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Burns delivers more than \$115 million to district

Boosted by the July award of \$555,700 in Community Development Block Grants, more than \$115 million in state funds has flowed into the 72nd Legislative District since Rep. Burns took office eight years ago.

That's an average of nearly \$14.4 million per year, to help with economic development, water and sewerage, conservation, arts-promotion, pollution prevention, and recycling projects, among others.

The most recent round of CDBG funding shaped up this way: Cambria Township \$98,276, Cresson Township \$84,321, Jackson Township \$84,764 and Cambria County \$288,352.

Burns is proud of his record in acquiring state funds and pledges to keep putting his know-how to use for you.



'Charlie Vizzini Volunteerism Award' presented to namesake Burns staffer



Rep. Burns with office volunteer Charlie Vizzini, whose donation of 8,000 hours of time serving constituents has saved taxpayers \$80,000.

For the past eight years that Charlie Vizzini has worked in Rep. Burns' Ebensburg office, **he hasn't accepted a penny** of compensation while resolving well over 1,000 constituent issues.

The 8,000 hours Vizzini's put in are valued at \$80,000, which prompted Burns and his other staff to bestow upon him the first-ever "Charlie Vizzini Volunteerism Award" at a surprise July banquet.

The award will be given out every year to someone in the 72nd Legislative District who, like Vizzini, has volunteered to better the community and set an example of selflessness.

Burns' office SAVED taxpayers \$137,000 Refuses state car and cell phone

Since taking office, Rep. Burns has **spent less than allotted** for office rent, mileage, utilities, telephones, furniture leases and office equipment – to the tune of \$57,000, including \$7,000 in the current legislative session.

Coupled with the \$80,000 in savings from Ebensburg office volunteer Charlie Vizzini, Burns has saved taxpayers approximately \$137,000 – and counting!

Burns supports reducing Pennsylvania's gasoline tax

Painfully aware that Pennsylvanians already pay the nation's highest state gasoline tax — at 51.4 cents per gallon — Rep. Burns wants to abolish another 10-cent hike scheduled to take effect in 2017.

Burns has co-sponsored a bill to delete the increase, which is likely to be passed on to consumers. Burns opposed a 2013 state transportation funding bill because it hiked the gas tax and numerous driver-related fees, and calls for providing nearly \$500 million a year for public transit agencies by 2017-18.

"It's unconscionable that we'd sock motorists with a new 19-percent hike in the gasoline tax. We're asking people who need to drive to get to work to pay even more at the pump to subsidize those who use public transportation, which isn't right."

— Rep. Burns, who wants to repeal the increase scheduled for 2017.

Burns does not think **you** should have to pay higher gasoline taxes so that **someone else** can ride public transit more cheaply.

Burns willing to examine budgeting reforms to spend tax dollars more wisely

Rep. Burns knows how you feel about higher taxes — which is why he's withstood enormous pressure in Harrisburg and refused to increase sales or income taxes to balance the state budget.

As a fiscally conservative Democrat, Burns thinks that instead of asking you to pay more and more,



Pennsylvania needs to look at ways to save money and enhance government performance.

That's why he supports "performance-based budgeting," whereby programs would be

forced to justify their yearly allocations, and "priority-based budgeting," whereby certain results would be expected at certain funding levels.

Who wouldn't agree that those who receive state money — your tax dollars — should have to justify the need, instead of simply taking the cash flow for granted?

Burns stands up for Pa. workers: 'Stop contractors from hiring illegals'

U.S. jobs should go to U. S. citizens, which is why Rep. Burns supports a bill that would require



any contractor or subcontractor working on a project to have their employees approved by the E-Verify Program run by the Department of Homeland Security.

Under the bill, construction firms would have to verify employee citizenship in order to get a

municipal building permit — and municipalities could levy a \$350 fine for any employee not verified.

The bill would also offer legal protections to any employee who reports their employer for violations, or who was part of an investigation into noncompliance.

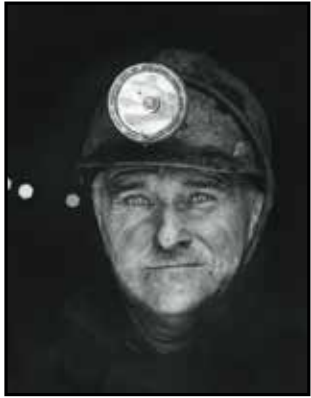
"This bill is about saving Pennsylvania jobs, by penalizing unscrupulous contractors who hire the 35,000 illegals working in our state. We should level the playing field for contractors who do the right thing and hire legal workers," Burns said.



Rep. Burns took a moment to flash the "thumbs up" sign with fourth-grader Aleaha Partsch, in celebration of her making the honor roll at Forest Hills Elementary School.

Burns protects hundreds of coal jobs; tax credit could save industry

Rep. Burns affixed his signature to a letter to the governor, urging support for creating a \$4-per-ton tax credit for electric-



generation facilities that use coal refuse as a fuel source.

Widely supported by members of the Southwest Delegation, the proposal would help the state reclaim 8,500 acres of

abandoned mine land containing more than 2 billion cubic yards of coal refuse.

In addition to improving air and water quality, Burns believes the move would also help preserve good, family-sustaining jobs associated with the coal refuse energy industry, as three power plants in the 72nd Legislative District could benefit.

The tax credit became part of the 2016-17 state budget.

Burns urges Hillary Clinton to support coal

Rep. Burns, as secretary of the Northwest Democratic Caucus, signed a letter urging Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton to keep coal in the national energy portfolio in any administration she may head.

"The use of coal is not incompatible with a clean energy platform. The coal industry has made huge investments in reducing carbon emissions, and in Pennsylvania, we've seen a 70 percent decline in greenhouse gas emissions in the past 20 years," the letter stated.

Burns believes the letter was needed because Pennsylvania cannot afford to lose any more coal-fired power plants due to federal regulations, a number that currently stands at 30.

POLICE back BURNS' 'Blue Lives Matter' bill

At the Fraternal Order of Police picnic held at Carrolltown Ballfield on Aug. 7, Rep. Burns picked up additional support for his Blue Lives Matter legislation, which would make assaulting a law enforcement officer a hate crime in Pennsylvania.

Burns' bill would stiffen the penalty for assaulting a police, corrections, parole or probation officer, sending a clear signal that we will protect those who protect us!

The state chapter of the FOP has also sent Burns a letter of support for his legislation.



Law enforcement officers supporting the Blue Lives Matter bill are (from left): Josh Dignan, Patton Borough; John Blake, Northern Cambria Borough; Jeff McEvoy, Carrolltown Borough; Shaun Gregory, Jackson Township; Rep. Burns, William T. Hines Jr., Cambria County detectives; and Kristy Freoni, Cambria Township.



Jackson Township policeman Shaun Gregory helps Rep. Burns send the message that it's time to Back the Blue and make assault of law enforcement officers a hate crime.

Dear Representative Burns,

Law enforcement personnel have been singled out for attacks across the country, just because they wear the uniform, most recently in Baton Rouge and Dallas where eight police officers tragically lost their lives. (Your) legislation will give law enforcement officers, as well as corrections officers at state or county institutions, additional protections under the states' "hate crimes" statute by raising the penalties for such heinous crimes.

The FOP Pennsylvania State Lodge supports H.B. 2261 and thanks you for your continued support of Pennsylvania's law enforcement officers.

Joseph Regan, chairman
FOP Pennsylvania legislative committee

Buddy Benches continue being placed in district by Burns

As part of a continuing campaign, Rep. Burns recently donated "Buddy Benches" to the Greater Johnstown Youth League (left) and the Lilly Ballfield (below). Several schools throughout the 72nd Legislative District have already gotten the benches, which give children a place to go if they're looking for a playmate.



Rep. Burns travels the 72nd to meet with ...



John Wagner and Ted Fudalski of Dean Township, and Tom Krozel of Tunnelhill Borough.



Richard Potter and Chet Sewalk of Croyle Township.



Jim Melayk, Tim Bracken and Chuck Gironda of Cambria Township.

Rep. Burns' Four Offices Can Help You With:

- Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Any problem with state government!