



Capitol UPDATE

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What I'm Fighting For

- World-Class Education: every child has access to the best education, regardless of ZIP code.
- Health Care/Mental Health: eliminate the fear of losing everything as a result of a physical or mental health crisis.
- Jobs that Pay: every person working full time should be able to earn a wage that pays for basic needs and to plan for a secure future.
- Safe Environment: clean air and water is a constitutional right in Pennsylvania and your elected officials are responsible for ensuring that right is protected.

The honor of representing you in Harrisburg is one I do not take lightly. I look forward to working every day to help build a stronger Pennsylvania for all of our families.

What Can My Office Do For You?

It's a common question: what does my office do for the people I am honored to represent?

As a state representative, my primary responsibility is to be your voice in state government. I do this by introducing legislation, voting on legislation and advocating for the communities and people of the 132nd Legislative District. While a member of Congress has similar responsibilities, the key difference is where we do this: a member of Congress is a federal legislator. I am a state legislator.

This is important. A member of Congress will vote on things like Social Security, Medicare, foreign affairs and military spending. A state representative will vote on things like education, state roads and bridges, and human services. There are places where we overlap, such as trying to create good-paying jobs, health care regulations and environmental protection.

As a state representative, I can help you in communicating with any state government agency, such as PennDOT or the Department of Human Services. This can include:

- Renewing your car registration or driver's license.
- Applications for various PennDOT needs.
- Applying for PA birth and death certificates.
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups.
- Applying for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.
- Checking the PA Treasurer's Office for unclaimed financial property.
- Applying for disability license plates or parking placards.
- Filing a consumer complaint with the PA Attorney General.
- Providing state income tax forms.

Because agencies such as the Social Security Administration and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services are federal agencies, your federal representatives (Congresswoman Susan Wild, Senator Bob Casey or Senator Pat Toomey) are the people who can help you communicate with those agencies.

Changing Your Address with PennDOT

Whenever you move, it is important to change the address for your driver's license and vehicle registration with PennDOT, otherwise PennDOT will continue to send any information to your old mailing address.

Changing your address is easy and can be done online using the information below or you can call or visit my office for help.



Vehicle Registration: Dmv.pa.gov/VEHICLE-SERVICES

Click on the "Title/Registration" button and follow the directions to Change Your Name or Address

Driver's License: Dmv.pa.gov/DRIVER-SERVICES

Click on the "New Resident/Relocation" button and follow the directions to Moving Within PA



PennDOT Emergency Contact



While you are making any adjustments to your contact information, take advantage of PennDOT's Emergency Contact System. PennDOT offers you the ability to give law enforcement access to emergency contact information in order to reach someone who can speak for you if you are ever in a situation when you cannot speak for yourself. The information is stored in a secure database that is accessible only by law enforcement. You can choose two contacts.

Log onto PennDOT.gov and click on Upload Emergency Contact Information in the Travel and Safety sections of the website or visit or call my office to get help.

Disability Parking

My office often helps people obtain a disability placard from PennDOT. Did you know that even if you don't have a car, you can still have a disability placard? If somebody is giving you a ride to the grocery store or the doctor, you can still have a placard available for your use on those trips. Give my office a call at 610-821-5577 for more information.

Free Credit Report

Your credit report can have an impact on employment and your ability to buy a home, car or even insurance.

Thanks to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you can receive a free credit report from each of the three national credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) every 12 months. You can order your report from all three agencies at the same time or spread those requests over the course of the year to better monitor your credit. These reports will NOT include your credit score.

- Online at : www.annualcreditreport.com.
- By phone at 1-877-322-8228.
- Stop by my office or call for forms to mail for processing.



Office Collections

Toiletries for Allentown Students

The Allentown School District reports approximately 800 students are living with housing insecurity. This can include sharing over-crowded housing, couch surfing, staying at a local shelter or sleeping in a car. To help those students, my office collects personal hygiene products for the school district to distribute. Since Rep. Jennifer Mann started this effort in 2010, folks living in the 132nd District have contributed more than 25,000 personal hygiene products, travel-size and full-size: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, soap, body wash, etc. You can help me with this effort and allow students to stay focused on their education, rather than worry about personal hygiene.



American Flag Collection

My office collects American Flags ready for proper retirement and gives them to a local service organization in advance of Flag Day. Please bring any flags you might have to my office at any time of the year. If you have any questions, please call my office (610-821-5577).



Unclaimed Property

One in ten Pennsylvania residents has money being held by the PA Treasurer's Office. It could be something like an old savings account, a forgotten paycheck or refund, a stock dividend or an insurance claim. Helping people to claim what belongs to them has become one of my personal projects since taking office in 2013. In total, we've helped constituents claim over \$1.73 million in money from the treasury's unclaimed property database. That's money that has come back to your community.

You can check for your name by visiting PaTreasury.gov or by calling my office to have us check for you.

If you get a call or letter from me or my office with information about a claim in your name, it is not a scam. If you are unsure, call my office (610-821-5577) and we'll answer any of your questions or concerns.

Have you searched your name?



1 in 10 Pennsylvanians have money waiting to be claimed

PaTreasury.gov/Unclaimed-Property

Property Tax/Rent Rebates

Every year, my office is busy helping hundreds of people file for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate. The best time to file is early in the tax season, but the deadline is June 30th.

Only HALF of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits count toward eligibility. Residents of assisted living facilities may be eligible if they reside in a facility which pays property taxes and meets the income limits for renters. If you're eligible – or you know someone who might be – my office can help you file the application and answer questions. Just stop by my Allentown office, or call 610-821-5577 and I will mail you the information.



Open to:

- Eligible Seniors 65+
- Widows & Widowers 50+
- People w/ permanent disabilities 18+

Income Limits:

- \$15,000 for renters
- \$35,000 for homeowners

****ONLY COUNT 1/2 OF TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME**

REAL ID

Pennsylvania's REAL ID roll out is already underway, helping to prepare Pennsylvanians for full compliance by **October 1, 2020**. While this will be important, especially for individuals who plan to use their Pennsylvania license to board a commercial domestic airplane in the future, REAL ID is not needed for driving or general identification purposes.

To obtain REAL ID, you will need an original birth certificate, Social Security Card, all documents which prove legal name changes (marriage certificate, divorce decrees) and two proofs of residence. You can take those documents to the PA Driver License Center at 1101 MacArthur Road in Whitehall. The REAL ID cost is a one-time \$30, plus the cost of renewing your driver's license or photo ID for an additional four years.

REAL IDs are now available



October 1, 2020 is the deadline to get a REAL ID.

Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID to:



Board a domestic flight



Enter a federal building



Enter a military base

PennDOT.gov/REALID

For more information about REAL ID, visit dmv.pa.gov/REALID. My office has resources and can answer your questions. To receive a copy of my REAL ID Newsletter, mailed in November 2018, give my office a call at 610-821-5577.

PA Birth Certificates

While preparing for REAL ID, it's possible you will need to obtain a copy of your birth certificate with a raised seal. My office is available to help submit your request for a Pennsylvania birth certificate and ensure proper delivery. Please call or visit my office to get this process started well in advance of when you need the birth certificate. The cost for a birth certificate is \$20 (free for veterans and their dependents) and must be paid by check or money order.



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Helpful Contacts

City of Allentown www.allentownpa.gov	
Abandoned Vehicles.....	610-437-7751
Animal Control (regular hours)	610-437-7535
Animal Control (after hours)	610-437-7751
Graffiti Removal.....	610-437-8729
Housing Code Violations	610-437-7694
Litter Complaints.....	610-437-8729
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Parks & Recreation.....	610-437-7750
Parking Enforcement Requests.....	610-349-0400
Police: non-emergency.....	610-437-7751
Recycling & Solid Waste	610-437-8729
Street Maintenance & Repair	610-437-7638
Trash Complaints	610-437-8729
South Whitehall Township www.southwhitehall.com	
Non-Emergency Police.....	610-437-5252
Public Works.....	610-398-0407
Parks Department.....	610-398-0401
Recycling.....	610-398-0401
Federal Representatives	
Congresswoman Susan Wild	484-781-6000
Senator Bob Casey	1-866-802-2833
Senator Pat Toomey	1-855-552-1831