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Working for you in 2020



Neighbors,

As we enter this new decade, I want to once again thank you for the trust you have placed in me. As your voice in Harrisburg, I try to use my position to vote in your – and all our neighbors best interests. Whether it's a vote to modernize voting in Pennsylvania, or a vote for a state budget that invests in quality schools for our children and job training for young people, I am committed to working with my fellow legislators to make a Pennsylvania where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

We face many challenges. Our aging infrastructure remains one of them. So too is the ever-rising price of health care and continuing to work to ensure the safety of all Pennsylvanians, either on the job or at home. In Harrisburg, I'm working to enact legislation to meet these challenges head on – and build a Pennsylvania that works for everyone.

We made great strides in 2019, but more work remains. I look forward to this coming year and continuing to represent you to the best of my ability.

Thank you,
Adam

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As we enter a new year, lots of legislation is on the agenda. Here are some of the bills I will be working on. If you have any questions or would like more information on these, please contact my office.

- **Hotel Workers Protection Act** - Inspired by harrowing media reports and modeled on legislation enacted or under consideration in other states, I am introducing legislation to provide “panic button” devices to hotel employees working alone in servicing guestrooms.
- **Drug Prices Legislation** – Even with insurance, prescription drug prices are putting strains on family budgets. We can do better, which is why I am supporting legislation to help lower drug prices in Pennsylvania.
- **Alina’s Law** – I’ve joined with other lawmakers to support legislation to prevent another tragedy like that which befell Alina Sheykhet, a 20-year-old who was killed in 2017 despite having a PFA against her abuser.
- **Human Trafficking Legislation** – Earlier this year the House voted to move a series of bills aimed at combating human trafficking in our state. It is my hope that the Senate will move to quickly confirm this legislation and that it will be signed into law.
- **Social Club Liquor License Reform** – Another bill that was passed by the House and is awaiting Senate action is my legislation to allow community social clubs to save their liquor licenses in the event of extenuating circumstances.
- **Raising The Wage** – Despite a compromise bill that passed the Senate but was blocked in the House, raising the minimum wage remains one of my key priorities for 2020.



- **Workers’ Bill Of Rights** – A comprehensive package of bills toward bettering or supporting workers’ rights and the most proactive agenda for workers our commonwealth has seen in decades.
- **Volunteer Fire/EMS Help** – Last year the House voted to approve a number of bills which, among other things, would enact tuition assistance and loan forgiveness for volunteers, exempt volunteers from paying realty transfer tax, provide loan forgiveness for college graduates, provide online training to first responders and increase access to mental health care for volunteer first responders who suffer from trauma. Many of these bills are currently awaiting a vote in the Senate.

New law list for 2020

- **“Do Not Call” Law:** The strengthened “Do Not Call” law went into effect in December. Under the new law, telephone numbers registered with the state database no longer need to be re-registered every five years. Business telephone numbers also may be added to the “Do Not Call” list. To register your telephone number or to get more information on the new regulation, please visit the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s website.
- **Licensure Reform:** This law seeks to reduce the “red tape” surrounding out-of-state occupational licenses. This will particularly benefit military families who move to Pennsylvania by making it easier for their spouses to work.
- **PA GI Bill:** This law extends tuition benefits to Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) members’ spouses and children. If the service member chooses to re-enlist for six years, their family may attend college at no or reduced cost. This

program is the first of its kind in the nation. In addition to supporting military family members, this program would also improve PANG retention and enhance its readiness.

- **Farm Bill:** The goal of this package of laws is to create more jobs, expand resources and heighten interest in one of Pennsylvania’s most prosperous industries – agriculture. They provide personal income tax credits for farmers who sell or lease their land to new, beginner farmers, build upon resources within the dairy industry to help with marketing, and help fund the continuous fight against the detrimental spotted lanternfly.
- **Sunday Hunting:** Pennsylvanians will soon be able to hunt on three Sundays per year; once during archery deer season, once during firearms deer season and an additional Sunday as selected by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. This law will go into effect February 2020.

Investing in our community

\$65 million to assist in water pipe replacement in Pittsburgh

Two years-ago I helped secure \$49 million to help our region address its ongoing efforts to replace aging water pipes, many of which could contain lead.

This year I was pleased to announce that the city's water authority was selected for a \$65 million low-interest loan to continue this vital effort. This funding will enable the authority to replace more than 80,000 feet of water mains, 916 public and 688 private lead service lines.

Everyone has a right to clean drinking water, and I pledge to continue our efforts to make sure that all Pennsylvanians, and not just those in our region, can feel safe when they turn on the tap.



\$200,000 Davis Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

\$200,000 Riverview Park

\$100,000 West View

\$184,000 Avalon Park

\$114,000 Denny Park in Ross

\$200,000 Hanway Slide Stabilization in Ross



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OUT AND ABOUT IN THE DISTRICT



I enjoyed chatting with the 6th grade class of Bellevue Elementary about government and career opportunities.



My office is always ready to help our neighbors with problems or questions they may have!



My office works closely with local municipal officials to help them secure the resources they need to help you or to support important local projects.



I recently had the opportunity to stop by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Woods Run Branch's Teenspace to see how our libraries are changing and evolving, and I'm excited to see what our libraries, librarians, and volunteers are up to!



Making connections with the first responders in our community. Thank you all for keeping us safe.



Above: It was interesting to learn about the distillation process, and how Pittsburgh is getting put on the map by small businesses.

Below: Visiting a small business in our community that has found success and is expanding.



Above: Getting hands on with robotics at the Sarah Heinz House.

Below: It was fascinating to watch the students at the Sarah Heinz House interact with technology and the doors that it opens.



Don't miss these upcoming events:

SHRED EVENT AT BUSY BEAVER

With Rep. Sara Innamorato

Date: Saturday, May 2

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Busy Beaver Parking Lot
4743 Plummer St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Plus: Allegheny County Sheriff's Office's – Project D.U.M.P. will be on site to collect unused/unwanted medications.



PATHWAYS 2 PARDONS

With Rep. Jake Wheatley

Date: Wednesday, March 11

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Northside Community Resource Mall
2610 Maple Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15214



JOB & CAREER FAIR

With Rep. Jake Wheatley

Date: Friday, April 17

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Sarah Heinz House
1 Heinz St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

SENIOR FAIR

With Rep. Sara Innamorato

Date: Friday, Oct. 16

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Ross Community Center
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

For the latest information on these events and other news from our community, visit www.pahouse.com/Ravenstahl and sign up to receive my emails for updates!

My district office can help you with:

- All PennDOT services: reduced fee vehicle registrations, handicap placard applications
- Pennsylvania income tax forms and questions
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate preparation
- Accessing the Department of Human Services: SNAP benefits, medical assistance applications
- Senior ConnectCard applications through Port Authority of Allegheny County

Contact us at (412) 321-5523.



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