



## DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

Since being sworn into office last April, it has been a great privilege to serve as your representative in the 35th House District. This time has been both busy and exciting, and I am proud of the work I have begun on your behalf.

This newsletter highlights the legislation I have supported, including two bills I sponsored that have already passed the House. It also includes information about my committee assignments, including my recent appointment to the House Labor & Industry Committee, where I will help shape legislation that matters to the working families of the Mon Valley. You will also find details on the state funding I have been advocating for to ensure our district has the resources it needs to move forward in the 21st century.

Finally, you will find information about my district offices and how to connect with me and my staff to access state resources and programs that can make your life better. Connecting with local residents has been one of the greatest joys of my job, so please never hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Dan Goughnour  
State Representative

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## MY LEGISLATION THAT PASSED THE HOUSE



### Encouraging Historic Preservation

H.B. 1572 would make it easier to rehabilitate and preserve certain properties across Pennsylvania by reducing construction and rehabilitation costs through an increased tax credit available for each project. The bill increases the previous tax credit cap of \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. It passed the House with bipartisan support and is currently pending in the Senate.

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**H.B. 1572**



### Modernizing Liquor Laws

H.B. 1702 would modernize Pennsylvania's liquor laws to better support businesses ranging from neighborhood taverns to world-class sports venues. The bill would allow liquor licensees to serve premixed cocktails on tap, just like beer. It passed the House with bipartisan support and is currently pending in the Senate.

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**H.B. 1702**



Congratulations!

## Dan Goughnour

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Labor & Industry  
Committee

## COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES

I was honored to be appointed to the **House Labor & Industry Committee** in October. As a longtime member of Teamsters Local 205, I understand firsthand the importance of fair labor practices, safe worksites, and strong support for working families.

As a former McKeesport police officer, I was also proud to join the newly formed **Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Caucus**. I remain committed to ensuring our police have the resources they need and to working with my colleagues toward our shared goal of safe communities for every Pennsylvanian.

Other committees on which I serve are **Aging & Older Adult Services, Game & Fisheries, Finance, Liquor Control, and Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations**.



2025-2026

## PA BUDGET WINS

- No new taxes or reductions in the Rainy Day Fund
- Over \$100M increase for Basic Education Funding and a \$40M increase to Special Education funding
- \$125M for public school facility improvement grants, with at least \$25M set aside for Solar for Schools
- Nearly \$600M investment to further address adequacy and help kids in our public schools
- \$25M for child care worker retention and recruitment
- Putting money back in the pockets of Pennsylvanians with the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit (WPCTC)
- \$750M for the MA Managed Care Program, supporting those compassionate care workers
- \$150M increase to help Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities
- \$40M to feed hungry Pennsylvanians and support family farms
- Nearly \$300M increase to fund DCNR and DEP, supporting environmental projects
- Funding to fix and improve roads and bridges across the commonwealth
- More than \$100M in job creation, innovation, and entrepreneurial support

## MORE KEY LEGISLATION I SUPPORTED

- **H.B. 923**, now **Act 49 of 2025**, which ensures that seniors do not lose their eligibility for the state's prescription drug assistance programs due to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.
- **H.B. 1431**, now **Act 36 of 2025**, which repeals the state's longstanding ban on Sunday hunting.
- **H.B. 1176**, now **Act 50 of 2025**, which makes it easier and less expensive for people to claim property that is rightfully theirs from the state's unclaimed property vault.
- **H.B. 1359**, now **Act 51 of 2025**, which helps small self-storage business owners avoid significant losses when a customer fails to sign or pay their rental agreement.
- **H.B. 1058**, now **Act 37 of 2025**, which lowers the PA Lottery's mandated profit margin to allow the sale of more big-ticket games and fund more senior programs.
- **H.B. 640**, now **Act 14 of 2025**, which improves the annual report that the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs submits to the General Assembly to ensure the state is meeting its benchmarks with substance abuse programs.
- **H.B. 491**, now **Act 6 of 2025**, which establishes concurrent jurisdiction with the state and federal governments on military installations so that military children charged with misconduct can access the commonwealth's rehabilitative options.
- **H.B. 355**, now **Act 5 of 2025**, which allows a sentencing enhancement for courts to consider in sexual assault cases where the defendant holds a position of authority and is a mandated reporter.
- **H.B. 378**, now **Act 11 of 2025**, which clarifies and streamlines Pennsylvania's overly complex child custody process.
- **H.B. 1103**, now **Act 16 of 2025**, which helps homebuyers and homeowners by permitting mortgage lenders to offer discount points to borrowers to lower their interest rate and monthly payments.



## A STATE BUDGET THAT HELPS SCHOOLS AND SERVICES WITH NO TAX HIKE

I supported a new state budget that allocates approximately \$50 billion to ensure the continued delivery of essential services while increasing investments in our schools. The budget includes more than **\$900 million** in additional pre-K-12 education funding, including an additional **\$40 million** for special education. It also includes **\$125 million** for school facility improvements.

The budget raises no taxes and makes no reductions to the Rainy Day Fund. At the same time, it helps working families who are struggling to make ends meet through the **Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit**. Anyone who qualifies for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit will automatically qualify for a state tax credit worth 10 percent of the federal credit when filing state taxes—putting between \$200 and \$800 back in the pockets of eligible working Pennsylvanians.

## IN THE 35<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

### A SUCCESSFUL SENIOR EXPO

Turnout was fantastic for our Senior Wellness & Safety Expo, which I hosted last fall with State Sen. Nick Pisciottano at McKeesport Palisades. I enjoyed speaking with everyone and hope that all who attended found the event helpful. I'm already looking forward to hosting another one again this year!



### SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS

I fully support the recently announced efforts by Nextel USA to reopen a stainless-steel pipe and tubing plant in Munhall. According to Nextel, when the former Ascent/Bristol Metals facility reaches full production, it will employ 120 people using the current equipment.

We have a hardworking labor force capable of producing high-quality steel products, and I'm confident that Nextel will fit seamlessly into our region's steel and labor legacy while helping move the Mon Valley forward.

### ADVOCATING FOR WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

Like many people in Allegheny County, I value everything our rivers have to offer. That's why I co-hosted a roundtable hearing on the benefits of a state tax-credit program for waterfront development. We discussed the success of Pennsylvania's existing Waterfront Development Tax Credit program and explored how expanding it could create more jobs, attract investments, and build vibrant community spaces along our waterways.



### OPPOSING THE PA AMERICAN WATER RATE HIKE

I understand that now is not the time for a hefty increase in your water bills, which is why I have opposed a proposed rate hike by PA American Water. The increase, which must be approved by the state Public Utility Commission, is currently on hold while the PUC reviews it. While I recognize that PA American Water is upgrading its systems, I do not agree with shifting the cost to consumers. I will continue to advocate for you whenever a rate increase threatens to create further hardship for Mon Valley residents.



## BRINGING HOME STATE FUNDING

It takes strong voices in Harrisburg to ensure that state funding comes home to the Mon Valley, and I am proud to be one of those voices for you. These grants are supporting worthwhile projects across our district that strengthen infrastructure, renovate buildings, expand recreational opportunities, and provide much-needed police and municipal equipment. Among the grants I have worked with Sen. Pisciottano to help bring home are:

Clairton Municipal Authority	<b>\$250,000</b>
VC Waterfront Development	<b>\$100,000</b>
White Oak Borough	<b>\$105,000</b>
City of McKeesport	<b>\$140,000</b>
Executive Building LLC	<b>\$55,000</b>
Whitaker Borough	<b>\$52,000</b>
McKeesport Police Department	<b>\$25,000</b>
Versailles VFC	<b>\$35,000</b>
West Homestead Fire Department	<b>\$42,000</b>
Homestead Borough	<b>\$175,000</b>
West Mifflin Borough	<b>\$425,000</b>
West Mifflin Sanitary Sewer & Stormwater Authority	<b>\$225,000</b>
Whitaker Borough	<b>\$55,810</b>
Tri-COG Land Bank	<b>\$106,651</b>
Port Vue Borough	<b>\$312,000</b>



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## KEY LEGISLATION, DISTRICT NEWS AND MORE INSIDE

### I'M HERE TO HELP YOU

I have three district offices ready to serve you, so don't hesitate to reach out anytime! My goal is to make sure you feel welcomed and connected to the services and opportunities you may need.

You can also follow me on Facebook at [facebook.com/RepGoughnour](https://facebook.com/RepGoughnour), and visit my website at [RepGoughnour.com](http://RepGoughnour.com) to sign up for my regular email newsletter. I look forward to connecting with you and seeing you out in our community!



Rep. Dan Goughnour



## DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My team and I can help you with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- PennDOT Services
- Help with Unemployment
- LIHEAP
- PRT Senior ConnectCards

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