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Hi folks,

I hope you've been enjoying this colorful fall season here in beautiful West Chester. This is a great time to get outdoors and take advantage of our many parks and trails.

In the meantime, I am happy to report that we are continuing to work hard for you in Harrisburg. Whether it's increased education and mental health funding, childcare tax credits, raising the minimum wage, or additional funding for outdoor recreational projects, we're doing what we can to help working families in our community and in all four corners of our Commonwealth! After a busy summer working on the budget, recent legislative sessions focused on bills that were previously brushed to the side. I am proud to announce that three of my bills made their way to the House floor and were passed thanks to the bipartisan support of my colleagues.

Read on for info about my legislation, the many state government services available to you, and other important updates on what's happening in the 156th District! We wish you and your families the very best during this Thanksgiving Holiday season!

House Committees Rep. Pielli Proudly Serves on:

I am proud to serve you on these committees and was most recently appointed to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. As an Army veteran, I look forward to addressing the needs of our veterans and first responders.

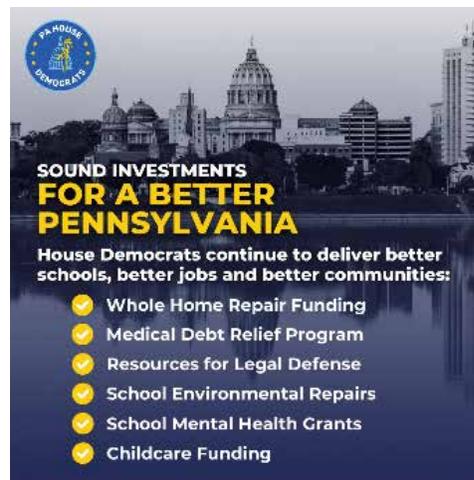


House Bill 1300

The PA House has passed H.B. 1300. This bill is extremely comprehensive in its focus on helping to make the lives of hard-working families better and includes an additional \$100 million in funding for mental health services.

We are making good on the investments championed in this year's state budget with a plan that ensures those investments are flowing into the programs and resources that matter to YOU, and delivering better schools, better jobs, and better communities.

This plan is a positive step forward, but we know the work is not done. We won't stop fighting for you.



Hometown Heroes

Part of what makes our region so great is the fantastic folks who constantly give back to our community. Every month, we try to recognize someone in the community that goes above and beyond. Here is a list of some of our Hometown Heroes! Thank you for all that you do!



AUBREY BROWN
WWII Veteran & Community Volunteer



JENNIFER LOPEZ
Family Advocate for Homelessness and Affordable Housing



ELIZABETH MYAMBO
Three-time "Ms. Amazing" Selection



GAVIN SNYDER
Community Fundraiser & Volunteer

My 2023 Legislation Highlights



Artificial Intelligence Ethics Bills, including Criminalization of A.I. Produced Child Pornography (H.B. 1753) and Unauthorized Deep Fakes (H.B. 1373)

House Bill 1753 would:

- Amend provisions of our Crimes Code prohibiting child pornography to ensure that AI-generated "Deep Fake" child sexual abuse material is treated the same as any other illicit material.
- H.B. 1373 would criminalize the act of disseminating without authorization artificially generated impersonations or "Deep Fakes."

Consumer Credit Protection Bill (H.B. 695)

House Bill 695 would:

- Prohibit consumer reporting agencies from imposing fees for initially placing or temporarily lifting a security freeze on a credit report.
- Require consumer reporting agencies affected by a data breach to provide consumers with free credit monitoring services for at least three years following the breach.
- Prohibit a consumer reporting agency affected by a data breach from requiring a consumer to waive their rights to use free credit monitoring services.

My 2023 Legislation Highlights Cont.



Corporate Reporting Deadline Congruence Bill (H.B. 1419 – Passed by the House! Passed by Senate State Government Committee!)

House Bill 1419 would:

- Add consistency to changes made last session to corporate reporting laws under Pennsylvania's Title 15.
- Ensure that both domestic (in-state) businesses and foreign (out-of-state) businesses would have the same transitional annual reporting due date of Jan. 4, 2027.

Aligns with Gov. Josh Shapiro's initiative to create a friendlier, smarter, and more efficient business environment for the benefit of our economy.

Hunting & Fishing Reciprocal License Bill (H.B. 877) – Passed by House!

Waiting on the Senate!

House Bill 877 would allow the PA Attorney General to enter reciprocal agreements with other states to recognize their lawfully issued active-duty and disabled-veteran hunting and fishing licenses. The bill was passed unanimously by the House.

As an Army veteran, I greatly appreciate and support the promotion of 'therapeutic fishing and hunting' for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other service-related disabilities. It is never a bad time to help our veterans any way we can as they adjust to civilian life after serving their country.

Light Pollution Mitigation Bill (H.B. 1803 – Recently Introduced)

House Bill 1803 would:

- Require all state agencies to use fully shielded lighting units when installing new or replacing current outdoor lighting fixtures.
- Reduce our overall light pollution and substantially lower the wattage of light fixtures needed to maintain satisfactory light levels, thereby providing for considerable energy savings, protection of wildlife, and prevention of adverse health effects on our citizens.

Senior Protection Bills (H.B. 1646)

As a former court appointed guardianship attorney, I saw clients lose their homes due to unpaid property taxes. Too often, these individuals suffered cognitive impairment or were otherwise incapacitated and could not pay tax bills without assistance.

House Bill 1646 would:

- Help vulnerable senior citizens and individuals remain in their homes.
- Create an option for older adults and incapacitated individuals to designate someone to receive notice when property taxes and/or mortgage payments are delinquent.

Wiretap Law (H.B. 1278 – Passed by House! Passed by Senate Judiciary Committee!)

Since its enactment, the Pennsylvania Wiretap Act has enabled prosecutors to obtain critical evidence for cases. As a former attorney and correctional officer, I understand the benefits of utilizing this comprehensive statutory scheme. This bill would renew and revise the Act to help our law enforcement prosecute criminals while providing the necessary guardrails of judicial oversight for both the accused and accuser.

House Bill 1278 would:

- Extend the expiration date of the Pennsylvania Wiretap Act to Dec. 31, 2029.
- Amend the current definition of "oral communication" to remove restrictions on conversations made in the presence of state parole officers and state correctional officers.
- Allow residents to record predatory telemarketers without penalty.

Infrastructure Updates - Building Pennsylvania Back Better

With additional funding from President Biden's bipartisan infrastructure package, PennDOT has been working hard to fix and maintain our district roads, such as the **West Chester Bypass, Paoli Pike, and U.S. Route 202**. Properly maintaining roads is very important to our economy, safety, and community growth. Stay tuned for future infrastructure improvements.



If you notice any potholes or poor road conditions on PennDOT owned roads in your area, please contact my office staff at 610-696-4990 or RepPielli@pahouse.net

The Great Outdoors of the 156th District! State Funds Coming to Our Community!

\$1.5 million of funding for outdoor recreation projects is coming to our community! These grants are administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. They include development of the Chester Valley and Plum Run trails in East Bradford, renovation of West Goshen Community Park, and rehabilitation of Hoopes Park in West Chester Borough.



Millions in Unclaimed Property Held in PA Treasury

Did you know that 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians have Unclaimed Property and don't know it? Unclaimed Property can be any monetary asset – from insurance checks to security deposits to stocks or dividends – that the PA Treasury has been holding for you or for a deceased spouse or relative.

We have helped many residents in our district, and some are entitled to more than \$10,000 in unclaimed property. Please call our District Office at **(610) 696-4990** to find out if you have Unclaimed Property and learn how to claim it. My staff can search for unclaimed property and assist with filing claims to Treasury on your behalf.

Or you can visit <https://unclaimedproperty.patreasury.gov/en/Property/SearchIndex> to find out yourself.

**Claim Your
Property Today**

1 in 10 PA residents have unclaimed property waiting for them.
Do you?

You can check if there is unclaimed property waiting for you at

patreasury.gov



When can Pennsylvanians enroll in Pennie Healthcare Coverage?

Enrollment in 2024 Pennie health insurance coverage runs from Nov. 1, 2023, to Jan. 19, 2024.

Last year, many Pennsylvanians who enrolled in a Pennie health insurance plan paid lower monthly premiums thanks to subsidies from President Biden's American Rescue Plan Act. These subsidies are available for the 2024 plan year.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit Pennie.com/connect or **Pennie Customer Service at 1-844-844-8040**.

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My team is proud to serve you! Please contact my office staff at 610-696-4990 or RepPielli@pahouse.net for assistance with:

- Consumer Rights Issues and Complaints
- PA Birth and Death Certificates
- PennDOT Vehicle and Licensing Services
- Property Tax / Rent Rebate program [Deadline: Dec. 31, 2023]
- SEPTA Senior Key Card applications [Residents 65+ ride free!]
- State Benefits like heating assistance (LIHEAP) [Open Nov. 2023 - Mar. 2024], SNAP, and Medicaid
- And many more **state government-related** services!

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