I was honored to join the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by Rep. Vanessa Brown, Joyce Welker, David Perry and Tom50 Hoekstra to recognize the 150th anniversary of the 22nd Regiment of Camp William Penn on June 16 to offer our support. The 22nd Regiment is the oldest military organization in continuous existence in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I was overjoyed to see so many of my colleagues from around the state join us locally to discuss this most important matter. We received from lottery proceeds are not endangered. Profitable in the country and it's imperative that the benefits our senior citizens receive from lottery proceeds are not endangered. Lottery privatization not in the best interest of our seniors

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The state House finalized the fiscal year 2013-2014 state budget on June 6. This budget, as signed into law by Gov. Tom Corbett on June 30 as Act 1 of 2013, is a near replica of the proposals the governor first released on Jan. 31.

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State budget full of missed opportunities and misguided priorities

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Adequately and therefore puts the burden back on the local Gov. Corbett's budget does not fund public education into a situation where they needed to raise local property taxes. or, as in the case for 197 school districts last year, be forced they have had no other alternative but to increase class size, Gov. Corbett, Pennsylvania's schools are so underfunded that since Gov. Corbett took office.

This course that the governor insists on is a disservice to our our legislative district where we know and value the importance roads listed in poor condition, we cannot continue to allow politics to wreak havoc on our maneuver's to short-change mass transit, along with the inability of several legislators and for a proposal that wouldn't properly address our own local congestion and mass transit legislators from southeast Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh region were not willing to vote. Without the mass transit funding, urban areas would be hard-pressed to fund the transit before breaking for the summer recess. It looked like we were going to finally generate. We know the natural gas industry is already making these types of discussions.

The advent of the natural gas industry has provided us with the opportunity to partner with our local businesses to bring corporate stakeholders to the table in order to grow our economy. The advent of the natural gas industry has provided us with a natural gas industry is already making these investments in all other major driling states. Gov. Corbett needs to know that the industries and local need to have to start to give back to our commonwealth as a whole and we should instead be in the pursuit of our natural resources through environmental stewardship programs beginning with the highly successful growing green initiatives.

The state House today passed the prime sponsor of House Bill 758, which would impose restrictions on non-detectable printing with a 3D printer. Because these printers are already in use for various purposes in the marketplace this legislation comes at a time when recent evidence has shown that these same basic protections for members of the legislation. The introduction of this legislation comes at a time when recent evidence has shown that this legislation would require manufacturing, import, manufacturer, dealer or county sheriff. However, this provision is only applicable to shotguns with a barrel of 18 inches or less and the length of 26 inches or more. The legislation would require manufacturers to list all firearm purchasers in Pennsylvania. Background checks for all firearms

Do you know that 10 percent of Pennsylvania residents have unclaimed property? That's right, one in ten Pennsylvanians is! I was thrilled at the turnout for my town hall meeting this past spring. Chairman Hilary Holloway and Community Award winner Stella Nelson.

I am happy to report that I am the prime sponsor of House Bill 758, which would impose restrictions on non-detectable printing with a 3D printer. Because these printers are already in use for various purposes in the marketplace, I am not interested in prohibiting the this legislation in short order. Currently, my bill is awaiting consideration by the House Judiciary Committee. I am hopeful that the committee will take up this legislation in short order.

Protecting our endangered species


 marriage equality for all Pennsylvanians

We must act to ensure marriage equality for all Pennsylvanians.
I am pleased to report that a very busy time has already ended. Fortunately, I have been fortunate in hosting a public policy hearing at Curtis Hall in Wyncote on May 30 to take an in-depth look at water and sewer infrastructure issues both here in the 154th Legislative District and throughout Pennsylvania.

I was also happy to stand up with state Rep. Brian Sims to champion legislation in the state House to bring civil marriage equality to Pennsylvania and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the matter of DOMA (2013), the 26th Amendment to change the U.S. Constitution to guarantee the right to marry for same-sex couples and the second Amendment to change the U.S. Constitution to ensure the right to bear arms for all citizens. For instance, I have been working with my colleagues on the House Environmental and Energy Committee to advance discussions about the immediate need to address climate change and to properly regulate and require public health disclosures about the natural gas drilling operations throughout our state. I also work with some of the best climate scientists in the world to better understand the science behind climate change and globally warm our planet. 

Likewise, as a member of the Aging and Adult Services Committee, I have been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to engage our state legislature in supporting the needs of Pennsylvania’s seniors. The Department of Aging combats economic insecurity, protects seniors from unscrupulous people who may prey on their retirement investments. I am also working to develop educational tools to help our seniors traverse our increasingly difficult retirement system.

I arrive back in Harrisburg for the fall session, I look forward to picking right up where we left off. I am happy to report that it has been a very busy time and I have truly enjoyed every moment. It is with great pleasure that I am able to provide you with this legislative update highlighting some of the achievements of my nearly completed first year in office as your state representative in Harrisburg. I want to personally thank you for allowing me to represent the 154th Legislative District in Harrisburg and for the overwhelming support you have given me. For the issues that are important to us at home, but also for the issues that make us a stronger and more united commonwealth.

I hope you find this legislative update informative. As always, if I may be of any assistance to you or a member of your family, please do not hesitate to contact my office.
We can arrange tours of the state Capitol, citations from the speaker of the house on state-related issues, problems with insurance companies, consumer complaints, birth & death certificates, driver & vehicle services or forms, and free notary services for state-government programs. We provide free notary services for state-government programs.

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Lottery privatization not in the best interest of our seniors

This year, House District 154, in partnership with the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania Lottery, I met with top lottery officials and brand ambassadors to learn about the lottery’s operations, and I was overjoyed to see so many of my colleagues from around the state join me locally to discuss this most important matter. We received some very poignant testimony to help further exemplify why these issues cannot be put off any longer by Gov. Tom Corbett and his administration. I also worked with House Environmental and Energy Committee to advance discussions about the immediate need to address climate change and to properly regulate and require public health disclosures about the natural gas drilling operations in our state.

Lottery privatization is not in the best interest of our seniors. It is registered historically as the first dedicated training camp for colored troops who enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. It's a tremendous achievement. I am proud to report that my fellow colleagues joined me in supporting H.R. 342 recognizing the 150th anniversary of Camp William Penn.

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I want to personally thank you for allowing me to represent the 154th Legislative District in Harrisburg and for the overwhelming encouragement and support you have given me. It is truly my honor to represent the 154th. Please know that I will continue to fight for the issues that are important to us at home, but also for the issues that make us stronger and more united. I hope you find this legislative update informative. As always, if I may be of any assistance to you or a member of your family, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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Earlier this year, Gov. Corbett proposed a plan to privatize the Pennsylvania Lottery by selling the rights to a British firm. Attorney General Kathleen Kane recommended the bog wild proposal for being unconstitutional and rendering counter to state law. The governor does not have the authority to circumnavigate the legislature and decide if privatization is the right choice.

In the past year, the Pennsylvania Lottery has generated over $1 billion towards programs benefiting senior citizens, including low-cost prescription drugs, free and reduced meal meals, property assessed rebates, low rate long-term services and supports, and programs benefiting senior citizens, including low-cost prescription drugs, free and reduced meal meals, property assessed rebates, low rate long-term services and supports, and programs benefiting senior citizens.

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