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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you well. I continue to be honored to serve as your State Representative, and hope you will read on for news on the progress my colleagues and I have made in recent months to address the issues that impact Pennsylvanians the most – especially constituents here in the 162nd District.

With school starting up again, I want you to know that **improving educational outcomes** has been a top priority of mine. That's why I fought to increase funding for public schools across the state and take steps to ensure underfunded school districts are no longer left behind. The school funding reforms I supported will more than pay for themselves in **more job opportunities** and **higher graduation rates**, without raising property taxes.

Of course, improving the lives of students is about more than what happens in the classroom, which is why I paid special attention to the **mental and emotional well-being of students** by supporting anti-bullying measures, and by introducing a bill that would

make mental health helplines readily available in schools – more on that later in this newsletter.

While other states seek to erode access to life-saving reproductive care, I continue to take every possible step to **keep abortion safe and legal** in Pennsylvania. As reproductive freedoms continue to be undermined nationwide, my House colleagues and I sought to bolster every aspect of reproductive health and choice. I proudly supported legislation that would expand access to **prenatal care and contraceptives** and address the **disparities in maternal healthcare** experienced by women of color and members of the working class.

I've also kept my focus on gun safety and workers' rights. I introduced legislation that would make sure **police officers receive regular trainings on firearm safety**, especially in high stress situations. I also supported House Bill 777, which pertains to "**ghost guns**" — this legislation would require firearms sold in PA to be traceable. I also want to

make sure that employees aren't being taken advantage of, which is why I proposed two laws this session that would provide **additional protections for workers**. The first would bar corporations from intentionally misclassifying employees as "private contractors" in order to get away with paying them less, and the second would hold private companies to the same standards as the state when it comes to worker safety regulations and wages for those who maintain our infrastructure.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your year, and I hope to see you at one of my upcoming events. Please know that whether I'm in Harrisburg or back at home, I am always working for you. You're welcome to get in touch with me by visiting my office in Ridley Park or emailing me at RepDelloso@pahouse.net.

Sincerely,

State Representative
David M. Delloso
162nd Legislative District

Legislative Update

Here is a look at the legislation we've passed this session, including bills that comprise the 2024-25 state budget:

Ensuring a Proper Education for All Kids

The 2024-25 state budget includes record investments and improvements concerning public education. We fought hard to make sure this includes *cyber charter school reform*, which will save taxpayers \$530 million by finally subjecting cyber charters to oversight that will rein in their lavish spending on TV ads and donor events. The new public school funding formula we created ends its reliance on property taxes, so municipalities will have the ability to *lower your property taxes* for the first time in years.

Standing Up for Workers and Veterans

Workers put in long hours to make money to live, and these days, even a trip to the grocery store can empty a bank account. Many of the bills we've passed in the House so far this session are geared toward helping working people support themselves and their families, because we know how much the cost of living has increased.

We tripled the *Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit* to reduce your out-of-pocket cost for childcare, and passed greater protections against *corporate tax fraud*, to make sure you take home what you are owed. We voted to *strengthen safety regulations* for workers on the job site – for example, by passing legislation to apply OSHA protections to PA's public sector workers. And we passed a measure that would make workers *eligible for unemployment compensation* while unemployed due to a work stoppage.

I believe we have a duty to treat Pennsylvania's veterans with reverence, and to do everything within our power to support each veteran's dignity throughout their lifetime. This session, I've voted in favor of bills that would create a task force to better support those who suffer from chronic illness due to *Agent Orange exposure*, and to exempt injured and decorated veterans from *vehicle registration fees*.

Supporting mental health

The budget includes a variety of measures to benefit mental health programs, both general and targeted. I was proud, for example, to vote for a bill to make *post-traumatic stress injury* an eligible workers' compensation claim for first responders, and to allocate federal funding to initiatives to recruit and retain mental health professionals. We also passed legislation to boost funding for *county-based mental health resources*, and for *in-school counseling* programs for students.

My proposal to prevent youth suicide

I'm also proud to report that the House unanimously passed my legislation that would require schools to **make a suicide prevention hotline readily available to youth** via their student identification cards.

It's devastating to know there are children in our communities who are considering suicide as their only choice for relief. As a dad myself, I want to do everything in my power as a state legislator to help prevent families from suffering this kind of tragedy. With this measure, we can help make sure that the last decision a kid makes is not the worst decision that kid makes. The bill is now with the state Senate for consideration, and I continue to advocate for its approval.



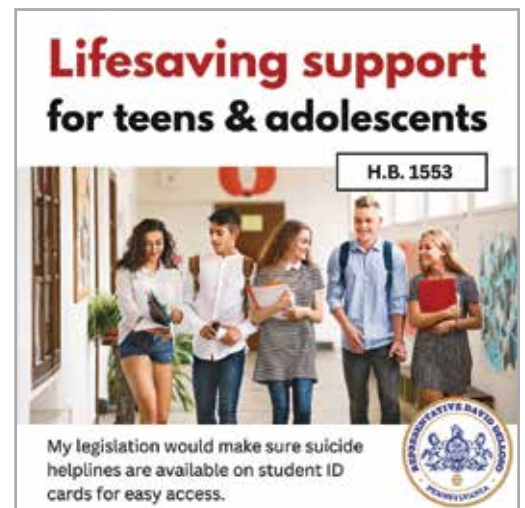
Helping our kids,
Helping our schools

- ✓ **\$1.4 billion** in new funding for all schools
- ✓ **\$5 billion** to close the gap to make sure all students can succeed
- ✓ **\$1 billion** cut in property taxes for hardest-hit areas
- ✓ **\$2.1 billion** to fix and repair our schools



Protecting workers from fraud
H.B. 2411

This legislation would prevent employers from committing wage theft and punish those that misclassify employees as independent contractors.



Lifesaving support for teens & adolescents
H.B. 1553

My legislation would make sure suicide helplines are available on student ID cards for easy access.

Investments in the Community

I fight for crucial grant allocations to organizations in our district with every new state budget. Here are the recent results of my advocacy:

In February, the Office of the State Fire Commissioner awarded about \$203,654 to equip our local firefighters and EMS providers with the resources they need to respond to emergencies.

I supported the bill that would double the amount available to the Office for this grant program:

- ▶ Folcroft Fire Company - \$30,396 (Fire & EMS)
- ▶ Folsom Fire Company - \$16,563 (Fire)
- ▶ Glenolden Fire Company - \$16,174 (Fire)
- ▶ Holmes Fire Company - \$32,952 (Fire & EMS)
- ▶ Milmont Park Fire Company - \$13,256 (Fire)
- ▶ Morton-Rutledge Fire Company - \$14,423 (Fire)
- ▶ Norwood Fire Company - \$31,563 (Fire & EMS)
- ▶ Prospect Park Fire Company - \$16,952 (Fire)
- ▶ Ridley Park Fire Company - \$15,007 (Fire)
- ▶ Sharon Hill Fire Company - \$16,368 (Fire)

In December, the Commonwealth Financing Authority awarded funding for maintenance projects on the infrastructure that gives us access to clean water and helps prevent flooding:

- ▶ Darby Township: \$165,538 for rehabilitation of 23 manholes in township roads.
- ▶ Folcroft Borough: \$350,000 to clean and televise sanitary sewer lines.
- ▶ Norwood Borough: \$200,000 for rehabilitation of 23 manholes in borough roads; and \$200,000 to upgrade the antiquated stormwater system near Muckinipattis Creek.
- ▶ Ridley Township: \$603,750 for a sanitary sewer system inflow/infiltration abatement project in the Crum Lynne area; and \$100,000 for stormwater system improvements.
- ▶ Rutledge Borough: \$150,000 to rehabilitate its storm sewer system.

Office Updates

Some of you may have already met my newer staff members, but I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce them to you. I am exceedingly grateful for the work of my dedicated staff who outperform the standards set for them to ensure that anyone who reaches out to me is provided with the best resources available to them, for whatever they may need. It's clear to me that they truly care about the residents of the 162nd District.



Joe Poteracki - District Office Director

Joe grew up in the Scranton area but has lived in Philadelphia for 15 years. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Temple University and has worked in legislative offices since 2020. He has been working to connect constituents to state services since July of this year.



Raven Horan - Senior Constituent Services Advisor

Raven is a recent graduate of Saint Joseph's University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Since joining my office in February, she has obtained her Notary Commission and was promoted to her current position.



Andria Neal and Connor Peterson - Summer Interns

I'd also like to show my appreciation for the incredible work done by our interns who you may have met over the summer. Both are students at Saint Joseph's University. Andria is a Political Science major, and Connor majors in International Relations. During their 10-week term, they provided invaluable service to constituents while cultivating professional and interpersonal skills that I hope they will continue to develop for years to come.

Around Our Community

In March, I visited **Sharon Hill Elementary, Darby Township School**, and **Prospect Park School** to read to students in honor of Read Across America Day. I loved engaging them in conversations about the books' themes, such as how to respectfully assert yourself and why you're doing the right thing by speaking up on behalf of others when you see them being mistreated. We also discussed their questions about the lawmaking process, and about my family, pets, and favorite food.



I always look forward to meeting up with Ed Kenny from **Toys for Tots Delco** to pass along the donations we've collected at my district office during the holiday season. It's a reminder of the incredible generosity of our community. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of families who needed a little help creating joy for their children!



I was lucky to see local Delco Hi-Q teams in action this past winter! In December I visited my alma mater, **Academy Park High School**, for their team's match against Chester STEM Academy and Chichester High School, along with Rep. Heather Boyd. And in January, I again got to see brilliant young minds in action in the match among the teams from Academy Park, **Ridley High School**, and Penncrest High School. It was also a great chance to catch up with Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon.



Our event at **MacDade Bowl** also included a job fair (and bowling, of course)! Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended my **Senior Lunch & Legislative Update**! My staff and I enjoyed answering your questions about state services, and I hope we provided useful information on programs that could benefit you. I am always eager to listen to your perspective on issues that are important to our community so I can put those ideas into concrete actions to benefit the 162nd District.



★ 2024 General Election ★ ★ Important Dates ★

- ★ **Oct. 21** Last day to register to vote in the general election.
vote.pa.gov/Register
- ★ **Oct. 29** Last day to apply for a mail ballot.
vote.pa.gov/MailBallot
- ★ **Nov. 5** Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.
vote.pa.gov/Polls
- ★ **Nov. 5** Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 PM.
vote.pa.gov/County

vote.pa.gov

Good News!

\$15.9 Million increase

In basic funding for schools in our community:



Interboro SD:
+\$3.0 million
(↑24%)



Ridley SD:
+\$3.7 million
(↑24%)



Southeast Delco SD:
+\$7.7 million
(↑28%)



Wallingford-Swarthmore SD:
+\$1.4 million
(↑31%)

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Municipality	Site	Address
Aldan	Municipal Building	1 W Providence Rd, Aldan 19018
Brookhaven	Municipal Center	2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven 19015
Chadds Ford	Township Office	10 Ring Rd, Chadds Ford 19317
Chester City	Crozer Library	620 Engle St, Chester 19013
Clifton Heights	Municipal Complex	30 S. Springfield Rd, Clifton Heights 19018
Collingdale	Collingdale Public Library	800 MacDade Blvd, Collingdale 19023
Colwyn	Police Station/Municipal Bldg	222 Spruce St, Colwyn 19023
Concord	Rachel Kohl Library	687 Smithbridge Rd, Glen Mills 19342
Darby Borough	Darby Borough Rec Center	1022 Ridge Ave, Darby 19023
Darby Township	Admin Building	2 Studevan Plaza, Sharon Hill 19079
East Lansdowne	Community Center	155 Lexington Ave, E. Lansdowne 19050
Eddystone	Lighthouse Hall	1401 E. 9th St, Eddystone 19022
Edgmont	Township Building	1000 Gradyville Rd, Edgmont 19073
Folcroft	Folcroft Public Library	1725 Delmar Dr, Folcroft 19032
Haverford	Haverford Admin Building	1014 Darby Rd, Havertown 19083
Lansdowne	Fire Station	26 N. Highland Ave, Lansdowne 19050
Lower Chichester	Municipal Building	1410 Market St, Linwood 19061
Marcus Hook	Marcus Hook Comm Center	7 W Delaware Ave, Marcus Hook 19061
Marple	Marple Public Library	227 S. Sproul Rd, Broomall 19008
Media	Delco Government Center	201 W. Front St, Media 19063
Middletown	Municipal Building	27 N. Pennell Rd, Media 19063
Milbourne	Municipal/Police Building	9 Park Ave, Milbourne 19082
Morton	Municipal Building	500 Highland Ave, Morton 19070
Nether Providence	Helen Kate Furness Library	100 N. Providence Rd, Wallingford 19086
Newtown Square	Municipal Building	209 Bishop Hollow Rd, Newtown Sq 19073
Parkside	Borough Hall	22 E. Elbon Rd, Brookhaven 19015
Radnor	Radnor Twp Building	301 Iven Ave, Wayne 19087
Ridley Park	Borough Hall	105 E. Ward Ave, Ridley Park 19078
Ridley Township	Police Station	100 E. MacDade Blvd, Folsom 19033
Rutledge	Borough Hall	212 Unity Terrace, Rutledge 19070
Sharon Hill (TBD)	Borough Hall	250 Sharon Ave, Sharon Hill 19079
Springfield	Springfield Twp Library	70 Powell Rd, Springfield 19064
Swarthmore	Borough Hall/Library	121 Park Ave, Swarthmore 19081
Thornbury	Thornbury Park	345 Glen Mills Rd, Glen Mills 19342
Upper Darby	Municipal Building	100 Garrett Rd, Upper Darby 19082
Upper Chichester	IBEW Local 654	3729 Chichester Ave, Boothwyn 19061
Upper Providence	District Court Building	935 N. Providence Rd, Media 19063
Yeadon	Yeadon Public Library	809 Longacre Blvd, Yeadon 19050

Opening date TBA.

All sites will be accessible 24/7 through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The drop box at **Sharon Hill Borough Hall** may not be open if they still have camera issues.

This is the list provided at <DelcoPA.gov> as of this newsletter's print date. Please check their website for the most up-to-date drop box locations before you go out.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** has delivered millions of dollars in rebates to thousands of seniors here in Delaware County. I'm proud to say the program is bigger and better than ever after I fought and won to expand income limits to qualify and the amount of dollars you can get back. If you didn't apply yet, it's not too late! Please contact my office and let's find out if you qualify – and if you're eligible for other helpful state programs and services.



Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

MORE people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380

Deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**



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Save the Date! To learn more or register for any of the following events, please contact us at (610) 534-1002 or RepDellosso@pahouse.net.

Upcoming Events:

Shred Event at Delcroft Shopping Center

Saturday, October 19
9 a.m. – noon

Safely shred and recycle sensitive documents you no longer need! Please remove binder clips and other fasteners; staples are ok.

📍 1800 Delmar Dr., Folcroft

Annual Open House

Thursday, December 5
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Meet with me and my staff and enjoy some light refreshments with neighbors!

My Ridley Park office
📍 605 E. Chester Pike

Monthly Happenings with my Office:

Mobile Office at Schoolhouse Senior Center

3rd Wednesday of each month
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

📍 600 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom

Mobile Office at Good Neighbor Senior Center

4th Wednesday of each month
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

📍 1035 Hook Road, Sharon Hill

Veterans Outreach at my Ridley Park District Office

2nd Wednesday of each month –
By appointment only. Call us at:
(610) 534-1002

A Veteran Service Officer from the American Legion is available to advise veterans, their loved ones, and their beneficiaries to direct them on what they're entitled to as members of the Armed Services.

Free Medicare Counseling at my Ridley Park District Office

3rd Wednesday of each month – By appointment only. Call us at:
(610) 534-1002

An advisor from the PA Medicare Education Decision Insight Program (PA MEDI) is available to help residents navigate their Medicare plan options.