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Rep. Mike Schlossberg
P.O. Box 20132
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For more information about REAL ID, visit drive.pa.gov/REALID. My office has resources and can answer your specific questions. To receive a copy of my REAL ID newsletter, emailed in November 2019, give my office a call at 610-821-5577.

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In November, I visited with Representative Peter Schweyer to host a job fair with local business owners. These organizations offered paid and nonpaid complete with training and benefits. They also offer a pathway to a family-sustaining job with the apprenticeship is complete, allowing workers to earn good money, enjoy the security of good health care and have a comfortable retirement.

While these events are important, there is no legislation more important to adding more money in the pockets of Pennsylvania workers than an increase in the minimum wage. I fought to get an increase in the minimum wage to $15/hr. This would increase pay for more than 1.4 million Pennsylvania workers, cut demand for public assistance and boost income by $9.1 billion to Pennsylvania’s economy.
**Fighting for Streets Free from Gun Violence**

This year included some tough moments in our communities. Too often, we woke up to news of gun violence. Communities around the District are too familiar with the loss. We lost 2,030 Pennsylvania residents to suicide—almost 6 people every day. Economic stress and inadequate mental health care services are among the biggest obstacles facing Pennsylvanians who struggle to eke out a living and find help when they need it.

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My mental health legislation for our first responders was approved in the House. This legislation would put up peer-support networks and increase access to mental health services for first responders, the heroes who shoulder what most of us will never have to face.

The legislation needs to be approved by the Senate before it can be signed by Governor Tom Wolf. Working with organizations in our community, I hosted a forum with the House Democratic Policy Committee and Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus to focus on mental health inequalities confronting communities of color. We spent a lot of time discussing lack of resources, need to better health insurance coverage and stigma.

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- **Joining the Zero Violence efforts of the Discussion Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley by securing funding to incorporate crime-fighting technology and keep our communities safe. This funding will help the RIIC make upgrades to technology and expand the amount of information available for local law enforcement to use.**
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- **To pull people away from gangs and violence and gives them opportunities to be contributing members of our community.**

I spent a lot of time last year co-chairing the Suicide Prevention Task Force, to which Governor Wolf appointed me, traveling to all corners of the state to revamp Pennsylvania’s suicide prevention plan and bolster mental health services. To start 2020, Governor Wolf announced an aggressive effort to expand resources for mental health services in Pennsylvania.

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**Senior Fair - Save the Date**

Friday, May 15 @ Noon East Side Youth Center

**New Voting Reforms in motion for 2020 Election**

Voting is a fundamental right. Therefore, I am voting in favor to become in line with the reforms Governor Wolf introduced. Voters will now have more ease to vote and elections will be more accessible than ever before.

Of course, if you like to go to the polls on Election Day, you will still be able to do so.

For more information about these reforms, visit votePA.com. Reforms like this would be an example for other states to look to for model legislation.

**More Ways to Vote**

- **No-excuse mail-in voting**
- **Permanent mail-in ballot**
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- **More time to register**
- **Early voting beginning soon**
- **Expanded voting days**

**How to request mail-in or absentee ballot**

- **Contact your county to request a ballot**
- **Call your county to request a paper questionnaire**

**Extended voting period**

- **April 23 through May 2**

**Extended deadline**

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**Effective for the Primary Election April 28, 2020**

**2020 Census: Do Your Part**

The US Constitution requires a complete population count of people living in the United States every 10 years, with the data helping to direct the spending of $375 billion in federal funds to communities across the country. This helps to ensure public services for schools, hospital and public safety, plan for housing and business development, improve neighborhoods and even determine how many seats Pennsylvania has in Congress.

In the past, people have received a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census, including instructions on how to complete it online or by phone. There is a real number you can call to request a paper questionnaire back in the mail. If you need help responding online, I can have my office call you to set up an appointment to come and get help filling out the form.

A couple of important changes the Census will collect basic information about the people living in your household: it will not request Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account information, money or donations or anything on behalf of a political party. All information collected will be kept confidential.

**More Ways to Support**

- **Thank you to all my staff, including those in 132nd District getting ready to celebrate a milestone birthday (60 or older), as I will hand-write your name onto a personal card.**

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The added deadline is set to give everyone who does not already have access to the internet or who were not able to complete the Census more time to do so. If you are unable to complete the Census in person, you can still mail your Census form or call 844-MyCensus-1.

Pennsylvanians can help celebrate with a House Citation! If you have a friend or relative living in the 132nd District getting ready to celebrate a milestone birthday (50 or older) from now until May 24, let my office know so we can help celebrate with a House Citation! Thanks to you, Ridge City and Central Elementary School, for having me.

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Keeping Roads Safe

Reporting Potholes

Worn out asphalt and strong rain cheer potholes in the spring. Road crews definitely need help knowing where potholes are. If you see a pothole, please report it:

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Work Zone Speed Enforcement

In 2018, Pennsylvania saw 1,500 work zone crashes, with 43% of those resulting in injuries and in 3% of those resulting in fatalities or serious injuries. While these events are important, there is no legislation mandating drivers to slow down in the work zones. In 2019, I introduced state Senate Bill 175, a bill that would order state and local authorities to inform drivers of the speed limit in the work zone. The bill passed both chambers of the General Assembly and is on its way to Governor Wolf’s desk. If signed, it would require that speed limit signs be displayed at least 300 feet in advance of a work zone.

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