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As many of you know, legislation was enacted in 2014 to reform the way Pennsylvania protects our children and responds to child abuse. Under these new reforms, volunteers who work with, or come in routine contact with, children and those working with our kids without imposing an unnecessary burden on those volunteering. We should require the same from day-care workers and those working with our kids in a professional capacity. We have always required these checks from school employees, and a necessary reform to ensure the safety of our kids. We are a state representative. It is my job to advocate for more than 60,000 residents of Montgomery County in Hamburg, and it is important to remember the many of them are children. It is my hope that this contest shows these young men and women that they can accomplish with hard work and creativity.

My office is now accepting applications for the Valley Forge Military Academy Legislative Appointment Program. This program allows each of Pennsylvania’s 203 representatives, and 50 senators, to appoint a student from their district as the Commonwealth Scholar for guaranteed partial scholarship to Valley Forge Military College.

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Online voter registration now available

There is now another option available for you to have your voice heard in the elections. Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of State Pedro Cortes launched a website to make it easier for you to register to vote. The new website, which is available in English or Spanish, can be accessed at Online voter registration now available

The site allows you to make updates to your voter record, such as change of name, address or party affiliation. You may also request assistance in picking a polling place.

This online system is more secure because the form will be transmitted directly to the proper computer system. Your registration will be saved in the traditional paper system, but any confidential personal information that might pass through several hands before you are officially registered will be encrypted.

The site is directly linked to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s voter systems, so if you obtain your driver’s license or ID card, you could link your voter record.

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Requiring clearances for those who work with our children and responds to child abuse. Under these new reforms, several revisions to this law and worked with Governor Wolf to waive any state costs associated with the child abuse and criminal background checks conducted by Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for volunteers who work with, or come in routine contact with children. This spring, I was pleased to continue hosting my free Community Document Shredding Event.

SPRING SHREDDING EVENT RECAP

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I typically try to hold a few of these events throughout the 149th District during the year, and I invite you to attend the next event this fall on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Upper Merion Area Middle School, 450 Keebler Road, King of Prussia. The facility became fully operational in July.

CHOP KOP RIBBON CUTTING

I was proud to participate in the ribbon cutting for the new Philadelphia Children’s Hospital Major Sedation Center of Excellence at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. The new center offers expanded services and the ability for children to have same-day surgery close to home and can offer a multitude of services for up to 400 patients per day. The facility became fully operational in July.

“There Ought to Be a Law” essay contest winner & finalists

In June, I was proud to announce the winner and finalists for my sixth annual “There Ought to Be a Law” essay contest. The essay contest is one of my 149th District events that allows local students to write an essay about a law that would improve their school, community or state. This year, I asked students to think of a law that would reduce the harm excessive salt can do to the environment. Over 400 essays were submitted on topics ranging from the ban on non-biodegradable plastic bags to the establishment of learning gardens in our schools.

As a state representative, it’s my job to advocate for more than 60,000 residents of Montgomery County in Harrisburg, and it is important to remember that many of them are children. It is my hope that this contest shows these young men and women what can be accomplished with hard work and creativity.

This year’s winner was Sofia Walczak from Penn Wynne Elementary School. Her essay argued that there are better options to treat road salt during the winter. Sofia researched the environmental impact of road salt to the environment and argued that there are better options to treat our roads. Along with the winner, there were 15 finalists throughout the district.

Gladey Elementary School
Eugenie Lucey
Dakota Novick
Alexandra Pollock

Penn Wynne Elementary School
Sofia Walczak, winner

Torah Academy
Chananya Halpern

Waldron Mercy Academy
Maggie Carr
Adrienne Huyck
Sydney Parson
Chloe Saulnier

Upper Merion Area Middle School
Sophie Jordan
Michael Loschiavo
Morgan Puglisi

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This online system is more secure because the form will be transmitted directly to the proper department of registration in Harrisburg. You can access the traditional paper registration form by visiting the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Good Will is a great organization that does some incredible things for residents of Montgomery County.

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Updating the Athletic Code Health

I have been working on legislation aimed at improving the safety of our public pools and swim areas. Existing regulations in Pennsylvania have not been substantively updated, since the 1970s. My legislation amends the Public Bathing Law to require the Department of Health to promulgate regulations regarding public swimming pools, with respect to safety, preventive maintenance, health hazards, and training. It is my hope that the House will consider this legislation in the future.

Green cleaning in schools

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LIHEAP Opening Soon

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides cash grants to eligible households for fuel and utilities. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that provides assistance in the form of a cash grant directly to the utility company, or a crisis grant for households in unavoidable situations of financial hardship. Although the application period for this year has not been announced yet, the program typically runs from November 1 – March 31. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this program.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Free Notary Service

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Free Community Document Shredding and Prescription Drug Drop-off Event

Saturday, October 10

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UPPER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT

450 KEEBLER ROAD

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406

As you may know, my office has been working hard to help you with your questions and concerns regarding the LIHEAP program, or any other state government issue.

Election Results

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Wolf, a former budget officer whom Pennsylvania voters elected in November 2014, has been elected as the state’s next governor.

Wolf and his running mate, former state senator John Fetterman, swept the state and won over Republicans Tom Corbett and了 a majority of counties.

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As of this writing, the state has been operating without a budget for over two weeks. The impasse is not good for anyone. I wanted to assure you that my office will be open and ready to serve you throughout the day.

I encourage you to visit my website at www.pahouse.com/Briggs or follow me on social media at www.facebook.com/NewcITimBriggs or on Twitter @TimBriggs to keep up to date. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my district office at 610-398-1315 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other state government issue.

Easier this year, I stood with education advocates from the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association and urged my colleagues in the General Assembly to support property tax in our schools and students.
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The legislation:

- Would require that the licensing authority for new and existing casinos in Pennsylvania follow the laws of the state where the casino is located.
- Would require all new and existing casinos to consider the laws of the state where the casino is located and review whether the laws of the state would require permits or restrictions on the carrying of firearms in the casino facility.
- Would require the licensing authority to consider the laws of the state where the casino is located when determining whether to issue a permit for the carrying of firearms in the casino facility.
- Would require all new and existing casinos to have a security plan in place that includes a procedure for the reporting of incidents involving the carrying of firearms in the casino facility.

This legislation would require school districts to establish policies for the procurement and use of green product cleaning supplies in schools. Many traditional cleaning products contain chemicals that can contribute to poor indoor air quality, trigger asthma and other respiratory problems, and contribute to long-term health problems. Additionally, many school districts have limited access to green cleaning supplies due to the cost of purchasing cleaning products with highly concentrated green cleaning ingredients that are just as effective.

This ultimately resulted in the governor issuing his veto while asking the Republicans to begin a negotiation that is responsive to the needs of Pennsylvanians. I applauded the governor’s decision to veto. Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the House leadership and Speaker of the House, Greg Lucas, to develop their policy goals by passing what some have called “Corbett’s 5th budget” which the Republican leadership of the Legislature would have pushed $172 million in human services payments out of Harrisburg to finalize a budget, but I remain committed to working with him and my House colleagues to come up with a budget that is responsible to the needs of Pennsylvanians.

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