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An investment in jobs and economic development is an investment in our communities

HOUSE ADVANCES GALLOWAY'S JOB PROTECTION BILLS

In June I testified before the House Labor Relations Committee on the importance of my House Bills 1502 and 1503 in protecting Pennsylvania jobs. Both bills were voted unanimously from the committee and now await action in the full House.

House Bill 1502 would require state contractors and subcontractors that work on public projects to verify the employment eligibility of their employees. House Bill 1503 would require all contractors in the construction industry to verify the employment eligibility of their employees.

Both bills would require use of the Social Security Number Verification Service to verify existing employees, and the E-Verify program for newly hired employees. Contractors who violate these rules could be debarred from state projects or, in the case of private construction work, may face forfeiture of state licenses or certifications.

These bills are about protecting jobs, and leveling the playing field for honest contractors who hire American workers and those legally authorized to work here. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, there are up to 175,000 illegal workers in Pennsylvania, and



an estimated 18 percent of the construction workforce in this state is made up of illegal workers.

Too many good-paying jobs are being lost, and many trades are being decimated by illegal and unfair practices that have afflicted the construction industry. Illegal workers, because they are willing to work under the radar and for less pay, are taking construction trades jobs from well-trained Pennsylvania workers. These bills are designed to help reverse this trend.

GALLOWAY CHAMPIONS NEEDS OF THE UNEMPLOYED

I was proud to co-sponsor H.B. 1770, now Act 30 of 2009, which extends unemployment benefits an additional seven weeks.

This legislation immediately helped some 25,000 Bucks County residents, who exhausted their unemployment benefits over the summer, by allowing the state to tap nearly \$145 million in federal stimulus funding to extend unemployment benefits.

Visit my Web site at www.pahouse.com/Galloway for more on how federal economic stimulus dollars are helping Bucks County.

ASSISTANCE FOR JOB SEEKERS!

My Web site — www.pahouse.com/Galloway — has information for the unemployed and job seekers including:

- **Filing for unemployment compensation**
- **COBRA health insurance**
- **Free online resume posting**
- **Employment and job-training opportunities**

INVESTMENT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HELPS EVERYONE!

In these difficult financial times, we in the state Legislature must be sure we are investing your tax dollars where they will do the most good. I believe economic development is one of those areas.

In the 140th Legislative District, we have seen firsthand the benefits of state investment in economic development. Since 2007, more than \$6 million of your tax dollars have been returned to us to improve our infrastructure and create jobs:

- AE Polysilicon Corporation received a \$1 million Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority grant to help get its new Bucks County manufacturing facility up and running;
- Falls Township and Morrisville have shared in more than \$780,000 to improve existing rail service;
- Bristol Borough received a \$250,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant to renovate its police station;
- The Morrisville Municipal Authority and Bristol Borough shared more than \$2.8 million in PennWorks grants to improve their sewer systems;
- Falls Township Authority received a \$1 million H2O PA grant to improve water meters.

When we give entrepreneurs the support they need to start a business or help existing businesses grow, we help our communities by creating jobs and spurring economic growth. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will work to ensure the state continues making the investments that grow local jobs and local economies.



Rep. Galloway participates in Worker Memorial Day event at the state Capitol.

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