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Workforce Development Bill
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Increased Funding for the Gun Violence Task Force
I, along with my colleagues from Philadelphia, am happy to announce that we are moving forward with funding the Gun Violence Task Force! Since its launch, Philadelphia has seen a 30% reduction in gun violence. The Gun Violence Task Force is a proven model that has delivered results in helping prevent shootings without our city and state. Too many people are dying, too many families are grieving, and too many neighborhoods are suffering the scourge of gun violence. By investing in effective resources like the Gun Violence Task Force by 30%. We need all hands on deck to rid our city of gun violence. The Gun Violence Task Force is a proven model that has delivered results in targeting gun trafficking throughout the Northeast; the business will provide the school with the skills needed for students to secure jobs once they graduate high school. The state will provide funding to offset the costs of additional curriculum and professional development costs required to teach these new skills to our kids in the Northeast. This is a big win for our kids, our employers, and our workers!

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Supporting Local Businesses
One of my priorities is to continue assisting small businesses. Nonprofit Business Corridor has helped small business owners along the Cottman and Rising Sun corridors. These programs are the latest to improve the cleanliness of our business corridors. When I took office in 2017, it had been ages since our commercial corridors had received regular scheduled maintenance from the city. This spring we started working to clean the streets in our business districts. Now, we have expanded the program to two a days. We continue to work toward making our commercial corridors an attractive place to work and shop.

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I am excited that the America 250 Commission has launched. This commission will prepare Pennsylvania for America’s 250th birthday in 2026. I have been chosen to serve as a commissioner after passing legislation that created the commission. Now, I will ensure that the Northeast is part of welcoming the rest of the nation and the world to Philadelphia.

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Efforts on Election Reform
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**New Home for the 2nd Police District**

The key to revitalizing our business corridors is to ensure that they are safe. I led the effort to add more police officers to the 2nd Police District to ensure that they are safe. We have had a new location for the 2nd Police District to serve our neighborhood. It will be located in the former TruMark Financial at 2117 Cottman Ave. We worked to ensure 18 more police officers were added to the complement of officers in the 2nd District, and now these officers will have a new home. This will improve officer morale, improve response time, and make our community safer.

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