvania homeowners facing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, call my office at (412) 466-1940 or email **RepPisciottano@ pahouse.net**. Visit **www.pahaf.org** to apply online.

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### PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

for residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+





The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is an annual tax rebate program available to Pennsylvania homeowners and renters, funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery. State residents age 65 or older, widows and widowers age 50 or older, and people with disabilities age 18 or older are eligible to apply for a rebate of up to \$975. Apply online today at www.mypath.pa.gov. Have questions or want assistance applying? Please call my office at (412) 466-1940 or email RepPisciottano@pahouse.net. We are happy to help you!



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#### MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH

 Unemployment issues
 PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate
 Notarization of non-financial documents
 Senior bus passes
 PennDOT requests (titles, disability placards, REAL ID, etc.)
 Unclaimed property
 Utility issues

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### OTHER SERVICES MY OFFICE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH:

- Voter registration and vote by mail applications Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Car registrations, special tags and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds Birth and death certificates
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
   Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
   Problems or questions about the state lottery
   PACE cards for senior citizens
   Consumer complaints

If you need help with any state or government-related services, please contact my office by email at <u>RepPisciottano@pahouse.net</u> or by calling **412-466-1940**.