



Hello Neighbor,

This session, we're still trying to navigate our way back to our lives before the pandemic: by continuing to work on addressing vaccine access issues, ensuring businesses are provided pathways and tools to come back stronger, and offering programs and services to aid our hardworking friends, family and neighbors who've lost their jobs.

As your representative, I strive to be your voice on the issues that matter, here at home and in the state Capitol. And this session, that means working with my colleagues to fight for legislation that will position us to be a Pennsylvania that prospers beyond the focused intensity of this moment. We can't lose sight of issues that were important before March 2020, when our worlds seemingly stopped. Instead, the key is to find the balance between legislating for our immediate needs and the needs of future generations.

Understanding the challenges we continue to face in the Lehigh Valley and across the commonwealth, I'll continue working with my colleagues on responsible and viable solutions for our families that foster opportunity in all our communities. And, your input and suggestions are always welcome.

My district office is at 1080 Schadt Ave. in Whitehall, and I encourage you to reach out to me directly via email at RepMcNeill@PaHouse.net, or by phone at 610-266-1273.

In addition to the occasional mailing like this, information regarding state-related programs, services and legislation can also be found on my social media pages, via Facebook at facebook.com/RepMcNeill and Twitter at twitter.com/RepMcNeill.

Legislation Update

I'm honored to be your voice in Harrisburg, taking your concerns and issues to the Capitol and working with my colleagues to find solutions so that every Pennsylvanian can prosper. The following is a small sample of legislation I've sponsored this session that is pending before committees (additional bill information is updated at RepMcNeill.com):

House Bill 838

It's time we know what the big gas companies know, and that's why I'm proud to co-sponsor legislation with Rep. Dan Miller that adopts the recommendation from state Attorney General Josh Shapiro that all chemicals in the natural gas fracking process in the commonwealth be disclosed 14 days before use at any stage of the process, including drilling.

It's not too much to ask that a Pennsylvania resident have clean drinking water, nor is it too much to provide our communities insight into what's being trucked through their neighborhoods.

House Bill 460

Working with Rep. Mike Zabel, I reintroduced legislation aimed at capping out-of-pocket prescription insulin prices at \$100 per month.

Sadly, so many people are still struggling to pay for their insulin. There is no reason that people should have to make a choice to forgo food, consider traveling to Canada or turn to the black market to get financial relief from the costs of being insulin-dependent.

It is important that this issue be addressed, especially considering the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the additional financial burdens it is placing on Pennsylvanians.

House Bill 458

Ensuring a child's K-12 educational experience isn't abruptly stopped or disrupted in the event of a residency issue is extremely important, and that's why I introduced legislation

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COMMITTEE and CAUCUS ASSIGNMENTS

- Game & Fisheries Committee
- Gaming Oversight Committee
- Insurance Committee
- Labor & Industry Committee
- Policy Committee
- Rules Committee
- Northeast Delegation
- Autism & Intellectual Disabilities Caucus
- LGBTQ Equality Caucus
- PA SAFE Caucus
- Women's Caucus



I was happy to help with the Whitehall/Coplay Food Initiative's Drive-Thru Food Pantry last year, and recently attended the ribbon-cutting and grand opening of its new Food Pantry located at St. John the Baptist Church in Stiles. Congratulations to Shari Noctor and her staff and all the volunteers who are helping their neighbors overcome food insecurity. Food donations for this important group are always welcomed and can be dropped off at my district office.



For more than 50 years, Father Anthony Sabbagh worked in service to others, retiring from St. George Church. I was honored to present Father Anthony with a citation to mark this occasion.



I was at Lehigh Carbon Community College, as Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Acting Secretary Jennifer Berrier announced a new program and investment of \$7 million in federal funding. These funds will assist Pennsylvanians with partially completed degrees or credentials in gaining the skills or training they need to get good jobs that pay family-sustaining wages.



Last fall, I welcomed a new business — Lomax Carpet and Tile — to Whitehall; now open in the old Toys R Us building on Grape Street. Mayor Michael Harakal was on hand for the event and I presented owner Michael Longwill with a certificate to mark the occasion.

REGISTER TO VOTE

[VotesPA.com](https://www.VotesPA.com)

- ✔ To vote in Pennsylvania, you must first register to vote at least 15 days before the election.
- ✔ The voter registration deadline for the 2021 municipal primary is May 3, 2021.

APPLY ONLINE FOR A MAIL BALLOT

AND REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE ANNUAL MAIL-IN VOTER LIST

[VotesPA.com](https://www.VotesPA.com)

What if I don't fill out and return the annual mail ballot voter application? Can I vote a regular ballot at my polling place on election day?

Yes. If you don't return the application you receive from your county, you'll be able to vote in-person, on election day, using a regular ballot.

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Resources for Individuals and Families

Even as more of our family, friends and neighbors are receiving vaccines in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there's little doubt its impact has reached beyond our health care systems and left many still frustrated, struggling and filled with worry.

As we continue to move toward a recovery, and understanding your concerns, I wanted to share information about resources and programs available to qualifying Pennsylvania residents via www.compass.state.pa.us. Please see the image below for a sampling of available assistance and services.

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- ✓ Learn about benefits and see if you qualify
- ✓ Apply for benefits and renew existing benefits
- ✓ Manage your benefits
- ✓ Connect to other benefits that aren't available on COMPASS

Early Intervention - no cost to families

LIHEAP - grants range from \$200 to \$1,000

Child Care Works Program - helps low-income families pay their child care fees

SNAP - up to \$1,408 available

Long Term Living Services - Nursing Home and Related Facilities

CHIP - Immunizations, Routine check-ups, Prescriptions, Dental, Vision, Mental Health



At Thanksgiving, my district office again partnered with M. Said Selmanlar of the Lehigh Dialogue Center to distribute 27 turkeys and sides to families in need in Catasauqua during the 2020 Thanksgiving holiday. Through this partnership, working with Pastor Brian Riedy of Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, Thanksgiving Day was brightened for 27 families in our community.

\$1 Million Awarded for Airport Improvements

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority has been awarded a \$1 million state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant. The grant will be used for the terminal expansion at Lehigh Valley International Airport for the security checkpoint and terminal connector project.

This funding will help the airport authority improve the movement and flow in the airport, as well as enhance safety and security by enlarging the terminal and updating the TSA screening area to meet TSA standards. The changes should result in an overall improved passenger experience. This expansion project is greatly needed, and I was glad to help the authority receive this funding.



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to maintain continuity in education so that our children aren't left in limbo while disputes are being resolved amongst adults.

Often, residency disputes between school districts can take weeks or more to be fully resolved. As a result, the child suffers.

This legislation seeks to provide protection for children in the event of a residency dispute. Under my bill, a school district would not be permitted to remove a child from school until the dispute has been fully resolved and it has been determined which school district should correctly enroll the child.

House Bill 633

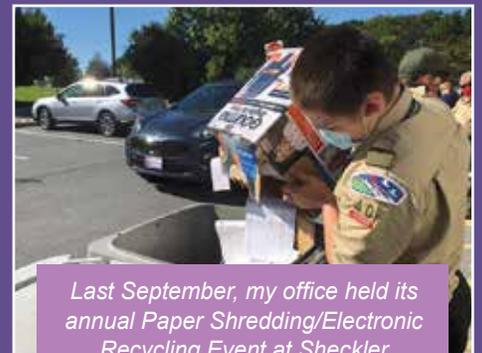
I co-sponsored legislation that would allow patients to register themselves and their families for the COVID-19 vaccine via a statewide database of available appointments.

It's time that we do something that will end the frustration and better streamline the vaccine distribution effort. I've heard from so many people who either don't have a computer or began the registration process only to reach the end and have that initial appointment gone. In some cases, people are getting up in the middle of the night to try and make appointments for themselves, or those without the technology.

House Bill 485

I introduced legislation that would update who can legally officiate marriages in the commonwealth, effectively ending the question of legality regarding marriages officiated by someone ordained online.

Marriage is one of the most important steps two people can take in their lives. Sadly, under our current law, couples who have their marriages officiated by a minister ordained online face uncertainty.



Last September, my office held its annual Paper Shredding/Electronic Recycling Event at Sheckler Elementary School in Catasauqua, with help from our local Boy Scout Troops. We filled two huge box trucks with old electronics! This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16. Stay tuned for details on location and time! It will be announced on my website and social media accounts.