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Dear Neighbors,

As your State Representative, my top priority is ensuring that your voice is heard in Harrisburg and that our state government meets your expectations and reflects your values. Since taking office in January, I have been spending time listening to residents from across the district to learn how I can best advocate for your interests and fight for critical, structural changes in our legislature.

I've met with local government officials, community leaders, small business owners, nonprofit directors, activists, organizers, and civil servants. I've met with parents seeking community support for their disabled children. I've spoken with students eager to find ways to support environmentally-friendly initiatives in our local elementary schools. I've sat with local educators to discuss improving access to educational resources in the classroom, and I've met with concerned seniors about protecting their savings and benefits. I'm grateful to everyone who has shared their thoughts, concerns, and experiences with me over the past several months. Each encounter has broadened my perspective and granted me deeper insight into the issues that matter most to members of our district.

In Harrisburg, alongside my 45 fellow freshman legislators, I've become increasingly familiar with the entrenched, undemocratic policies governing our state legislature. However my colleagues and I began our new jobs on a mission to create a government that works for all Pennsylvanians by first identifying and addressing the fundamental flaws in our legislative rules. I am proud to report that we have been working diligently to introduce various bills and resolutions aimed at building a new, solid democratic foundation for proceedings in the State House. I vow to continue working with legislators on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation that ensures transparency and accountability become the new norm in Harrisburg.

I am pleased to share with you our newest newsletter, and I hope you will find it to be a helpful update. To follow along with our office on-goings, follow us on social media @RepHanbridge or sign up for our weekly email updates at PAHouse.com/EmailSignUp. As always, I am forever grateful for the opportunity you have given me to raise your voices and fight for your interests in Harrisburg. I look forward to continuing to do everything I can to make your state government work for you. If we haven't met yet, I hope to meet you soon, and if you haven't yet visited our office, we hope to welcome you soon.

My team and I are here to serve – so please, come visit!

Sincerely,

— LIZ'S FIRST 135 DAYS — OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



3386

Constituents served



323

Votes cast

364



Senior SEPTA passes

41

Legislation co-sponsored



7521

Constituent outreach



1341

Unclaimed funds notices



Data collected from January 1, 2019 through May 17, 2019.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

- ★ Senior SEPTA pass applications
- ★ Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- ★ Obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- ★ Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- ★ Unemployment compensation
- ★ Birth and death certificates
- ★ Matters with the Department of Health and Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- ★ Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- ★ Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, consumer protection guides, senior citizen information, veteran benefits etc.
- ★ 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 questions
- ★ Consumer complaints
- ★ Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- ★ Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- ★ Information about federal, state and local government agencies
- ★ Any problem with state government!

DO YOU NEED A REAL ID?

REAL IDs have recently become available to all residents who want them. However, please note, not everyone needs REAL ID. Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to **board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation** that requires ID.

To have your documents verified and receive your ID at the time of service, visit one of the two REAL ID Centers in Montgomery County:

- ★ 143 S. Gulph Road, King of Prussia
- ★ 1700 Markley Street, Norristown



To find out whether REAL ID is right for you, or for more information about the application process, please visit PennDOT.gov/REALID or call our office.

APPOINTED VICE CHAIR OF THE SOUTHEAST DELEGATION

I'm pleased to share that I have been appointed to serve as the Regional Vice Chair for Montgomery County, a key leadership position for the Southeast Delegation of the PA House Democratic Caucus.



The Southeast Delegation, the largest in the PA House, is one of the most powerful delegations.

With 35 members, 14 of whom are freshman, the delegation is also one of the fastest-growing. Members in the delegation represent eight counties: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery and York.

I am honored to have been selected by my colleagues for this position, especially as a first-term legislator, and I am looking forward to working with my fellow Montgomery County representatives and advocating for the issues that matter most to residents of southeastern Pennsylvania.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Adult Financial Literacy Forum

North Wales Borough Hall
Thursday, May 30
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

State Budget Town Hall

Brittany Pointe Estates
Friday, June 14
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Stay tuned!

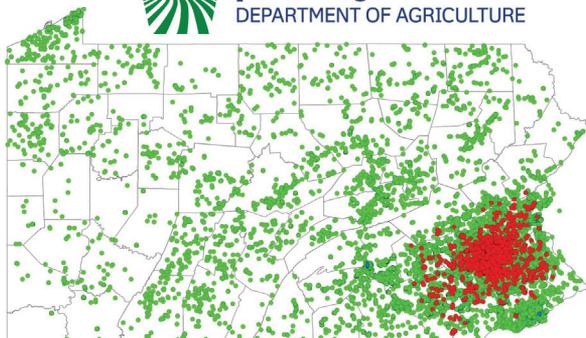
- ★ Penn Environment Meet & Greet
- ★ Shredding Event
- ★ Spotted Lanternfly Forum



THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Montgomery County is currently located within the spotted lanternfly quarantine zone!

These invasive insects have the potential to negatively impact our local landscape. Please join the effort to control and prevent them from further spreading across our community and commonwealth. The spotted lanternfly can be controlled with a combination of physical disposal of life stages and removal of host trees. To properly dispose of egg masses, nymphs, and adults, scrape them off the tree or surface using a plastic card. Place eggs in alcohol, double bag, and throw away, smash, or burn.



If the spotted lanternfly exceeds the quarantine zone it could become a problem to exterminate. Before traveling outside the quarantine zone, please inspect your vehicles, trailers, or any outdoor equipment (grills, outdoor furniture, landscaping supplies, etc.) for egg masses. If possible, avoid parking in tree lines and keep windows rolled up when parking your vehicle. Any efforts you make in preventing the spread of the spotted lanternfly helps to protect your property and our community from their damaging effects!

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

ENDING THE WAIVER WAITLIST

As of January 2019, there were 13,119 children and adults with disabilities on the waitlist to receive HCBS waiver benefits. Home- and community-based services (HCBS) waivers – under our state’s Medical Assistance program – are one of the essential tools used to ensure Pennsylvanians with disabilities receive the care they require, including specialized in-home health care, medical equipment, mental health crisis intervention, supported employment, and many other vital

support services. Each person on the HCBS waiver waiting list has waived their right to institutional care, saving the commonwealth and taxpayers billions of dollars over their lifetime.

I am currently circulating a memorandum to my colleagues in the House to seek support for my bill that would end the waiting list for HCBS waivers in Pennsylvania.

Forcing thousands of disabled individuals to wait years to gain access to critical services is

unacceptable, which is why I am introducing legislation to require that individuals receive their benefits no later than 90 days after being deemed eligible for the HCBS waiver program. My legislation aims to close this critical gap and increase access to the DHS waiver program, enable our most vulnerable citizens to access essential long-awaited care, and finally allow families throughout the commonwealth to provide their loved ones with proper care.

CURBSIDE VOTING

Participation in our government should be a privilege available to all. As the right to vote is central to our democratic process, accessibility should become central to the voting process. It is critical that we enhance accessibility at the voting booth and work to eliminate as many obstacles as possible by minimizing the physical challenges voters face on their way to the ballot box.

My bill would allow an election official to bring a paper ballot to any voter outside the physical polling place who

has a physical, emotional, intellectual, developmental disability, or short-term inability that would preclude them from easily accessing voting machines.

Voting is a right and a privilege, and we should treat it as such. It is essential that we make participation in our government as accessible as possible to as many Pennsylvanians as possible.



GOOD GOVERNANCE

At the core of any good government, irrespective of the party in power, are fundamental rules which enable all voices to be heard, legislation to be moved forward in a responsible manner, and a way for broadly supported legislation to be enacted into law.

Procedural rules provide the structural foundation on which our state legislature is built and dictate the way our legislature operates on a daily basis. Our current House rules are dictated by party leadership with very little input from members and

fail to create the foundation required for good governance. Under our current rules, just one leader can shut down a vote on a popular bill with broad bipartisan support. The result is a wildly unproductive legislature that continually fails to bring bills with strong public support to the House floor, depriving us all of proper representation.

House Democrats unveiled a package of resolutions aimed at improving these problematic power imbalances. These resolutions introduce reforms that would prevent

any one legislator from having the power to corrupt the process, reduce the power House leadership holds in determining which bills receive a vote, afford junior members of the House more legislative influence, and position bills with broad bipartisan support to receive the attention they deserve.

I am proud to be a co-sponsor on every resolution included in this package and will continue to fight to bring accountability and productivity back to the House floor.

HONORING NORTH WALES BOROUGH

I will soon be introducing a resolution on the House floor to commemorate the 150th anniversary of North Wales Borough. Incorporated on August 20, 1869, North Wales Borough remains a cornerstone of our district’s rich history. I am honored to have the distinguished opportunity to recognize the borough in front of the entire Pennsylvania legislature, and I look forward to sharing a copy of the resolution with you.



REP. HANBIDGE IN THE COMMUNITY



I gathered with my colleagues in February to stand in support of Victoria's Law to stop abusive practices towards animals in Pennsylvania.



In May, I hosted a Drug Addiction Resource Alliance forum with Judge Andrea Duffy to discuss the resources, networks, and supports available in Montgomery County to help youth struggling with addiction. I intend for my office to serve as a resource for those seeking more information about addiction treatment and prevention.



In February, I was pleased to host our Life After School panel in North Wales to empower local families navigating the unique challenges of transition planning for teenagers and young adults with disabilities.



I had the pleasure of getting to know some inquisitive fourth graders from General Nash Elementary School during National Reading Month in April.



We welcomed Mae Krier and Ruth Wilson to Harrisburg on March 21, recently deemed "Rosie the Riveter Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of thousands of working women from our commonwealth who contributed to the WWII effort on the home front.



I had the pleasure to meet North Penn Volunteer Fire Company President Frank Baxter and Fire Chief Don Holt at the North Wales Fire House. I am so grateful to have such an impressive group of public servants working to keep our communities safe, and I look forward to continuing to work with the fire company to secure grant funding for the fire house.



In April, Montgomery Child Advocacy Project hosted a gathering of child advocates, legislators, and community supporters on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse to commemorate National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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WOMEN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Women have been historically underrepresented in Pennsylvania politics. In 2018, we ranked 49th in the country for female representation in government. However, over the past year, Pennsylvania voters helped to change that. In last year's midterm elections, voters sent five new women to the State Senate and 18 women to the State House. Since November, three additional women have joined us – including Rep. Movita Johnson-Harrell, the first Muslim woman to serve in the PA legislature. I'm proud to see Pennsylvania embracing diversity in our leadership, and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to empower female leaders across the commonwealth.