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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are well and that your 2024 has started off positively. As I reflected on the past year, I found myself feeling incredibly grateful to be serving our community in this role. We have accomplished a lot in the past year, which I will highlight in this letter, but there is still much more to be done.

Serving on the Appropriations Committee allows me a firsthand look at our budget and a deeper understanding of how your hard-earned tax dollars are spent. My primary focus is on eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, especially unnecessary red tape that limits constituents' ability to access services in a timely manner. While the budget process took longer than I would have liked, there is much to celebrate.

For one, we secured historic funding for our schools, which includes universal free breakfast. We also expanded the child care tax credit for working families and cut costs for seniors by expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Additionally, we secured funding for some local projects. Notably, we secured a grant for a K-9 dog for Swatara Police, helped fund affordable housing projects in Steelton, and supported funding for an interceptor to mitigate flooding along the Cameron Street Corridor. These are worthwhile projects that deserve recognition, though I know they do not address all the needs in our community.

Inflation is still a burden for many of us, a deadly fentanyl epidemic is destroying families, and we need further investments to help our youth recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. I am deeply optimistic that you will see more progress in the coming months. There isn't anything we can't achieve by coming together and working with one another.

As always, feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David A. Madsen'.



FAIRLY FUNDING ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Helping our kids,

Helping our schools

- ✓ **\$1.4 billion** in new funding for all schools
- ✓ **\$5 billion** to close the gap to make sure all students can succeed
- ✓ **\$1 billion** cut in property taxes for hardest-hit areas
- ✓ **\$2.1 billion** to fix and repair our schools

The Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus prioritizes quality public education. In the 2023-24 state budget, we secured a record \$567 million increase for K-12 education and allocated \$175 million for school building repairs. Additional funds include \$100 million for student mental health, \$46.5 million for universal free breakfast, and \$10 million for teacher stipends.

Despite progress, there's acknowledgment of the need for more efforts. The Basic Education Funding Commission, formed after a court ruled the state's public school funding system is unconstitutional, proposed a groundbreaking plan. It revises funding formulas, addresses adequacy with targeted funding, and aims for homeowner property tax relief. The goal is to ensure a quality and safe education for all Pennsylvania students.

EXPANDED PA CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE ENHANCEMENT TAX CREDIT

In December, my PA House colleagues and I helped to pass a law that significantly expands the state Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. This noteworthy development means that nearly a quarter-million middle-class families in Pennsylvania will see their state tax credit more than triple.

The enhanced state tax credit specifically aims to assist qualifying families with an annual income of up to \$438,000 in affording care for their loved ones, facilitating their participation or continuation in the workforce. Families eligible for the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit also qualify for the state tax credit, which now offers a 100% match to the federal tax credit, a significant increase from the previous 30% match. The impact of this relief will be felt as eligible families file their tax returns this spring.

I take pride in our collective commitment to prioritizing this issue, and I express my gratitude to Gov. Josh Shapiro for promptly endorsing this substantial middle-class tax cut and signing it into law.

NEW IN 2024

CHILD & DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT

	Income Under \$43,000		Earning Above \$43,000	
	Prior to Change	Expanded Tax Credit	Prior to Change	Expanded Tax Credit
Max Credit for One Eligible Dependent	\$315	\$1,050	\$180	\$600
Max Credit for Two+ Eligible Dependents	\$630	\$2,100	\$360	\$1,200

AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Ensuring affordable prescription medications for older Pennsylvanians is crucial for a healthy quality of life. The PACE and PACENET programs, managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, offer reimbursement coverage for prescription drugs to qualifying individuals 65 and older. A recent law signed by Gov. Josh Shapiro safeguards prescription benefits for seniors enrolled in PACE and PACENET, despite Social Security increases. To check eligibility and seek assistance with medication costs, call the PACE hotline at 800-255-7223 or contact my office.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program



Pennsylvania celebrated a significant victory with the passage of H.B. 1100, expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, legislation I proudly supported. Gov. Josh Shapiro signed it into law, effective this year. The key highlights include a substantial increase in the maximum standard rebate from \$650 to \$1,000 and increasing the income-eligibility cap for both renters and homeowners to \$45,000 annually. In the future, the income cap will automatically rise with the cost of living, ensuring ongoing eligibility for rebate recipients. The application deadline is June 30, 2024, with rebates commencing on July 1, 2024. For assistance with applications, please contact my office.

LIHEAP Available

The state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is still open. Apply at www.compass.state.pa.us or call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 for more info. My office is also available to help with the application process.

EXTENDS PACE/PACENET ELIGIBILITY

SB 607

Extends the current Social Security COLA moratorium for PACE/PACENET enrollees for two years, to Dec. 31, 2025, so that current recipients remain eligible for prescription drug benefits.



**Need
Energy
Assistance?**
**2023-2024
LIHEAP
Applications
are Now
Open!**

2023-2024 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000
5	\$52,710
6	\$60,420
7	\$68,130
8	\$75,840
9	\$83,550
10	\$91,260

Each additional person \$7,710

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through inspiring events held throughout the district and Dauphin County. I was moved by speeches from friends and proud of the new Steelton affordable housing we helped fund with Habitat for Humanity.



Volunteering with Gov. Josh Shapiro at our local food bank!



Another successful America250PA hearing in the books!



Celebrating Deputy Police Chief Dennis J. Sorensen's exceptional 31-plus year career with the U.S. Army and Harrisburg PD. Your service has been invaluable, Deputy Chief Sorensen.



Celebrating a perfect human equality index rating with the city of Harrisburg!



Immersing in the vibrant tapestry of Nepal's cultural heritage at the Intra-Cultural Event 2023!



At the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new state archives building.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



I had the pleasure of hosting Central Dauphin East's Marching Panthers in the Capitol to celebrate their recent victory in the USBands National Championships!



It was an honor to host a Veterans Day Breakfast with my colleagues to express our gratitude to the heroes who have served our nation.



At TLC Construction's groundbreaking in Central Allison Hill. Excited to see 50 new affordable homes - apartments, duplexes, and row homes - coming to our district!



I had the pleasure of representing the 104th Legislative District, discussing my legislative initiatives, and sharing my vision for our future at the Rotary Club of Harrisburg.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024 ELECTIONS

April 8 – Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election.

April 16 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for Primary Election.

April 23 – Primary Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots.

October 21 – Last day to register to vote before the General Election.

October 29 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for General Election.

November 5 – General Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots.

To check your voter registration, register to vote, or any other voting information, go to vote.pa.gov.



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Available at My Office

- Pennsylvania Driver's Manuals and Commercial Driver's Manuals.
- Assistance with the Department of Human Services.
- Obtaining Birth and Death Certificates.
- PennDOT Services: vehicle registrations, reduced vehicle registration, special tags, titles, driver's license applications and disability placards.
- Questions for the PA Department of Revenue.
- Liaison to state agencies.
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program problems or questions.
- Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications.
- Unemployment compensation, disability, and workers' compensation.
- Problems with the PA Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- PACE/PACENET cards for senior citizens.
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions.
- Information about federal, state, and local government agencies.
- Unclaimed property search.

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REPORT POTHOLES IN OUR DISTRICT

Know of a pothole in the 104th District?

STEELTON • SWATARA • HIGHSPIRE • PAXTANG • PARTS OF SOUTH HARRISBURG AND LOWER SWATARA

Call my office or fill out the form at the top of RepMadsen.com and we'll work with PennDOT to get it filled as soon as possible

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