



SPRING 2026

State Representative | 21st Legislative District

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HELLO NEIGHBOR,

As spring finally arrives across our neighborhoods, I'm reminded of the resilience, compassion, and deep sense of community that define our 21st District.

Like many of you, I read the headlines each morning with concern. Across the country, we continue to see national priorities that feel disconnected from the everyday realities facing working families—especially as so many neighbors are struggling to afford everyday needs. Rather than lowering costs or strengthening public safety, the Trump administration continues to sow division, sidestep due process and take actions that leave too many of our neighbors feeling unsafe in their own communities.

Here in Pennsylvania, however, my focus remains clear: to show up for our community, advocate for your needs, and protect the dignity and well-being of every neighbor. Even in times that feel far from normal, I remain hopeful because of the work we are doing together across the state.

Pittsburghers have deep roots in the places we call home, and many of us are raising families in houses that have stood for generations. But aging, energy-inefficient housing is becoming increasingly unsafe and expensive to maintain. Too often, neighbors are forced to make impossible choices—between heating their homes, putting food on the table, or making critical repairs. Dignified, safe housing should never be a luxury, and I continue advocating in Harrisburg to ensure state programs meet the realities facing our communities.

Housing insecurity is often compounded by the rising cost of healthcare. At the end of last year, decisions made by Republicans in Washington, D.C. put affordable coverage at risk for thousands of Pennsylvanians right here in our region. As premiums climb and families face uncertainty, I believe access to reliable, affordable healthcare is more important than ever. That's why I'm proud to support legislation that would guarantee quality healthcare for every Pennsylvanian—without sacrificing peace of mind.

Alongside this legislative work, I remain committed to bringing state resources back home. I'm grateful to my Western Pennsylvania colleagues for coming together to secure \$1 million in state funding for new ambulance equipment for the City of Pittsburgh. Through investments in infrastructure, emergency services, and community preservation, I'm proud to have helped return more than \$3 million in state funding to neighborhoods throughout the 21st District.

Please know that my team and I are always here for you. Whether you need help navigating state services or want to share the issues most important to your family, we're ready to listen and assist. I encourage you to visit our district office or reach out anytime.

Be well,

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UPDATES FROM HARRISBURG

I've championed legislation to ensure residents have the funding they need to repair their homes, protect access to reproductive healthcare facilities, adopt a universal healthcare system, and revitalize blighted properties across the Commonwealth. They are:



EXPANDING ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Our Medicare for All legislation is rooted in a simple belief: healthcare is a human right, not a privilege reserved for those who can afford it. The bill establishes a strategic four-year transition to a single-payer system that eliminates premiums and copays, protecting families from rising costs and gaps in coverage, especially in light of federal cuts to Affordable Care Act subsidies.



PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PATIENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

H.B. 670 establishes a state version of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act and outlaws intimidation, obstruction, and violence against neighbors seeking reproductive health care services and providers.



PAID FAMILY LEAVE

The Family Care Act creates a statewide paid family and medical leave program so that no one is forced to choose between a paycheck and caring for a new child, a loved one, or their own health. H.B. 200 ensures working people across Pennsylvania have the support they need to care for their families without risking their livelihoods.



STRENGTHENING SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SHORT-TERM RENTALS

My legislation establishes clear, commonsense safety standards for Short-Term Rentals (like Airbnbs or VRBOs) to protect guests, neighbors, and communities. Every rental should meet basic requirements for fire safety, occupancy, and responsible local oversight. No one should have to worry about unsafe conditions or unregulated properties in their neighborhood, and this legislation helps ensure short-term rentals operate safely and responsibly.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



I had the honor of visiting the Honors Civics and Government classes at Shaler Area High School for my second annual "Ought to Be a Law" competition. We discussed the essays students wrote proposing legislation that would shape their school experience and strengthen our community. Our conversations were lively and thoughtful — and they only made me feel a little old.



I recently had the joy of meeting Sam—a kind, curious, and hilarious kid whose family has been supported by the Children's Home Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center. The Children's Home is not just a resource, but also a cornerstone for families navigating medical challenges, foster care, adoption, and emotional support.



Last summer, my colleagues and I had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the strength that defines the work of the Pittsburgh Firefighters. At Fire Ops, I gained a deeper understanding of the risks firefighters face every time they respond to a call.



I welcomed longtime resident of Lawrenceville, John Erario, to Harrisburg. John served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953–1956 as a Sergeant, earning the Korean Service Medal and other honors. He's also an accomplished 91-year-old athlete who has medaled in the long jump, 50m sprint, and 100m sprint at the National Senior Olympics in both 2005 and 2023.



As uncertainty at the federal level disrupts our day-to-day lives, too many working families are left making impossible choices about food, housing, and utilities. I was so proud to see our community step up at my Open Doors Resource Fair to provide housing resources, free children's clothing, utility assistance, and more for our neighbors.



In September, I joined other members of the Latino Caucus at Governor Josh Shapiro's house for a celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, where we had a productive conversation about our legislative priorities. Best of all, I got to bring my mom with me!



In February, I joined my friend, Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis, and the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania to spotlight a proposed increase in funding for the 211 phone system, a vital service that connects people to housing support, food assistance, mental health resources, and other essential services. For many families, 211 is the first place they turn in moments of uncertainty.



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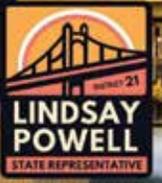
HARRISBURG AND COMMUNITY UPDATES INSIDE DOLLARS FOR THE DISTRICT

Rep. Powell brought in a total of

\$4.3 million

in 2025!

\$1,000,000 Purchase of two ambulances for Pittsburgh	\$100,000 for restoration to River Avenue in Pittsburgh.
\$650,000 to renovate a blighted building in Millvale.	\$85,000 to Pittsburgh School District for equipment updates.
Over \$620,000 to address deterioration on Logan Street in Millvale.	\$50,000 for the purchase of five in-car camera systems for Millvale police vehicles.
\$300,000 for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority to purchase new vehicles.	Over \$150,000 to purchase fire rescue equipment for Shaler Township.
\$250,000 to improve Smallman Street in Pittsburgh.	




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TO THE PEOPLE

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!