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## HELLO NEIGHBOR,

It's been almost a year since I was sworn in as state representative for Pennsylvania's 21st Legislative District. So far, the honor of representing you in Harrisburg has been an incredibly humbling and rewarding experience. It's been inspiring to meet so many people from all walks of life throughout our community, to hear their stories, and to learn about their concerns and priorities.

The accomplishments up to this point have been nothing short of historic—the passage of the \$47.5 billion 2024-25 state budget includes **over \$9.3 million for public schools right here in the 21st District**. These investments will provide critical resources to support our teachers, enhance student learning, and ensure our schools have the tools they need to succeed. Beyond education, this budget also includes important funding for infrastructure, healthcare, and community development that will benefit our region and the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

But the work doesn't stop here. My team and I are dedicated to continuing to push for meaningful change. Currently, I'm

focused on advancing legislation that will support affordable housing, create green jobs in sustainable energy, and expand access to healthcare. I'm especially excited about an upcoming initiative to study the impact of short-term rentals in our communities, ensuring we maintain the balance between economic growth and neighborhood preservation.

As always, my team is eager to assist residents of the 21st District however we can—whether it be state-related programs like the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, applications for senior bus passes, or connecting you with government agencies and community organizations. Don't hesitate to reach out or stop by our office!

# UPDATE FROM HARRISBURG

I'm also proud to have spearheaded some key policy initiatives that I am particularly passionate about. And while I'm not usually one to brag, I'm thrilled to report that in my short time in Harrisburg, **three bills that I wrote have been passed by the House with bipartisan support (!!!)** and are now being considered by the Senate. Among them are:

- **Protecting Victims of Violent Crime (H.B. 2162):** This bill would expand protections for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault who live in public housing to include survivors of all violent crimes and would give them more time to request relocation, helping more people stay safe and securely housed after falling victim to a crime.
- **Supporting Housing and Community Growth (H.B. 1064):** This bill would change the rules for how cities can use special funds from new development projects (Tax Increment Financing Districts), letting them use the money to create affordable housing, offer job programs, and help communities grow without pushing people out of their neighborhoods.
- **Banning AirTag Stalking (H.B. 416):** This bill would make it illegal for people to use tracking devices, like AirTags, to track someone's location against their wishes. This is a massive step towards making our communities safer and holding big tech companies accountable.

I've also written several other pieces of legislation that I will continue to advocate for and fight to get across the finish line. Among them are initiatives to increase homeownership in our area, protections for striking workers, and access to broadband and internet services for low-income families. Here are more details on those initiatives:

- **Affordable Broadband Internet Access (H.B. 2195):** This bill would create a program like the federal Affordable Connectivity Program, giving families in need \$30 each month to help pay for their internet. It would be for households with at least one child between the ages of 5 and 18.
- **Affordable Homeownership Act (H.B. 2454):** This bill would let the Department of Community and Economic Development distribute grants for projects like buying properties to convert into affordable housing, homebuyer assistance, home repair programs, and more. It aims to help more Pennsylvanians become homeowners, leading to stronger and happier communities across the state.

Looking ahead, I'm committed to a practical, results-driven approach to legislating and putting forward policies that I believe can garner bipartisan support and deliver real results for people in Pittsburgh, Shaler, Etna, Millvale, and Reserve.



- **Protecting Workers' Healthcare During Strikes (H.B. 1911):** This bill would protect employees from losing their healthcare benefits during a strike and ensure that workers' healthcare benefits are not taken away, preventing further delays in negotiations and protecting people's health.
- **Coverage for Doctor Consults (H.B. 2385):** This bill would require health insurers in Pennsylvania to cover doctors consulting with other medical professionals. This helps people get quicker, more accurate diagnoses and can lower the cost of care by avoiding unnecessary treatments.

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I joined House and Senate Democrats to respond to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Grants Pass v. Jackson*, which allows cities to criminalize sleeping in public. This cruel ruling targets vulnerable individuals and does nothing to solve the housing crisis—in all likelihood, it will worsen it.

Pennsylvania faces a severe shortage of affordable housing, worsened by systemic inequality. House and Senate Democrats are committed to real solutions in the form of safe, reliable, affordable housing, not incarceration. We believe in a Pennsylvania and an America where everyone has a safe place to call home, and we will continue to fight for this vision.

I joined Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato and state Rep. Nick Pisciotano to support the **PROSPER Act**, which I introduced to create pathways for workers transitioning from the fossil fuel sector to green energy. This legislation promotes green energy innovation in Allegheny County and protects workers by ensuring affordable healthcare, paid leave, and thriving wages. With only 3% of Pennsylvania's electricity coming from green energy, we're behind. The PROSPER Act aims to change that by supporting sustainable jobs and a healthier future, ensuring our children have more opportunities than we did.



# A BUDGET FOR ALL

2024-2025 EDUCATION FUNDING  
**MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS**

**\$8.5 Million**  
Pittsburgh School District

**\$815,374**  
Shaler Area School District

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
STATE REP. LINDSEY POWELL

## 2024-2025 PENNSYLVANIA BUDGET WINS

### Education

- \$8.5 million** increase for Pittsburgh Public Schools
- \$815,000** increase for Shaler Area School Districts

### Human Services

- \$273.4 million** for MA Community HealthChoices
- \$71 million** for Mental Health Services
- \$4 million** increase for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

### Transportation

- \$161 million** for multi-modal transportation projects

### Community & Economic Development

- \$15.4 million** for PA SITES program

The 2024-25 budget is a bold investment in the future of Pennsylvania, totaling more than \$47.5 billion to support people in every corner of our Commonwealth.

One of the most critical parts of this budget is the \$1.3 billion we're putting into our public schools. This includes an additional \$8.5 million for Pittsburgh Public Schools and over \$815,000 more for Shaler Area School District compared to last year. These funds will make a real difference in our classrooms, helping to ensure that every student has the resources they need to succeed.

We're also making higher education more affordable with the new Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Program. This program will provide \$5,000 grants to students enrolled in an approved program who are working toward their degree and commit to staying and working in Pennsylvania after graduation. This is a win-win for our students and our state's workforce.

Some other highlights of the budget include:

- **\$273.4 million** for Medical Assistance Community HealthChoices to support seniors and people with disabilities in their homes and communities.
- **\$261 million** for programs that support individuals with intellectual disabilities, giving more people the care they need to live with dignity.
- **\$80.5 million** to expand and improve public transit systems across the state, making commutes safer, creating jobs, and reducing traffic and pollution.
- **\$15.4 million** through the PA SITES Program to help counties and municipalities prepare land for new business opportunities, bringing more jobs to our communities.
- **\$6 million** for community search and rescue operations—another first—that will strengthen public safety and help save lives.
- **\$5 million** in increased funding for homeless assistance, to help our most vulnerable neighbors get the shelter and support they need.
- **\$3 million** to ensure schools can provide menstrual hygiene products, so students no longer have to worry about missing class or being embarrassed.

There is no doubt about it, the investments in this budget are historic—but there's still more to be done. I'm committed to continuing the fight for even greater investments in affordable housing, access to healthcare, and sustainable jobs in our region. While we've made great progress, I'll keep pushing to ensure Pennsylvania's future is brighter and more equitable for everyone.

# STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES



## Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program 2024 Expansion

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner Income	Rebate	Renter Income	Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000	Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770	Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460	Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$35K	\$380	Up to \$45K	\$380
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This year, we raised the income cap for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program to \$45,000 for both homeowners and renters, and it's now tied to the cost of living moving forward. As a result, even more seniors are now eligible—rising from 400,000 to 575,000 statewide. Plus, the maximum rebate amount has increased from \$650 to \$1,000, starting this year.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is here to help eligible Pennsylvanians aged 65 or older, widows and widowers aged 50 or older, and people with disabilities aged 18 or older. The program excludes half of your Social Security income, and spouses or representatives can file rebate claims on behalf of those who qualify. Additionally, Pittsburgh senior households with an income under \$30,000 will see their property tax rebate increased by another 50%.

**Call our office to learn more or make an appointment to apply!**

## VETERANS ASSISTANCE

**Call our office at (412) 781-2750** to schedule a Veterans Assistance appointment for any of the following dates:

- **September 16, 17, 18**
- **October 21, 22, 23**
- **November 18, 19, 20**
- **December 16, 17, 18**

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**A Veteran Service Officer will be on hand to help with:**

- ★ Compensation and Pension Claims
- ★ Enrollment in the VA Health Care System
- ★ Burial and Survivors Benefits
- ★ Education Benefits
- ★ State Benefits
- ★ Obtaining Military Personnel and Medical Records
- ★ Other Questions



## POWELL *to the People*

Rep. Lindsay Powell's Mobile Office Hours

My team and I hold mobile office hour events once a month from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at libraries in the district.

We encourage you to come out and meet us, share issues that impact you and your family the most, and get assistance on state programs and services that include:

- **Applications for voter registration and mail ballots**
- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
- **PennDOT**

All events held from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH**  
**Carnegie Library Lawrenceville**  
279 Fisk St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201

**TUESDAY, OCT. 8TH**  
**Millvale Community Library**  
213 Grant Ave., Millvale, PA 15209

**MONDAY, NOV. 18TH**  
**Shaler North Hills Library**  
1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116

# IN THE COMMUNITY



*I was honored to be selected to escort Governor Josh Shapiro into his annual budget address in February.*



*In March, I joined the Industrial Arts Workshop's Wolfpack Women's Welders to learn more about welding and even had the opportunity to do some welding of my own.*



*I visited Shaler Area High School and checked out their inclusive LIGHT Initiative classroom, a part of the school dedicated to inspiring, preparing, and empowering the next generation of humanitarians.*



*I led a PA House Democratic Policy Committee hearing on short-term rentals and the positive effects they have on tourism and housing availability.*



*I visited Family Care Connection in Lawrenceville to meet with their incredible team and learn more about the vital services they provide to support parents and young children in our community.*



*The Heinz History Center was recognized as the #1 history museum in the U.S. by USA Today in their Readers' Choice Awards, and it was a privilege to honor their achievement!*



*I joined Allegheny County colleagues at the grand opening of Persad's Phoenix Gym, an empowering space for our Trans, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming neighbors.*



*Allegheny County Treasurer Erica Brusselars and I teamed up to hold a dog licensing event at Arsenal Park for our local furry and four-legged friends!*



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SUMMER 2024  
**UPDATE**



Please scan the QR code to take a brief survey on the issues that matter to you most.

**My office can also notarize these documents:**

- Taking an acknowledgement.
- Administering an oath or affirmation.
- Taking a verification on oath or affirmation (which includes affidavit).
- Witnessing or attesting a signature.
- Certifying or attesting a copy or deposition.
- Taking a note protest of a negotiable instrument.

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# MY OFFICE STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

**My office can help you with:**

- Unemployment Compensation problems
- Questions or assistance with PennDOT
- Disability plates & placards
- Vehicle registration
- License applications
- Pennsylvania income tax questions
- Senior bus pass applications
- And much more!

**REP. POWELL'S**  
*Office Hours*

**DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Evening appointments available by request on Wednesdays

**SHALER OFFICE HOURS**  
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Or any weekday by appointment

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