



State Representative | 82nd Legislative District

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Dear Neighbor,

It's an honor to represent the more than 62,000 residents of the 82nd Legislative District. It's been just 10 months since I took office, and with your help, we have already accomplished so much, both here and in Harrisburg. I've been proud to work alongside folks in this district striving to make our community stronger, as well as with my colleagues in Harrisburg to pass the state budget, fund much-needed projects in the 82nd Legislative District, expand the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, increase funding for our schools and county 911 call centers, support veterans, and so much more. If you have any thoughts or concerns about issues here in our community, contact my office and my team and I will assist you.



WORKING IN THE 82ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



When I began my first term as your state representative, I pledged to help improve the lives of all those who live, work, and play in Centre County by hosting events and community projects. To date I've hosted Property Tax/Rent Rebate clinics to help seniors stay in their homes, sponsored a community shredding event to ensure the safe disposal of documents containing personal information, and conducted my very first Bike Rodeo to teach folks of all ages a bit about bike safety and the wonderful cycling and recreational opportunities here in Centre County. If you have any suggestions for upcoming events, contact my office at (814) 308-0569 or email me at RepTakac@PAHouse.net.

WORKING FOR ALL PENNSYLVANIANS

When I was sworn into office, I pledged to represent everyone in the 82nd Legislative District. That's why I am a proud member of the new House Bipartisan Caucus. Our goal is to work together to deliver bipartisan solutions that address the issues that affect the people and communities we serve, because we know that there is much more that unites us than divides us. It is my hope that this caucus will allow us to begin to mend the deep political divisions here in Pennsylvania.



GRANTS AWARDED TO THE 82ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



REP. TAKAC

More than **\$3.1 Million** total awarded to the 82nd Legislative District

In the 82nd Legislative District, we've already received more than \$3.1 million in federal and state funding so far this year, much of it intended for financially hard-hit areas in northern Centre County. These grant awards support a wide variety of projects, from projects expanding electric vehicle charging stations along I-80, to funding improvements in energy efficiency and accessibility for community buildings, providing vehicles for local townships, authorities, and fire companies, to upgrading park and recreation facilities and improving pedestrian safety, updating traffic signals along Benner Pike, as well as grants to support tourism, treating substance use disorders, and much more.

- \$1 million from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program to TA Operating LLC and West Penn Power to plan, construct, and operate EV charging stations at 875 N. Eagle Valley Road along Exit 158 of Interstate 80 in Milesburg.
- \$1.5 million from the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Local Share Account to provide for projects undertaken by Snow Shoe Township and Borough, the Monument, Benner Township, and Mountaintop Regional Water Authorities, and Pine Glen Fire Company.
- \$190,880 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light-Go Program to update traffic signals along Benner Pike.
- \$78,991 to construct a pedestrian bridge in Walnut Springs Park to connect State College Borough and the Thompson Woods Nature Preserve in College Township.

- \$70,000 to the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau to help defray costs of promoting and supporting the inaugural Ironman 70.3 event in July.
- \$103,285 for local fire companies and emergency medical service providers across the 82nd Legislative District.
- \$165,000 to the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited to support restoration efforts in the Spring Creek and Bald Eagle Creek watersheds.

I have pledged to be a tireless advocate for the residents and organizations working to make our community such a great place to live. I'm proud to say we're off to a strong start.

ADVOCATING FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

In February, the Commonwealth Court declared Pennsylvania's public school funding system to be unconstitutional. We must act NOW to fairly fund our public schools. In Pennsylvania, 80% of public schools are underfunded, including nearly every rural school district.

That is why House Democratic Caucus leadership and the House Democratic Policy Committee toured schools across Pennsylvania on the "Save Our Schools" Tour this summer. Here in Centre County, we met at the Bald Eagle Area Middle and High School to hear from administrators at Bald Eagle Area, Keystone Central, and Forest Area school districts, about the many challenges that students and staff in rural schools face. From correcting inadequate funding, to improving career and technical education programs, to cutting through bureaucratic red tape, our caucus is committed to structural changes that will allow students, teachers, and staff to succeed.

House Democrats are committed to delivering better jobs, better schools, and safer communities. That includes investing in rural communities and fairly funding school districts across the state as they work to recruit and retain teachers, improve school safety and services, and better serve their local communities and taxpayers.



SUPPORTING VETERANS

I am proud to say that my first bill to pass the House of Representatives was H.B. 1086, which would allow the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to more easily transmit information from the voluntary Veterans Registry to key partners and providers with the Pennsylvania VETConnect Program. Through this legislation, we can help ensure veterans and their families can connect with all of the resources they deserve. I proudly watched as 190 members of the House voted in favor of the legislation. As a member of the House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, I'm committed to supporting those who are serving and have served our country.



TOURING FORT INDIANTOWN GAP AND THE 193RD AIR OPERATIONS COMMAND GROUP

The House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee toured the impressive and extensive facilities at Fort Indiantown Gap. The Pennsylvania National Guard is among the most active in the country and they train here year-round, along with military allies and public safety partners from across the country and the world.



I also had the opportunity to tour the 193rd Air Operations Command Group, located right here in the 82nd Legislative District. The 193rd AOC supports worldwide operations, including in the Middle East. It was so impactful to hear from these dedicated service members about their work to keep us safe, here and around the world.

SERVING ON THE AMERICA250PA INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

I am also honored to have been appointed to serve as a regional representative on the America250PA Infrastructure Improvement & Projects Committee, working to prepare for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, right here in PA, in 1776. On June 2nd, the committee met to hear about opportunities to make investments that will showcase Centre County's key contributions to the development of our commonwealth and our nation. The goal is to identify and make investments that not only attract tourists and spur economic development as we build toward 2026, but will have lasting, sustainable economic impacts for decades to come.



SUPPORTING 911 FUNDING

The first responders manning county 911 call centers 24/7 work diligently to protect and serve residents across the state. The significant costs of running a modern, complex call center often place a disproportionate burden on local taxpayers. That's why I support legislation to modestly increase 911 surcharges on cell phone users in order to reduce the burden on local taxpayers and ensure the continued availability of this essential service.



HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Electric vehicles reduce emissions and save Pennsylvanians money. That's why I joined the folks at PennEnvironment to announce the results of a recent study, which found that state and local governments can save taxpayers more than \$360 million over the next 10 years by transitioning their light-duty fleets to EVs, rather than continuing to purchase gasoline and diesel-fueled vehicles. Transitioning to EVs helps the environment, but also offers real relief for taxpayers.



SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is Pennsylvania's #1 industry, bringing in over \$132 billion every year. As a member of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, I'm committed to supporting advancements in agriculture, including promoting organic farming where we're currently #3 in the U.S., supporting small and family farms, ensuring environmentally friendly and regenerative practices, and much more. I had the opportunity to join members of the General Assembly, Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Governor Josh Shapiro, and members of PA's Congressional delegation at Penn State's Ag Progress Days, which showcases the latest research and innovations in agricultural science.



TOURING THE RODALE INSTITUTE AND POCONO ORGANICS

I also toured the Rodale Institute and Pocono Organics to learn more about this fast-growing industry. Today, organic farming accounts for more than \$1 billion in sales in PA, third only to California and Washington. The Rodale Institute and Penn State Ag Extension provide expert guidance and critical resources for both new and long-time farmers, including those making the transition to organic practices.

HOSTING MY FIRST BIKE RODEO

In August, I hosted my first Bike Rodeo where riders of all ages learned more about bike safety and tested their skills on an obstacle course set up by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the State College Police Department. We also had a bike registration station, mechanical safety checks, local organizations promoting pedestrian and bike safety, and information on all the ways our offices can help. While we are blessed here in Centre County with an abundance of trails to explore and enjoy, we also need to make additional investments in infrastructure to help keep everyone safe.



EXPANDING THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

DEADLINE EXTENDED
DUE DECEMBER 31

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM DEADLINE

What you need to provide:

- EVERYONE**
All earned income tax forms (1099 SSI, W2s, etc.)
- HOMEOWNERS**
Copies of all paid tax bills
- RENTERS**
Signed form from the landlord

\$35,000
household income for homeowners

&

\$15,000
household income for renters

For those on Social Security, half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility



In August, Governor Josh Shapiro signed House Bill 1100, which greatly expands the eligibility and positive impact of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, allowing even more seniors and those in need to continue living in their homes.

In 2024, the program will:

- Increase the maximum income limit for homeowners from \$35,000 to \$45,000.
- Increase the maximum income limit for renters from \$15,000 to \$45,000.
- Automatically increase income limits with inflation, beginning in the claim year 2024.
- Increase the maximum rebate from \$650 to \$1,000.

With this expansion, 1,200 more people in Centre County – and more than 175,000 across Pennsylvania – will qualify for PTRR tax relief, making the expansion a win for ALL Pennsylvanians. This expansion makes a good program even better.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Do you have unclaimed property? The PA Treasury Department is seeking owners of unclaimed property, which may include uncashed checks, unused gift cards, life insurance policies and more. Check to see if you or someone in your family is on the list of unclaimed property recipients at www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/ or contact my office so we can help you find and claim your property!

The 2023/24 Budget
Increases Funding for Schools in our Community

- Bald Eagle Area SD**
\$11.2 Million (5.4% ↑)
- Bellefonte Area SD**
\$12.4 Million (8.6% ↑)
- State College Area SD**
\$16 Million (13.8% ↑)
- Keystone Central Area SD**
\$27.9 Million (6.0% ↑)

ON THE BUDGET

In August, Governor Josh Shapiro signed the state's budget, which:

- Increases funding for public education by more than \$714 million.
- Invests in the Whole Home Repairs Program.
- Establishes the Fresh Food Financing Initiative.
- Expands the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.
- Supports critical healthcare facilities and EMS providers.
- And much more.

As an example, this budget increases funding for public school districts serving the 82nd Legislative District by over \$5 million; increases aid to repair homes in Centre County and the state; addresses food insecurity; improves public safety, and supports seniors and those living with a disability.



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Howard, PA

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Every Thursday
Howard United Methodist Church
144 Main Street
Howard, PA 16841

Snow Shoe, PA

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Snow Show Township Building
268 Old Side Rd.
Clarence, PA 16829

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District Office Services

I'm ready to work for you!

- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate**
- **Unemployment Compensation**
- **Disability Placards**
- **Birth/Death Certificate applications**
- **Car registration, special tags, titles/license plate applications**



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In addition to our main office hours at 216 West Hamilton Avenue in State College, my team also holds satellite office hours in both Snow Shoe and Howard. We'll also have more locations and times added soon. Staff at my district office and satellite offices are available to assist you with a variety of state services, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications, PennDOT disability placards, birth certificates, and more. More information about my State College office and other state services is below.



Scan the QR code on the left to subscribe to my emails and follow me on social media. You'll receive a weekly email from me, updating you on my work in Centre County and Harrisburg.