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SPRING UPDATE

### Boyle sworn-in, appointed to Government Oversight Committee, and Democratic Chairman of State Government Committee

The first day of 2019 brought a new chapter for Pennsylvania. I stood with my colleagues, both new and returning, to be sworn in to begin the new legislative session.

I am so grateful to serve all of you in the 172nd Legislative District for another term, and to step into my new role as the Democratic Chairman of the State Government Committee!

I'm honored to serve as chairman of this committee and I'm excited to start tackling a wide variety of issues in this role, including fighting against discrimination based on race, sexual identity or gender. I also look forward to establishing more bipartisan cooperation with the new Republican chairman to make this session a productive and successful one. The committee addresses issues such as voting rights, discrimination, government reform and redistricting. It's also responsible for lobbying disclosure, state agency procurement and labor agreements, campaign finance and election laws.

In addition to serving as the Democratic Chairman of this committee, I'm excited to begin my role in the newly formed Government Oversight Committee.

The committee is now among one of three committees with subpoena power, and is used as a check on the effectiveness of laws - a way to follow up and investigate actions of the executive branch. I hope it will represent a bipartisan effort for accountability of both parties.

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Rep. Boyle visited the Fox Chase Wellness Center in March with City Commissioner Lisa Deeley to inform constituents of the different state services and resources available to them.



Rep. Boyle spoke at the dedication ceremony in February for the John Marynowitz Gymnasium, which opened in Robery S. Hayes Memorial Park and will be the new home for the Bustleton Bengals.



Rep. Boyle enjoyed participating in the League of Women Voters' Annual Legislative Interview in January.



Rep. Boyle joined his colleagues for the unveiling of the Philadelphia Delegation's priorities for this legislative session.

## Apply now for your Property Tax/Rent Rebate

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications for the 2018 tax year are now available – and my staff can help you file yours for free!

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians:

- 65 or older
- O Widows and widowers 50 or older
- People with disabilities 18 or older.

The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters.

Half of Social Security income is excluded and the maximum standard rebate is \$650.

Claimants must reapply for rebates every year because they are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid each year. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2018 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2018 is June 30, 2019, and the rebates normally are distributed beginning July 1. So, the sooner you file, the sooner you will receive your money!

REMEMBER TO CONTACT MY OFFICE FOR FREE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE ASSISTANCE. MY STAFF AND I ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

### PHILADELPHIA delegation PLAN TO MOVE PA FORWARD

In January, I joined my colleagues in the Philadelphia House Delegation to outline our plan for this legislative session.

Together, we're working to improve Philadelphia by focusing state support for education and schools, criminal justice reform, health care for all, strengthening commercial corridors, and alternative energy methods.

With this agenda, we want to grow our economy and create good jobs in Philadelphia and across the state. We will work to provide opportunities for students starting in high school to prepare them for career planning and higher education. We want to give Pennsylvanians the skills they need to succeed in our 21st century job market and help build a well-educated, highly-skilled and healthy workforce.

### UPCOMING EVENTS I WANT TO SEE YOU! COME OUT TO OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS.

Come out to our upcoming shredding event to safely dispose of unwanted personal documents and information to protect your identity.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside of our Fox Chase District office located at 7801 Hasbrook Ave., Philadelphia.

Common types of unwanted items that should be shredded include credit card statements, bank statements, income tax information, insurance records and retirement fund information. There is a limit of three boxes per person. All paper will be recycled.

### SENIOR Fair

Our Senior Fair will be held on Friday, May 17th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fox Chase Recreation Center located at 7901 Ridgeway St., Philadelphia.

In addition to lunch, there will be entertainment, giveaways and pertinent information about state and local programs to benefit you.

Please RSVP to attend by contacting my district office at (215) 695-1016.

If you have a question about any future events or another state-related concern, please call or visit my office!

## REAL ID Now Available

DID YOU KNOW THAT AFTER OCT. 1, 2020, YOU WILL NEED A REAL ID-COMPLIANT PA LICENSE OR ID CARD (U.S. PASSPORT OR MILITARY ID) TO BOARD A DOMESTIC FLIGHT OR ENTER A SECURE FEDERAL FACILITY?

### What is **REAL ID**?

The REAL ID Act is a federal law that requires stateissued driver's licenses and ID cards to meet certain security requirements to be used as proper identification to board domestic commercial flights or enter military installations or other secure federal facilities. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents, so you can choose to keep your current driver's license or identification card if you wish. If you choose to get a Real ID, then the expiration date of your initial Real ID will include any time remaining on your current license or ID card, plus an additional four years, unless you are over 65 and have a two-year license.

However, if you do not obtain a REAL ID and don't have another form of acceptable identification (such as a U.S. passport or Military ID), you won't be able to fly domestically or enter secure federal facilities after Oct. 1, 2020.

To get a REAL ID, you can take necessary identifying documentation to any PennDOT Driver's License Center for verification NOW. After your documents are verified, you can order your REAL ID online – no need to go back to the license center. PennDOT will use your most recent photo on file and your REAL ID will arrive in the mail in up to 15 business days.

There are three ways to obtain your REAL ID:

- Through the mail.
- Online; and
- In person

Online and mail will only be available to those who pre-verify successfully. Those who were provided their initial license or ID card from PennDOT after 2003 are required to pre-verify online or in person. Customers can visit now to have their documents verified and imaged at a REAL ID center.

A note to folks who received their first PA driver's license or ID card after September 2003: Your documents may already be on file with PennDOT, so you may be able to complete the entire process online. Visit www.penndot. gov to learn more.







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#### My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Problems with the Department of Human
  - Services (food stamps, welfare)
- Requests for literature of all kinds bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
  - Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC

- Consumer complaints
- Complaints about road conditions
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability plates and placards
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies
- Notary services

#### Any problem with state government!