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Dear Neighbor,

It has been a summer filled with policy hearings and pushing back against the extreme Republican agenda to fight for the future of Pennsylvania. While we continue to fight for abortion rights, a quality public education for all children, clean air and water, a sustainable and green economy, and a fair and transparent government across the commonwealth, I want to share with you all the amazing things we accomplished over the past few months. As we start off the new school year, my office recently held a Backpack Resource Fair at McCall Elementary where we gave away 175 backpacks and 50 hygiene kits to help students start the year on the right foot!

We also passed a state budget for Pennsylvania that made historic investments in education and the environment. I am eager to return to session in September so I can continue to fight for you in Harrisburg.

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or any state government-related service, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

In Service,

Mary Louise Isaacson



State Representative | 175th Legislative District

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Basic Education Funding Commission

I am thrilled to announce that I've been appointed to the Basic Education Funding Commission!

This commission will evaluate the distribution of basic education subsidies and Pennsylvania's fair funding formula, and I am committed to ensuring that all education funding is passed through the formula to equitably fund our schools. In this role, I am determined to make sure that children have more than an "adequate" education – as enshrined in our state's constitution. I want to make sure they are thriving in their school environment and that their future success is not determined by their ZIP Code.

Children deserve to have the best opportunities afforded to them because they are our future leaders.

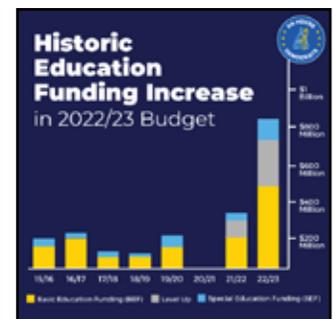
We need to make sure they start off with a quality education – no matter where they live! Scan this QR code to read my statement on being appointed to this critical position.



Historic investments in schools, environment are budget victories I fought for

Although it was late because Republicans in our General Assembly were busy playing politics, we passed a budget for Pennsylvania that will make historic investments in a sustainable future and our students.

I am happy to have worked to secure funding for education, protecting our environment (including the addition of three new state parks!) and other priorities that benefit many Pennsylvanians.



DEMOCRATIC

PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS

in the Pennsylvania
General Assembly



- SB 0414 – Designating 80% Receivers as Firearms
- SB 0546 – Duty to Retreat
- SB 0632 – Requiring Safe Storage at Municipal Buildings
- SB 0728 – Prohibits Attempted Criminals from Owning Guns
- SB 0748 – Ending PA’s Investment in Gun Companies
- HR 0044 – Recognizing the Gun Violence Epidemic
- HR 0101 – Examining the Link Between Social Media and Gun Violence
- HB 0234 – Increasing Penalties for Illegal Concealed Carry
- HB 0237 – Requiring Safe Storage
- HB 0271 – Subjecting 3D Printed Firearms to Gun Laws
- HB 0338 – Harsher Penalties for Straw Purchases
- HB 0361 – Allowing Local Gun Control
- HB 0364 – Destroying Confiscated Firearms if Owner Not Found
- HB 0393 – Background Checks for Ammunition Sales
- HB 0413 – Banning Multiple Gun Purchases Within One Month
- HB 0414 – Banning Undetectable, 3D-Printed Guns
- HB 0451 – Requiring NRA Training Before Buying Guns
- HB 0462 – Shortening State Police Notification Periods
- HB 0528 – Banning Guns in Parks
- HB 0690 – Requiring Concealed-Carry Status on Driver’s Licenses
- HB 0696 – Establishing Gun Violence Prevention Grant for Affected Communities
- HB 0698 – Establishes 72-hour Waiting Period for Gun Purchases
- HB 0699 – Requiring Safe Storage at All Times
- HB 0702 – Closing Gun Show Loophole
- HB 0717 – Under-21 Assault Weapon Ban
- HB 0737 – Prohibiting Guns in Polling Places
- HB 0770 – Banning Weapons of War
- HB 0785 – Requires Safe Gun Storage in Homes
- HB 0869 – Banning Weapons at Demonstrations
- HB 0872 – Establishing State Gun Training Courses
- HB 0917 – Prohibits Disguised Firearms
- HB 0980 – Mandating Reports of Lost Firearms
- HB 0981 – Bans Multi-Burst Trigger Activators, Bump Stocks
- HB 1077 – Allowing Voluntary Self-Exclusion
- HB 1090 – Prohibiting Guns in Courthouses
- HB 1211 – Red Flag Laws
- HB 1306 – Establishing Waiting Period for Firearm Transfers
- HB 1315 – Banning Untraceable Firearms
- HB 1537 – Empowering Municipalities to Regulate Firearms
- HB 1677 – Serial Numbers for DIY Firearms
- HB 1718 – Increasing Penalties for Carrying Unlicensed
- HB 1747 – Allowing Ankle Bracelets on Abusers
- HB 1751 – Requiring Photo ID for Ammunition
- HB 1786 – Establishing Ammunition Registry
- HB 1810 – Establishing Firearm Registry
- HB 1831 – Requires In-Person Purchase of Firearms
- HB 1832 – In-Person Background Check Application Delivery
- HB 1833 – In-Person Concealed Carry Permit Delivery
- HB 1834 – Permitting Background Check Observers
- HB 1846 – Requiring Safety Training for First-Time Buyers
- HB 1900 – No Fly? No Gun
- HB 1966 – Banning Ghost Guns
- HB 2009 – Funding Gun Violence Research Center
- HB 2162 – Requiring Courses to Reinstate Suspended Hunting Licenses
- HB 2435 – Implementing Safe Storage Requirements for Long Guns
- HB 2518 – Requiring Permits to Open-Carry
- HB 2562 – Creating Safe Communities Grant Program
- HB 2977 – Making Owners Liable for Stolen Firearms

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Fighting against gun violence

Over the last few legislative sessions, the Democrats of the Pennsylvania General Assembly have been fighting the Majority party of the GOP to see meaningful action on gun violence – to no avail. The Majority Republicans have gone as far to amend a bill designed to raise the age to buy an assault weapon to 21 into a permit-less concealed carry bill.

They took a bill that was written to strengthen our gun laws and made it into something that would make us less safe.

Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We had a devastating shooting on South Street right before summer – this was after 19 children and 2 teachers were tragically murdered in a mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

We must pass commonsense gun safety legislation that curbs this gun violence epidemic plaguing Philadelphia and the whole commonwealth. And if they won’t take action at the state level, Republicans need to pass legislation so that Philadelphia can implement their own laws to keep our city and neighborhoods safe.

Fighting for Women's health

In June, SCOTUS decided to overturn Roe v. Wade, which protected a woman's right to safe and legal abortion. While abortion is still safe and legal in Pennsylvania, we are only one vote away from losing this vital access to health care.

I strongly advocated for Gov. Wolf to uphold abortion rights in Pennsylvania via Executive Order and joined the Women's Health Caucus in writing a joint letter asking for these protections.

I will never stop fighting for a woman's right to make her own medical decisions and I'm happy to say that an Executive Order is now in place.

But the Majority party is still trying to take away a woman's right to essential health care. In June, while we were passing a budget, one that was already overdue, the Senate GOP suspended the rules for voting past 11 p.m. They waited until we were asleep and voted on

five constitutional amendments – all wrapped up in Senate Bill 106.

SB 106 has language in it that would severely restrict or outright ban abortion in Pennsylvania. It has passed one legislative session. It needs to pass one more before it is presented to YOU, the voters, as a ballot question.

This is why voting is so important – to protect our rights and freedoms and to elect people who have our best interests at heart.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive order, advocated for by Rep. Isaacson, to further uphold abortion rights, passed in Pennsylvania



Governor Tom Wolf's Executive Order, immediately ensures out-of-state residents may enter Pennsylvania to access reproductive health care services in the commonwealth.

The order declines any request received from any other state to issue a warrant for the arrest or surrender of any person charged with a criminal violation involving the provision, receipt of, or assistance with reproductive health care services unless the basis of the criminal charges are also criminal offenses under Pennsylvania law.

You can check your registration status, find your polling place and even register to vote by scanning the QR code, or going to <https://www.vote.pa.gov/>. Make sure your voice is heard because every vote counts.



Bringing home \$1 million for Spring Garden Street Greenway project

Environmental stewardship is a priority of mine. I know that being able to access green spaces and enjoy outdoor recreation allows us all to see more clearly how important caring for our environment is. That's why I'm so excited to help bring a \$1 million grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources home to our district to help cover the cost of designing a trail connector at Spring Garden Street along the East Coast Greenway to connect the Schuylkill River and Delaware River trails.

The project will involve 2.2 miles of significant reconstruction of the roadway and surrounding transportation and green infrastructure to help with stormwater runoff. DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said that the project is included in DCNR's list of Top 10 Trail Gaps across the state that they want to close.

Closing trail gaps is necessary to achieve the goal of having a trail within 10 miles of every Pennsylvanian and will make outdoor recreation accessible and welcoming to everyone!



Save the Date: October 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free Shredding and E-Recycling at Hancock Playground
1401 N Hancock S Philadelphia, PA 19122 • You can also pick up a new recycling bin!

Protecting young Pennsylvanians' mental health online

The internet provides great opportunities for coordinating anti-suicide strategies and education among educators, health care professionals, and advocates. Unfortunately, bad actors have also used the internet to create forums where vulnerable people are encouraged to die by suicide. Regulating these forums is complicated because much of what is on the forums is considered protected speech and due to servers being moved between jurisdictions to prevent regulation.

My bipartisan resolution (HR221) would establish a task force to study these forums and recommend legislative and executive action to prevent people visiting these websites from dying by suicide. The task force would include the Attorney General, the chairs of the House Judiciary, Health, and Human Services committees; the secretaries of the Departments of Health and Human Services; and psychologists, cyber bullying experts, and suicide prevention advocates.

As there are complicated legal issues involved with regulating these web forums, it is important to have a task force composed of subject area experts to recommend action so we can limit the reach of these entities. We must do everything we can to protect vulnerable Pennsylvanians and ensure they get the support they need during their darkest hours.



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Addressing Online Mental Health Threats

Suicide death rates amongst 15-24 year olds has increased by 45% in the last decade.

HR 221 establishes a task force to study harmful online forums that are encouraging vulnerable young Pennsylvanians to commit suicide in the hopes of preventing these tragedies and protecting people in their worst moments.

We had a great time at our 3rd annual Backpack Resource Fair!



My office gave away 175 backpacks filled with school supplies and 50 hygiene kits for students to start the upcoming school year off right! We were able to distribute tons of information on state government-related services, including how to pay for higher education!





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My staff and I can help you with:

- ▶ Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- ▶ Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- ▶ Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- ▶ Unclaimed Property searches through PA Treasury
- ▶ Information on financial assistance for higher education
- ▶ Birth and death certificates
- ▶ Problems with the Department of Health and Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- ▶ Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- ▶ Problems or questions about the state lottery
- ▶ Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- ▶ Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- ▶ Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- ▶ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- ▶ Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- ▶ PACE cards for senior citizens
- ▶ Consumer complaints
- ▶ Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- ▶ Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Constituent services

- ▶ Consumer Support
- ▶ Services for Children
- ▶ Drivers
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Energy Resources
- ▶ General Constituent Services
- ▶ Health Care
- ▶ Senior Citizens
- ▶ Sportsman's Corner
- ▶ State Government Information
- ▶ Veteran Assistance
- ▶ Voter Information



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