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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and was able to spend quality time with friends and family.

It has been an eventful first year representing you in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. We have made significant progress in Harrisburg in the last 12 months and I am looking forward to even more advancement in 2024 as I continue to work on the issues impacting you, your household and your neighbors.

I am pleased to announce that two of my bills have been passed in the PA House and one has been signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Here in Bucks County, my office has successfully hosted several outreach events and we are planning more for 2024.

Please sign up for my email updates at RepMunroe.com if you have not done so already to find out more about what we have planned in the new year and to keep up-to-date with legislation that affects our neighborhoods in western Bucks County.

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Advance Enrollment

It was with great humility that I stood next to Gov. Shapiro as he signed House Bill 1094 into law in November. House Bill 1094, which I sponsored, allows children of military families to access registration and enrollment to a school district at the same time it is open to the general population. Specifically, it allows a child whose parent or guardian is an active-duty member of the military and has received official military orders to transfer into or within the Commonwealth.

As a Navy veteran I have seen firsthand how a move impacts a military family. This will help relieve a part of that burden.



Uplifting Legislation

I introduced a bill to aid residents living in multistory apartment buildings and condominiums.

House Bill 1761 would require all new apartment buildings and condominiums with two or more floors to have at least two elevators. Current buildings would be exempted.

The legislation stemmed from multiple incidents over two years that occurred in western Bucks County.

House Bill 1761 is under consideration in the PA House's Housing & Community Development Committee.

Bill to address shortages of nurses, teachers and police officers moves to State Senate

As I wrote in my previous newsletter, I sponsored a bill that would help address Pennsylvania's shortage of nurses, teachers and police officers. The bill was passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and is currently in the Senate Finance Committee.

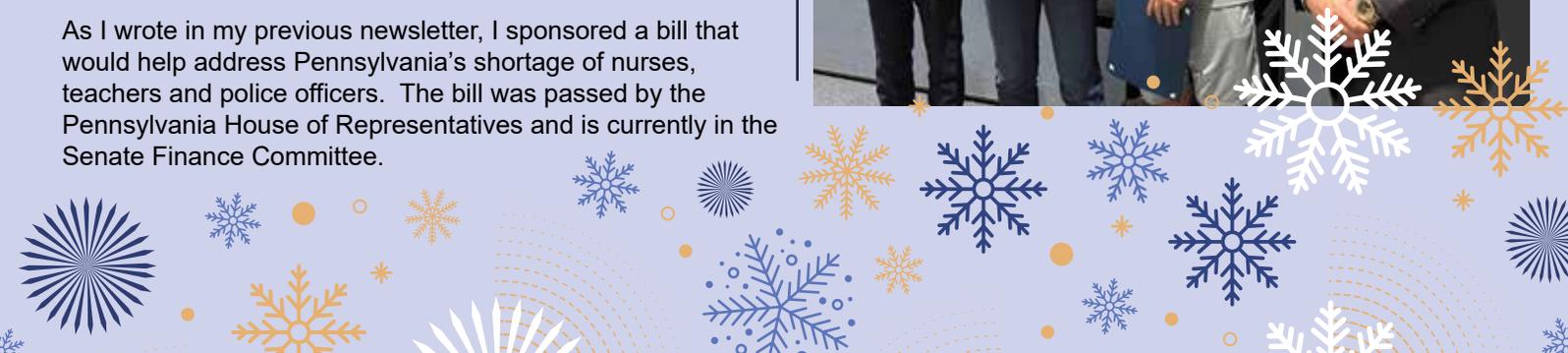
Protecting the Mental Health of Young Users on Social Media Platforms

I had the privilege to meet three ninth grade students of Tamanend Middle School who were honored with an award from C-SPAN. Max Jin, Luka Jonjic, and Dylan Schwartz put forward in their award-winning documentary, "America's Silent Struggle: Social Media's Impact on Teens' Mental Health," a fictional example of a newly elected congressman working to pass legislation on social media and its impact on the mental health of youth. During this event, I suggested that we actually turn that into reality. I asked the students to work with me and their parents in crafting legislation that would help tackle that issue. The legislation I introduced in the PA House is a direct result of thorough conversations with these dedicated students.

Our legislation would enhance protections for young Pennsylvanians when using social media. Specifically, the bill would require social media companies to monitor the chats of two or more minors on the platform and notify parents or legal guardians of flagged sensitive or graphic content.

Additionally, our bill would strengthen proof of age verification on social media platforms by requiring consent from a parent or legal guardian for anyone under 16 to open a social media account and notify parents or legal guardians if a child under 16 opens a social media account without consent.

Lastly, our bill would prohibit data mining for users under the age of 18 and allow any individual to request the deletion of data that was mined while they were under the age of 18.



Abortion protection bill passes House

A bill that would prohibit Pennsylvania courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases involving reproductive healthcare services and prevent officials from other states from arresting individuals in Pennsylvania for abortion-related care passed the House in November and is under consideration in the Senate.

The vote on House Bill 1786 continues to ensure women in both Pennsylvania and our neighboring states that their personal health choices remain between the patient and their medical provider.

I am proud that we continue to lead on ensuring that access to abortion remains a safe and legal option in Pennsylvania.

Sign up to receive alerts for upcoming events

In the past 12 months, my office has hosted a Senior Expo, a Veterans Expo, a Shredding Event and an Electronic Recycling Event. We are planning more events for 2024. Please signup for my legislative emails at RepMunroe.com as we will announce details there as they are finalized.



Clean bill of health

Many people in my community can relate to either having cancer or knowing a loved one who is living with cancer.

I am no different.

I was diagnosed with cancer in 2019. After undergoing five months of chemotherapy, I was declared to be in full remission.

After my swearing in as state representative, I was diagnosed with a different form of the cancer I had in 2019, but not as aggressive and equally as treatable. I am happy to report that I have not missed a single day of work!

Even with a hectic schedule of tests, lab work, scans, and medical procedures, I've been able to make every session day in Harrisburg, every public event, every in-district meeting.

In fact, one day, I even had a significant medical procedure and was driven by a friend to Harrisburg so that I could be on the floor (two hours post op) to help protect victims of sexual assault.

During the summer, I was treated with a cutting-edge medical technology called CAR T cell therapy, developed at Penn Hospital right here in Philadelphia.

I spent two weeks in the hospital and another week recuperating at home. I cannot thank the nurses at Penn; my doctor at Penn, Dr. Stefan Barta; or Dr. Willard Andrews at Abington Jefferson, enough for all their hard work and commendable efforts, not just for me, but for everyone in their community.

In October, I had my scan and my follow up with my doctor. I am happy to report that I am in full remission.



New guidelines for Property Tax/Rent Rebate

Starting in 2024, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, which benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 and older; widows and widowers 50 and older; and people with disabilities 18 and older, will be expanded to nearly 175,000 additional Pennsylvanians as the income-eligibility limit will increase to \$45,000 and the maximum standard rebate will be increased to \$1,000 (up from \$650).

For questions about the program or to get an application, please call my office at (215) 323-6997.



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Open enrollment for health coverage in 2024 through Pennie, Pennsylvania's official health insurance marketplace, is now open until Jan. 15.

Those who enroll by Jan. 15 will have a coverage effective date of Feb. 1.

Last year, many Pennsylvanians who enrolled in a health insurance plan through Pennie paid lower monthly premiums because of temporary subsidies included in President Biden's American Rescue Plan Act. These subsidies are available for plan year 2024.

More information is available at [Pennie.com/connect](https://pennie.com/connect) or the Pennie Customer Service Call Center at 1-844-844-8040.



Do you have a SEPTA Senior Fare Card?

Seniors ages 65 and older can ride SEPTA routes in PA for free with a Senior Fare Card! Sign-up or reapply for your card at my district office today!

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If you have a SEPTA Senior Key Card that has expired, we can renew it in our district office.

If you need your card renewed, feel free to stop by my office at 1410A West Street Road in Warminster during our normal business hours, 9AM-4:30PM Monday through Friday, except holidays.



Out and About



I had the privilege to be on hand for the ceremonial opening of the DART shuttle South route opening at Valley Square in Warrington.

The DART connects residents in Doylestown to area shops. DART has further expanded to the shopping centers in the area of the Barn movie theater. Now, DART South will connect Warrington residents to a variety of shops in a 30-minute loop.

This is an example of good government, led by the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors and other area leaders. They worked together to tackle a unique challenge for the community and turned it into a win/win.



Participating in the 21st 9/11 memorial at the Hartsville Fire Company.

In September, we honored the memory of Captian William Bell Sr.

While directing traffic in service of his community as a captain with the Warrington Fire Department, on January 19, 1964, Captain Bell was struck by a vehicle and killed.

Our community was deprived of one of its best, his family and friends were deprived of his shining spirit, and the fire company was deprived of a brother.

To help us remember Captain William Bell Sr. was his son, William Bell Jr.



In September, I had the privilege of touring the Bucks County Intermediate Unit Fab lab, located right in our district in Ivyland.

Fab Lab was there to cut the ribbon on their second mobile Fab Lab. This out-of-the-box approach to education is benefiting students in both Centennial and Central Bucks School Districts.

The Fab Lab focuses on STEAM education, which engages children across the Bucks IU Fab Lab disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math. It is an essential component of a 21st Century education.



With the Marching Titans at the Central Bucks South battle of the bands "Sights and Sounds at South."





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- Obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Pennsylvania state income tax questions or problems
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms and application assistance
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE/PACENET cards for senior citizens
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about state and local government agencies
- Questions about the Veterans Property Tax Exemption
- Assistance applying for Human Services: Medicaid, SNAP, CHIP, and LIHEAP
- Any state government service or issue!