

## REPRESENTATIVE RYAN BIZZARRO CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE POLICY COMMITTEE

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## THE BIZZ REPORT

## **KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW**

It's been a busy summer in both Erie and Harrisburg: here's what I've been up to as state representative.

Education is crucial to our

region, and this July I voted to bring our local school districts \$257 million in additional funding from the state budget. The success of our public schools ripples across our economy. As I work to bring millions back to revitalize business corridors and attract new companies to expand here, they'll be looking for an educated workforce. Our future success depends on today's students.

Speaking of revitalization and state investment - you may have seen some of the headlines recently about state money I'm bringing back to Erie County, making



childcare more affordable, helping fight or prevent crime, and rebuilding crumbing industrial sites. These are the priorities I push for in Harrisburg and I'm happy to report the results.

If you have questions about anything you read, I want to hear from you. Together, we're making Pennsylvania a better state to live, work, and play in.

Yours.



## A REP FOR YOU

I'm in the business of taking care of people - people first, always. When you call, we get it done. Answers to questions, connecting you with resources, helping access benefits... I can help you navigate government to get the assistance you need: 814-835-2880.



Dear Representative Bizzarro how wonderful to hear the news of the grant money awarded to projects in Erie County, especially the funding for Asbury Woods and the Erie Zoo. Thank you for vour efforts on their behalf."

"Thanks for your leadership, Ryan, we support your work completely." "Thank you for making a call on my behalf regarding unemployment compensation, I have successfully filed."

"Thank you and your staff at your Peninsula Dr location. They have helped me with many different things. They are always patient and polite."

"I can't thank you enough. You guys are wonderful at what you do and helping us working people out. You guys make a big difference for Erie."

"Thank you, Ryan for everything you do."

"Thank you for all you and your staff do."



















## REPRESENTING YOU IN HARRISBURG

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Harrisburg is a long drive from Erie, but I bridge that divide to make sure your voice is heard. I make sure government works for you, cutting red tape to fix issues with state agencies.



Rep. Bizzarro co-hosted a hearing in Harrisburg to shine a light on corporate price gouging and how his legislation could provide relief for Pennsylvanians.

Rep. Bizzarro and the Policy Committee toured Haddad's Inc. in Pittsburgh to see how expanding the Film Tax Credit in Pennsylvania would have a positive impact on the state's economy.

## **BRINGING RESOURCES TO OUR REGION**

**BRINGING TAX DOLLARS BACK** 

In 2022, I have already brought back nearly \$10M to the region.

Bizzarro: \$1M awarded to region from PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency



with local waterways

\$7.75 million coming to boost regional economy

## **SETTING THE AGENDA**

As Chair of the Policy Committee, I convene public hearings and roundtables across the state on key issues to collect valuable feedback, which helps drive legislation in Harrisburg. I focus on the issues that matter to you: job creation, infrastructure reinforcement and expansion, helping businesses grow and thrive, access to healthcare, and investments in education.

The Policy Committee has already held more than 30 hearings this year; we had a packed summer and still have a busy fall schedule. We've focused on expanding access to maternal healthcare in Pennsylvania, the current and future status of electric vehicles in the commonwealth, supporting EMS workers, and how price gouging is hurting Pennsylvanians, to name a few.



DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED HELP WITH LICENSING?

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED HELP WITH GRANT FUNDING?

Rep. Bizzarro: Grant to help kids connect

Scan this QR code to learn how my office can help.







Every 10 years, the Census shows how population is shifting across the country. Since 2010, Erie County grew in our suburban regions. The PA Constitution requires that the legislature use this information to create legislative districts with an equal number of people. Pennsylvanians asked for a fair redistricting process, and that's what we got.

Fair and representative for 2023 means the district we live in will include all of Millcreek and Fairview Townships.

The district that I represent might look a little different in the future, but one thing doesn't change: I work hard for you and our community. I always fight for a strong economy, hold the line on taxes, bring funding back to the region, and do whatever I can to support the people who call Erie home.



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I make sure to use the power of my elected office to keep our Commonwealth strong and stand up for what is right. That means calling out mega corporations when they put profits over people.

## **END GAS PRICE GOUGING**

As the summer winds down, so are gas prices after skyrocketing increases. These multinational companies took advantage of the international supply chain disruption and inflation to charge unconscionable prices. Profits for these companies are up 300% this year, picking your pocket to pad executive bonuses and shareholder payouts.

That's why I sponsored legislation to prevent price increases within 24 hours of a previous increase, to outlaw unconscionable



Why are gas prices so high?

Oil + Gas company profits are up 300% over last year.

Maybe we need to ask them?

increases in times of emergency, and to empower the attorney general to investigate and prosecute gasoline price gouging.

Preying on Pennsylvanians at the pump in a time of economic crisis is unfair and we must stop this highway robbery.

### Time to pump the brakes on Pa. gas price hikes

## PROTECTING THE PEOPLE

Price gouging and corporate greed are leaving working families behind and hurting the small local businesses that are the cornerstones of our communities. It's unacceptable that these corporations see record profits while Pennsylvanians



struggle with high prices at the pump, in the grocery store, and everywhere else. But House Democrats have a plan to protect the people now and build a fairer economy for the future.

In addition to the Stop Gas Gouging Act that I mentioned above, I've also co-sponsored the Stop Price Fixing Act, which would give the attorney general additional tools to convict businesses unfairly hiking prices and taking advantage of Pennsylvanians. The Open Markets Act would end behavior that hurts fair business competition and give the attorney general more power to investigate and prosecute any anti-trust violations.

I'm committed to putting people first and creating a fair economy.

## **FIXING FIREWORKS LAWS**

I've heard your concerns about our fireworks laws. And I've since taken action. The House and Senate approved a bill that Gov. Wolf signed into law to restrict the use of fireworks to 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with exceptions for certain holidays like the 4th of July and New Year's Eve. This law

also implements stricter penalties for improper sales or illegal use. This is is a strong start to fireworks reform - I don't believe this bill goes far enough to restrict commercial firework access - and I look forward to a better fix.

## BILLS PASSED, SPONSORED OR INTRODUCED

#### **MY LEGISLATION - NOW LAW**

HR 175	Divesting PA from Russian holdings
HB 1711	Flexible match dollars for community
	projects

HB 633	Better connect	people with available
	vaccines	

HB 1715	Clarify the 180-School-Day Law
HB 776	Charitable special occasion permits
HB 874	Naming the "John A. Pulice Memorial
	Highway"

#### **MY LEGISLATION - STILL HUSTLING**

HB 2697	End	gas	price	gougir	ng /

HB 2340	Passing constitutional	amendments	by
	2/3rd majority		

HB 2578	Adding	organ	donation	to	voter
	registrat	ion			

HB 730	First-time	home bu	yer savings	accounts
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HB 1053	Same-d	av voter	registration

HB 1074	School	district-run	cyber	education
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#### HB 768 Waiving license fees for homeless youth

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#### HB 781 Prohibiting board member

compensation for public officials

#### **HB 1714** Preventing quick resale of stolen

#### electronics

#### **HB 779** Disclosing criminal record of senior care

staff

HB 891 Political yard sign clean-up requirements

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In August, I hosted one of my favorite events of the year - my annual Senior Fair & Older Living Expo! A thousand of our neighbors packed our expo, getting help and support to live life to the fullest. If you missed out and need help with state



## **SHOWING OFF THE REGION**

In August, I had the pleasure of hosting some of my House Democratic colleagues in Erie for a roundtable discussion and tour of economic development projects and opportunities in the Erie region. The first stop on the tour brought members to several spaces owned by Erie Downtown Development Corporation (EDDC), which is in the process of renovating several buildings on the same block into mixeduse spaces in the downtown area. EDDC has invested \$110 million in these Erie projects in the last two years.

We also visited the 8th Street Corridor in Millcreek Township. Millcreek is looking to completely redevelop the corridor by acquiring property for reinvestment in the community at a commercial level. Finally, members took a trip to Presque Isle State Park, home to more than four million visitors each year. We have tremendous opportunities for economic development in our area, and it was a pleasure to show them off to my colleagues in the House.













## **SUCCESSFUL LICENSE PLATE** REPLACEMENT EVENT

We had an **OVERWHELMING** response to our license plate replacement event in August. I want to thank everyone who came out, and I would like to personally thank the dedication of the Millcreek Township Police Department (MPD), whose officers worked with my staff to allow us to serve hundreds of people needing help.

We'll be working with MPD to host another event soon! In the meantime, if you need assistance replacing your defective / hard-to-read license plate, please call my office at (814) 835-2880.



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## PENNSYLVANIA'S FORTY UNDER 40

This summer, I was named to City and State PA's PowerList as one of Pennsylvania's most influential Forty under 40, a list of young difference-makers across the state. I'm honored to be included on this prestigious list of young leaders across Pennsylvania. I learned at an early age to never take shortcuts on what matters most—serving the public. Helping my neighbors is very important to me, not just with legislation in Harrisburg, but with nitty-gritty things like PennDOT troubles, or applying for affordable prescription drug coverage. It's my tremendous honor to help and support them - even when we disagree. It is a privilege to force state government to function better - I am determined to make a difference.





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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

As state representative, one of my most important jobs is helping you get the most out of state government. The list below explains some of the many ways my office and I can help.

- Unemployment or the PUA system.
- FREE notary (excludes title transfers).
- Property tax/rent rebates for seniors.
- Voter registration and vote by mail.
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications.
- Obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds.
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems.
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission.
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies.
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- Problems or questions about the state lottery.
- PACE cards for senior citizens.
- Consumer complaints.

For more information, call 814-835-2880.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

I'm partnering with the LECOM Institute for Successful Aging to host a Flu Shot Clinic at my district office.

Thursday, Sept. 29 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

District office:

1101 Peninsula Dr, Suite 213

No registration is required!

## SHOT



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2022 GENERAL ELECTION

## **VETERANS ASSISTANCE**

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 10 AM - 2 PM

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Last day to register to vote in the election. vote.pa.gov/Register

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Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

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Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by 8 PM, vote.pa.gov/County

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Election Day. Poils are open from 7 AM to 8 PM. vote pa.gov/Poils

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