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Hello Neighbors!

This has been an exciting summer filled with so many opportunities to connect across our communities here in the 126th District. I want to thank everyone who stopped by an event, visited our district office, or reached out to share their ideas, concerns, and stories.

Great news - we have a budget! This budget season, we passed a state budget that invests in education, workforce development, public safety, and affordability while making targeted investments that will benefit Berks County for years to come.

One accomplishment that means a great deal to many families here at home is the long-overdue cost-of-living adjustment for our retired teachers, first responders, and other public employees. These dedicated individuals spent their careers serving our communities, and this investment will help provide greater financial security as the cost of living continues to rise.

I'm especially proud that I was able to advocate for and help secure additional funding for the school districts I represent:

- Antietam School District: +\$948,000 (+10%)
- Exeter Township School District: +\$913,000 (+5.3%)
- Muhlenberg School District: +\$5 million (+25%)
- Reading School District: +\$28.5 million (+9.7%)

Overall, these investments support our teachers, expand opportunities for our students, and help schools provide the technology, resources, and curriculum needed to prepare the next generation for success.

Here at home, our district office has been busy bringing state government resources directly to you. We've hosted Senior Outreach Events, helped residents access the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, and worked every day to assist families, veterans, and small businesses as they navigate state programs and services. I truly have an incredible staff, and together we are committed to making sure every resident knows where to turn when they need help.

Serving as your state representative is an honor I never take for granted. Whether I'm advocating for our schools, supporting our local organizations and businesses, or working with colleagues across the aisle to solve problems, my focus remains the same: delivering results that improve the lives of the people of the 126th District.

As always, my office is here for you. Please continue to reach out if you need assistance with a state agency, have a question, or simply want to share what's important to you. I look forward to seeing you around the district in the months ahead. If you see me or my staff, please stop and say hello, and be sure to join us at our October Shred Event! Until then, enjoy these last days of summer!

With gratitude,

State Representative

WORKING FOR YOU IN HARRISBURG



Since my last newsletter, **three of my bills have passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives** and are now under consideration in the Senate. Each proposal addresses a different priority for our communities- from helping homeowners better prepare for flooding, to lowering long-term energy costs, to strengthening career and technical education for the next generation of workers.



House Bill 1718, which passed the House in March, would require insurance companies offering or issuing homeowner’s insurance policies to notify homeowners of the availability and pricing of flood insurance.

Furthermore, the bill would require annual notice to be given to individuals with homeowner’s insurance. My legislation would address the existing knowledge gap and empower homeowners to make informed decisions about protecting their property and financial well-being.

Last action: Referred to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee



House Bill 1260, which also passed the House in March, would require that all new warehouses and distribution centers be constructed solar-ready and provide a tax credit for existing warehouses and distribution centers to make any retrofits necessary to become solar-ready.

The rise of online buying has brought significant changes to the logistics industry across Pennsylvania; it provides us with a unique opportunity to leverage all this available space by addressing a challenge that many Pennsylvanians are facing: rising energy costs.

Last action: Referred to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee



Finally, in June, House Bill 2425 unanimously passed the House of Representatives. The bill would establish the Career and Technical Education Curriculum Modernization Grant Program.

The program would provide funding for career and technical centers, school districts, and intermediate units that offer CTE programs to help them update and modernize instructional curriculum.

Last action: Referred to the Senate Education Committee

OVER \$2.1 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDING SECURED FOR THE DISTRICT!

- \$1.5 million to the Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department to construct a new Exeter Township Emergency Services building.
- \$500,000 to Muhlenberg School District to expand the district’s K-12 Summer Bridge initiative, designed to counter academic proficiency gaps and the effects of high poverty on student learning.
- \$85,000 to Muhlenberg Township Fire and Rescue for a new utility truck.
- \$28,300 to the Central Berks Police Station for renovations and security upgrades.

WORKING FOR YOU IN THE 126TH



It was an honor to participate in the Berks Armed Forces Day parade and breakfast. I had the opportunity to speak with several veterans, thank them for their service, and listen to their stories as they shared memories and reminisced with fellow servicemen and women.



I had the honor of presenting a House citation to Leona Hracho in celebration of her incredible 104th birthday in May!

Leona's life is a remarkable testament to strength, resilience, and the value of community and family. It was truly a privilege to help recognize this milestone and celebrate such an inspiring woman!



I was honored to help serve lunch at **Opportunity House** with some local union groups. Since first opening its doors to the homeless in November 1984, the shelter is now a 24-hour multi-service facility that improves the quality of life for men, women, and children in need.



In June, I met up with Berks County's very own Kylah Schlott (far right) at the Special Olympics torch run in Harrisburg. She was one of four chosen swimmers to represent Team PA in Minneapolis, Minnesota this summer.

I'm overjoyed to share Kylah won GOLD in the 200-meter freestyle, finishing in 3:29.85, beating her previous best by over 30 seconds! She is such a hardworking, caring person and I cannot express how proud I am. Congrats on the gold, Kylah!

In June, I attended the annual MOM-n- PA two-day free dental clinic in Allentown. MOM-n-PA provides dental care for the relief of pain to thousands of people, many of whom are from working families who do not have access or cannot afford dental insurance.

Back in 2018 and 2024, I had the opportunity to volunteer as a dental hygienist when MOM came to Reading and our Santander Arena.

During those two free clinics, \$2.5 million worth of dental work was provided - from routine cleanings and fillings to extractions, root canals, and dentures.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donate their time and talent to changing people's lives.



In April, I welcomed fellow legislators and stakeholders to the Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center, where I previously taught before serving in the House. We focused on how smart state investment in CTE can strengthen our workforce and better prepare students for in-demand careers.

Thank you to the students and instructors who shared their insights. It was amazing to see my former students continuing to do amazing things!



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Document Shred Event October 10 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Safely dispose of your old documents and protect yourself from identity theft at our second Shred Event of the year! Our April events had amazing turnout. If you have clutter, bring it to us for document shredding!

Muhlenberg High School
400 Sharp Ave., Reading, 19605



STAY INFORMED!



Stay up to date on all my upcoming events by signing up for my **monthly newsletter!**



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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My team and I can help you with:

- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- ✓ PennDOT Services
- ✓ Help with Unemployment
- ✓ Sportsman's Center
- ✓ Register to Vote
- ✓ CHIP Health Insurance
- ✓ LIHEAP
- ✓ SEPTA Senior Key Card
- ✓ And so much more!

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RECLAIM WHAT'S YOURS!

Pennsylvania
MONEY MATCH

1 in 10 Pennsylvanians have unclaimed property. The House helped pass a law to allow the PA Treasury to automatically return certain unclaimed property to **YOU** including:

- ✓ Dormant bank accounts
- ✓ Uncashed checks
- ✓ Rebates
- ✓ Insurance Payments *and much more!*

Visit [PATreasury.gov/unclaimed-property](https://www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property) to search anytime, or contact my office if you need assistance!