

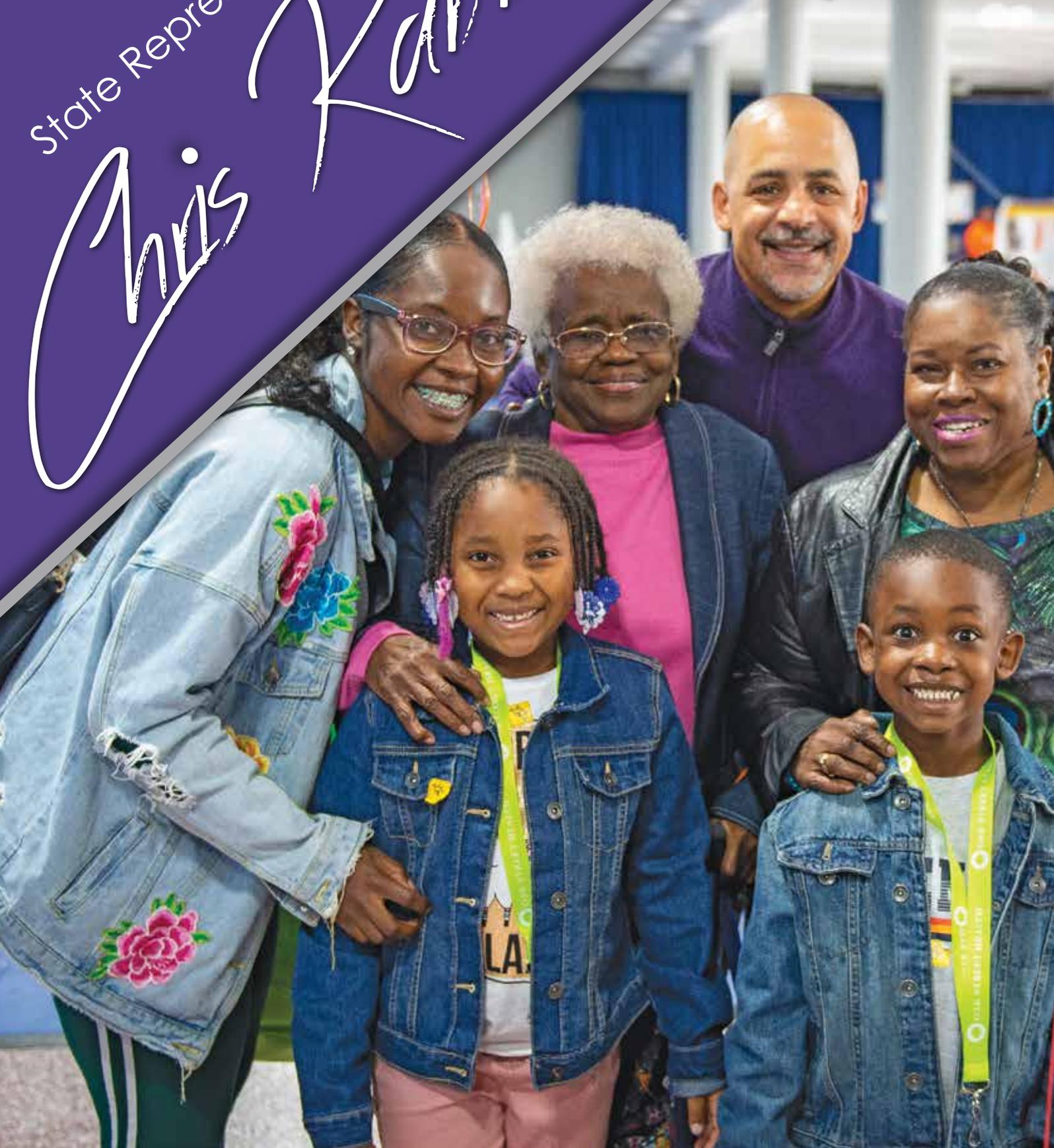
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Serving the  
200th Legislative District





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Dear neighbor,

I take my commitment to be your voice in Harrisburg seriously. I keep your best interests in mind as I fight for a safer Philadelphia that's filled with more opportunity and possibility for you and your family. I want the work I do each day to help you live a happy, healthy life where your hard work rewards you.

As we make our way through a new year and a new decade, the challenges we face in Philadelphia and Harrisburg are not lost on me. I am willing to meet those challenges head on.

This newsletter summarizes the work that my amazing team and I have done locally and throughout the commonwealth. Read about legislative work that I've been championing, measures to keep you and your children safe, and community events we've held for your benefit. Plan to attend our upcoming events.

Learn about state government-related services that are available to you. My office staff can help you apply or answer any of your questions.

Contact my office or stop by anytime.

In 2020, just as I've done throughout my tenure as your representative, I continue to serve you and the nearly 65,000 people in the 200th Legislative District.

In Service,

Chris Rabb, State Representative



**2019**  
*By the numbers*

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**CHRIS RABB**  
200TH DISTRICT

**18** Bills Authored

**192** Bills Co-Sponsored

**116** Community Meetings Attended

**4,159** People Helped

**More than \$2 Million** Brought back to the district

**Over 6,500** People Reached by phone/email

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# POLICY H

I introduced legislation that aims to restore some public school funding, and to work

## 100% Renewable Energy

House Bill 1425 is the most popular of all the bills I have introduced since taking office in 2016. With support from more than 100 House and Senate members, this legislation would transition Pennsylvania to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

A transition to 100% renewable energy would provide the creation of family-sustaining, green-collar jobs. It would harness a newly skilled workforce, giving Pennsylvania's academic institutions and other stakeholders the opportunity to advance new fields of technology to produce commercial and civic innovations.

People of color in the 200th Legislative District face disproportionate rates of pollution-related asthma and cancer. We are the reason Gov. Tom Wolf has put our state on track — as the nation's largest gas producer — to join our neighbors in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. It is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The renewable energy industry is not only better for our climate and environment, but it's been proven to be better for our economy. The renewable energy industry is more labor-intensive, requiring a skilled workforce, giving academic institutions the opportunity to advance new fields of technology as they educate a new generation of Pennsylvania's technology-based workforce. More jobs are created for each unit of electricity generated from renewable sources than from fossil fuels.

## Fair Funding for Schools

State legislators have a constitutional obligation to properly fund our public schools.

You need look no further than many Philadelphia public school classrooms and hallways to see that we are derelict in our duties.

The disparity in funding of Philadelphia schools compared to many school districts in other zip codes is deeply disturbing. Lead paint, asbestos and vermin infest our schools. Philadelphia students and students in other underfunded places like Pittsburgh are endangering themselves every time they step foot inside their schools.

How can we expect our children to learn and our teachers to teach while they're worried about the sickness that could be infecting them because legislators in Harrisburg can't get their act together?

I introduced legislation in March 2019 that would require 100% of state funds for public schools to immediately be distributed through the fair funding formula.



I stood proudly in the Capitol rotunda in December alongside dozens of public school students and teachers and many of my democratic colleagues in the House and Senate calling for fair funding. We must make our children a budget priority by providing fair funding to our schools.

Our students and our teachers deserve better. We must deliver.

To stay up to date on policies important to your community and find out about events in the district, follow me:

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# GHLIGHTS

Give humanity to our criminal legal system and  
move toward true environmental justice!

## Inter-departmental law enforcement hiring reform

Too many Pennsylvanians — including law enforcement officers — are put in danger by “pariah police” who’ve left one police department and were hired by another one, despite having documented patterns of excessive force or other disturbing misconduct.

We know the consequences of police misconduct can be fatal.

My legislation, H.B. 1666, would require law enforcement agencies to keep detailed personnel records of all criminal, civil and ethics substantiated complaints, and the reason and circumstances surrounding the separation of each officer.

Should a law enforcement agency choose to hire an officer who left his or her last job due to a pattern of substantive allegations, complaints or charges related to excessive force, harassment, theft, discrimination, sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, the agency would be required to issue a public notice 14 days before taking formal action to hire the officer. Subsequently, within 14 days of hiring the officer, the agency must file a report with the Office of Attorney General indicating the rationale for the hiring.

Transparency and accountability are not the enemy of law enforcement. It is our duty to prevent bad cops from being allowed to quietly resign and gain employment with new, unsuspecting departments.

This bill would reduce the exorbitant legal fees and incalculable loss of public trust.

In cases of bad actors in the law enforcement field, we must empower police chiefs and municipalities with all relevant information and tools to promote community safety and preserve the integrity of their police force.

## Repealing the death penalty

One innocent life taken at the hands of the state is one too many.

Currently, more than 100 people sit on death row in Pennsylvania.

It’s estimated that in recent decades, Pennsylvania has spent \$1 billion, maybe more, sending people to death row. That’s an irresponsible use of your tax dollars and our state’s limited resources.

Since 2010, the homicide rate has been 18% or higher in states with the death penalty compared to states without it. Thus, it is clearly not an effective deterrent to criminals. Furthermore, we know a person convicted and sentenced to the death penalty can start an appeals process lasting decades, making it more likely that they die of old age rather than lethal injection.

There are also incredible risks and irreparable injustices of having the death penalty. Of the 408 Pennsylvania prisoners sentenced to death since 1978, 169 were re-sentenced to life, 16 were re-sentenced to a term of years, and six were exonerated. Therefore, the state has not only freed twice the number of people it has executed in recent decades, there is a risk of executing an innocent person every time we have an execution, as long as the death penalty remains on the books.

For this reason, the risks of continuing the death penalty far outweigh the benefits.

Again, one innocent life taken at the hands of the state is one too many.

# Community Engagement and Outreach

## Cutting the Ribbon at the Cedarbrook Plaza Shopping Center

I thank my constituent and Mt. Airy resident of 42 years, Mrs. Moten, who pleaded for my help in getting a bus shelter at Cedarbrook Shopping Center so folks didn't have to wait for the #18 bus in the elements while sitting on overturned shopping carts.

In November, after three years of work by my staff and in collaboration with Sen. Art Haywood and so many other community stakeholders, it happened! And all because a community member took the time to track down her elected officials, make the case and keep us accountable to get things done!

If there's a problem I or my staff can help you with, please email me at [RepRabb@pahouse.net!](mailto:RepRabb@pahouse.net)



I helped Philly Goat Project secure a \$7,500 state grant it can use to educate middle school students about agriculture!

As the Democratic vice chair of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, the opportunity to help a local organization encourage youth enrichment, urban agriculture and environmental sustainability brings me great joy.

If you know of worthy nonprofits doing good work in the 200th Legislative District that you think could benefit from state grant funding, please email me at [RepRabb@pahouse.net!](mailto:RepRabb@pahouse.net)



## Celebrating Veterans Day

My Veterans Day event at the Col. Charles Young Post #682 with Maj. Gen. Anthony Carrelli allowed us to recognize members of the historic post who emphasized peace. I was honored to spend time with them and listen to their stories, particularly from the vantage point of being Black in the service, and the complexities and challenges associated with race and racism in the military and society at large.



## Grown Folks Fall Festival

From great food to helpful information on services for seniors, this event in October reaffirmed how much I love representing our community.



## Standing up for you in Harrisburg

When I'm not on the House floor, I'm often advocating for you on issues that are important, like ending death by incarceration.





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## Be on the lookout for these upcoming events

Contact my office at (215) 242-7300 for exact dates and locations. If you have any questions or need access to state programs, you can always visit our district office centrally located at 7216 Germantown Avenue, 19119. You'll be greeted with a smile, a beverage and your choice of music as we address your needs.

### February

- Thankful Thursday at Wadsworth Library
- From Liberty to Captivity Documentary Screening
- February Fling – Heart Month Celebration & Health Fair at Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Center
- House Democratic Policy Committee hearing on elections and voting

### March

- Thankful Thursday at Wadsworth Library
- Phenomenal Women Luncheon

- Thankful Thursday at Pleasant Recreation Center
- Community safety meeting

### April

- Thankful Thursday at Wadsworth Library
- Senior Gala Extravaganza
- Thankful Thursday at West Oak Lane Library
- Spring Shredding at New Covenant Campus

### May

- Thankful Thursday at Wadsworth Library

- Mother's Day Surprises
- Thankful Thursday at West Oak Lane Library
- Thankful Thursday at Pleasant Recreation Center

### June

- Thankful Thursday at Wadsworth Library
- Father's Day Kick-Off BBQ
- Thankful Thursday at Pleasant Recreation Center
- Summer Kick-Off