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Dear Neighbor,

It is hard to believe winter will soon be upon us. This fall has been busy! I've spent many days in Harrisburg working on legislation to support our communities and even more days in the district hosting events and meeting with neighbors and community groups to understand issues and address concerns.

In early October, the House passed a \$1 billion tax cut plan to support working families and make Pennsylvania more business friendly. Support for affordable housing and public transit, expanded tax credits for childcare and a personal

Earned Income Tax Credit will help boost working families. Acceleration of PA's corporate tax reductions and closure of tax loopholes will strengthen our business climate and make us more competitive, encourage growth, and promote tax fairness.

Work in Harrisburg continues. The provision of my bill (HB479) to increase funding for EMS transportation was included as part of HB1351 and signed into law by the Governor as Act 15 of 2023. This grants EMS providers payment for all ambulance transportation. I was also recently added

to the Local Government Committee where I hope to use my experience as a township commissioner to support our municipalities.

Team 168 continues to keep busy, and we thank everyone who has attended one of our many events, stopped by the office, or reached out by phone or email. We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve. Stop by and see us!

In service,

SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON HOSPITAL CLOSURES AND CONSOLIDATION

I reached another legislator milestone in October by chairing my first subcommittee meeting! The Health Committee's subcommittee on health facilities met to discuss the ripple effects of hospital consolidations and closures.

Our main concern is how to respond when these moves leave entire communities with unmet health needs. We heard a variety of testimony in this regard from health equity researchers, policy experts, and antitrust attorneys from the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at UPenn, the National Academy of State Health Policy, the PA Health Access Network, and the Office of the PA Attorney General.

Here in Delaware County, we have already seen the negative effects of for-profit healthcare companies acquiring community hospitals. Facilities have been closed and vital services have ceased in some of the most vulnerable parts of the county, leaving thousands struggling to access care and putting more strain on other hospitals. This trend is simply dangerous and unsustainable. I look forward to engaging more voices and working with my colleagues on the Health Committee to find legislative solutions to this issue.

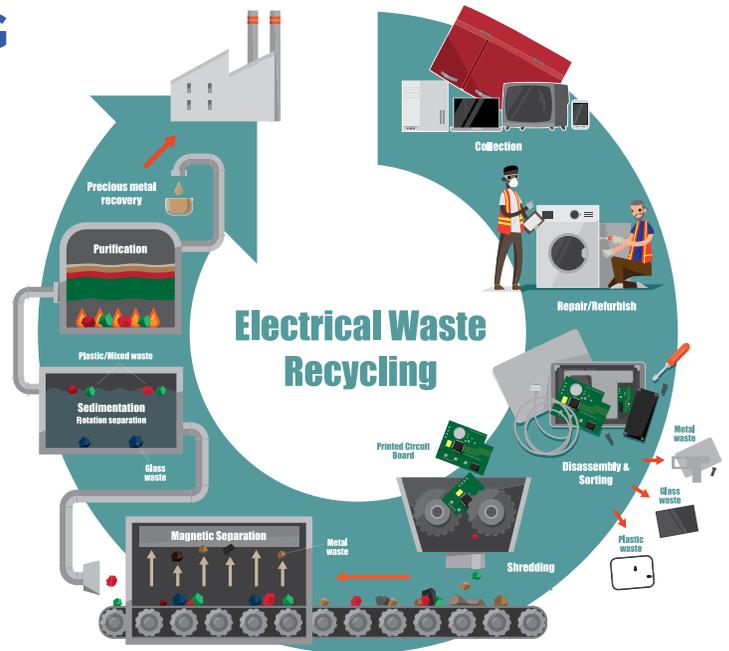


HARRISBURG UPDATE

E-WASTE RECYCLING HEARING

HB1607 is starting to move through the committee process. First step was a hearing with my colleagues on the Consumer Protection, Utilities and Technology Committee. In preparation I visited an e-waste recycling business in North Philadelphia to better understand the process.

Breaking down these components creates jobs and helps ensure the waste gets to the proper place for recycling or disposal. HB1607 would create funding to support this effort and make it easier for people to dispose of their e-waste. Not only good for consumers, but good for the environment! I look forward to working with my colleagues and stakeholders to refine the legislation and bring it forward for full House consideration.



MORGAN ROSE'S LAW

The best legislation is home grown. Recently, Rep. Craig Williams and I introduced legislation named after the daughter of Colleen and John Hosbach. Their daughter, Morgan Rose, sadly passed away from SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) at the young age of 23. Colleen is now a fierce advocate for patient information and enhancing funding for epilepsy research. Morgan Rose's Law supports both and I am excited to work with Colleen and the many stakeholders with a vested interest in seeing this legislation pass.

ANTI-SLAPP PASSES THE HOUSE (HB1466)

A bill I introduced with several of my colleagues to create protections against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, or SLAPPs, passed the House unanimously! SLAPPs are lawsuits filed against a person or organization for criticizing, via public statement or sentiment, a matter of interest to the filer.

While SLAPPs will often cite legal theories such as defamation or invasion of privacy, the true purpose of a SLAPP is to deter or silence critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defense.

The legislation we passed would create a process, based upon protected speech, to quickly dismiss SLAPP lawsuits through a motion to dismiss. If the motion is successful, defendants may recover attorney's fees, costs and damages related to the action. The bill also includes a SLAPP back provision, so if a party invokes a SLAPP motion frivolously or solely to cause unnecessary delay, the court will award attorney's fees and costs to the non-moving party.

SLAPP suits are adult bully tactics – you don't get to clog up our legal system and sue somebody just because you don't like what they have to say. This legislation strengthens freedom of speech and offers more protections from frivolous lawsuits for Pennsylvanians.

IN THE DISTRICT



Willows Park 50th Anniversary Celebration

With the help of Radnor Township and the Willows Park Preserve, Rose Garland Mansion is once again hosting community and private events. This is what a successful public-private partnership looks like!

Intern Sustainability Event

Becca and Alex, our fabulous summer interns, hosted a Sustainability Info Session for residents to learn more about environmental issues impacting our area and how to make your home greener. We were thrilled to partner with Delco's Office of Sustainability and PECO.



Visit to the Colonial Plantation

I was transported back to the 1700s during my visit to the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation with a personal tour from Board President Chuck Barr! I thank Rachel and colonial cook extraordinaire Sarah for demonstrating how the plantation operates now just as it did under the Pratt Family in the pre-Revolutionary War era.



Pints in the Square

I had a great time enjoying local brews and hanging with familiar faces at Pints in the Square, all in the name of supporting Newtown Square Fire Company. It was a great day with excellent turnout!



Shred Event Success

We helped more than 100 neighbors shred documents and get rid of old medication while also stocking the shelves at Media Food Bank. A special thank you to J&K Shredding, the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, and the volunteers from the Media Food Bank.

Learning More about E-Recycling

I visited People Advancing Reintegration Recycle Works in North Philly with my colleague Rep. Green to learn more about the work they do to ensure electronic waste is properly recycled, while also employing formerly incarcerated citizens.



Edgmont Twp Community Day

My team and I had a great time at Edgmont Township's 2nd Annual Community Day chatting with neighbors and meeting community groups and vendors providing information and an array of treats.



DCTS Emergency and Protective Services Program

I spent an informative afternoon at the Delaware County Technical School in Folcroft learning about the Emergency & Protective Services program offered to Delco high school students interested in a career in fire, EMS, or law enforcement. The program is growing and graduating students ready to serve their communities.



Delco Chamber of Commerce State House Forum

My fantastic colleagues and I attended the Delco Chamber of Commerce’s State House Forum to discuss how we’re working to support businesses across Delco (and PA). It was wonderful to have everyone in the beautiful 168th on the Elwyn campus for a dialogue with the business community, and I thank the Chamber for hosting this event.

Overdose Vigil

I joined Senators Tim Kearney and John Kane at their annual Overdose Vigil in Media to mourn the over 150 Delco residents who were taken by this deadly disease last year. The speakers’ stories gave me hope that we can end the overdose epidemic and I look forward to joining my colleagues at all levels of government to implement evidence-based solutions to support those affected by addiction.



Senior Fair

I could not be more grateful to all the organizations that made my inaugural Senior Resource Fair a success. We had 50+ vendors at Penn State Brandywine sharing info with the 168th’s older adults about healthcare, government services, and community activities.



Visit to Ridley Creek State Park

I met with Ridley Creek State Park’s Park Manager, Lexi Rose, and learned about the park’s facilities and the important role it plays in the community. I’m excited PA is investing almost \$2.5 million into the park for repaving, building revitalization, replacing the emergency generator, restroom rehab, hazardous tree removal, Cowbridge repairs, and electric line replacement.



Gun Violence & Children’s Mental Health

Gun violence is impacting our communities and, sadly, our children at an alarming rate. In September, I partnered with Ceasefire PA to host a townhall on keeping kids safe from gun violence in our schools. We heard from first responders from Main Line EMS and the State Police as well as local high school students about the realities of gun violence and the toll it is taking on students’ mental health.



Visiting Villanova

I spent a lovely afternoon at Villanova learning about their Office of Veterans & Military Service Members and meeting with the leadership of the Fitzpatrick College of Nursing. I love talking to local experts to inform how Pennsylvania can better serve our veterans and nurses.

First Responders Day

I celebrated our front-line heroes this month with Rocky Run Fire Company, PA State Police, Edgmont Fire Company, Newtown Square Fire Company, Radnor Fire Company, Newtown Township Police, and Radnor Township Police. Thank you to all first responders for keeping the communities of the 168th safe.



In October, I joined other elected officials from across Delco to discuss the issue in a forum with the Child Guidance Resource Centers. This is a public health crisis, and we must collaborate on solutions that address all the contributing issues, including social determinants, access to guns, mental & physical health, and education.

UPCOMING EVENTS / PROGRAM DEADLINES

JOIN REP. LISA BOROWSKI FOR
A
CLOTHING DRIVE
IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY



Donations accepted January
2nd to January 31st

9AM - 5PM

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CLOTHING DONATION

GUIDELINES

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
New or Gently Used
Menswear & Womenswear

- Casual
- Professional
- Scrubs/Uniforms
- Formal

Accessories

- Ties & Pocket Squares
- Hosiery & Trouser Socks
- Handbags & Wallets
- Belts, Jewelry & Scarves

Travel Sized Toiletries

- Soap & Lotion
- Toothbrushes & Paste
- Shaving Cream & Razors
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Cosmetics & Skincare

Non-profits across the commonwealth are changing lives every day. Rep. Borowski's HB1606 is designed to support the gift-in-kind donations they receive. To help demonstrate the impact of this legislation, Rep Borowski is partnering with The Wardrobe to collect gently used work attire.

See reverse side for donation instructions ->

Nothing over two years old, out of season, ripped, torn, stained, faded or peeling.

Items with missing buttons, broken zippers, odor or animal hair are unacceptable.

Please wash clothes before donating!

JOIN REP. LISA BOROWSKI
FOR A
TOWN HALL MEETING

RADNORSHIRE ROOM
301 IVEN AVE., WAYNE,
PA 19087



Thursday, Nov. 30th
6:30PM - 8:30PM

Learn more about what is happening in Pennsylvania government directly from your state legislator and ask questions about what matters most to you and your community!

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Property Tax/Rent Rebate Event

We can help you apply before the deadline!

 **Tuesday, December 5**
All Day

 **Newtown Square Office**
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FREE LEGAL WORKSHOP

presented by
Rep. Lisa A. Borowski
& Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

Senior Legal Clinic

Get help with **simple wills, durable Powers of Attorney & healthcare directives** at no cost for seniors (60+) who meet income criteria. 

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

at **Rep. Borowski's Office**
24 S. Newtown Street Road, Suite 100
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To ask a question or sign up, contact Erika Felpel at efelpel@lasp.org or 484-275-0672.
Registration is required.

877-429-5994 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or lasp.org/apply
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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

Thursday, December 14
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My Office Can Help With:

- PACE & PACENET prescription assistance for seniors
 - Voter registration forms & absentee ballot applications
 - Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program forms
 - PA Higher Education Assistance Agency applications
 - PA 529 College Savings Plans
 - Requests for state informational materials
 - Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - Obtaining birth or death certificates
 - PennDOT problems & questions
 - Questions about state agencies
 - Citations from the PA House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
 - SEPTA Senior Keys
 - Notary services for state documents
- ...and much more. Just ask!

Our PA MEDI Counselor has appointments on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. – noon to assist those currently or soon-to-be enrolled in Medicare (or another state-related healthcare program).

These counselors are trained experts on Medicare & Medicaid, plus supplemental

insurance programs and prescription drug plans. At no cost, they can help you find and enroll in the best program that suits your needs, as well as financial assistance programs that may be able to help you pay for your premium, deductible, and co-pays.

Call us to schedule an appointment: (484) 427-2884.

A PA MEDI COUNSELOR CAN HELP YOU TO:

- Understand Medicare eligibility & enrollment
- Understand what services are covered under Medicare Parts A and B and your Medicare Summary Notice
- Understand your Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) benefit
- Make informed choices about Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies and Medicare Advantage Plans *and more!*



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