



## STATE REP. RICK KRAJEWSKI

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# Dear Neighbor,

I am so honored to serve the 188th Legislative District as your state representative.

Since my election last November, my staff and I have been working hard to serve you. We feel so fortunate to have been able to help more than 1,600 constituents since December 2020, and we are excited to continue to do all that we can to help our neighbors in the future.

You are welcome to stop by my district office at 4712 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143, give us a call at 215-724-2227 or email me at [RepKrajewski@pahouse.net](mailto:RepKrajewski@pahouse.net) with your questions or concerns, and we'll help however we can or connect you with someone else who can help.

I take my role as a public servant very seriously, and I consider it a tremendous honor to help you.

This newsletter is intended to give you an update about some of the work I've been doing in Harrisburg and here at home to make life better for you and our neighbors. Thank you for reading, and please reach out if you have questions about anything you read.

Sincerely,

State Rep. Rick Krajewski

## Working on legislation to make your life better

Researching, authoring and working to enact legislation that will improve your life is one of my key responsibilities. So far this session, I have co-sponsored more than 100 pieces of legislation and authored more than 10 pieces of legislation.

Five bills in particular that I want to detail here are:

→ **Eviction sealing:** I believe that housing is a human right. I introduced this bill with Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler because so many of our constituents and other people across Pennsylvania have faced eviction through no fault of their own.

→ **Prioritizing loan modification over liens bill:** I introduced this legislation with Reps. Jared Solomon and Morgan Cephas to make it easier for financially struggling homeowners to modify their mortgage to help them get back on their feet.

→ **Allowing minors to access their birth certificates:** I introduced this legislation with Reps. Mark Rozzi, Danilo Burgos and Manuel Guzman to allow minors who need their birth certificates for various reasons related to their well-being and safety the ability to more easily get a copy of their birth certificate.

→ **Allowing parents to retain their parental rights:** I introduced this legislation because I know in a deeply personal way how incarcerated parents so

often lose the connection with their children, and how vital it is that incarcerated parents be able to maintain their parental rights, for their well-being and for the well-being of their children who suffer without them. I had an incarcerated parent, and I have met many people who have either been incarcerated or who have loved ones who are or have been incarcerated. This legislation has gained a lot of awareness, and I will continue to speak out in support of it and continue to work toward getting this legislation up for a vote.

→ **Conditions for closing schools:** I recently introduced legislation with Rep. Stephen Kinsey that would require school boards to do some homework and conduct a study before they close a school, with a primary focus on how that closure would affect students. It would also require that school boards hold hearings before they close a school, and once a school is going to be closed, they would need to provide counseling services to help affected students cope.

# Past Events

Due to the need to quarantine during COVID-19, our first few events were held online including:

→ **Housing Townhall** - I, along with experts from Community Legal Services, Tenant Rights Union and Council member Jamie Gauthier informed constituents on how they can get housing help and about current housing legislation to help renters and homeowners.

→ **COVID-19 Townhall** - Top medical professionals from Penn and Philadelphia Department of Health conducted a presentation about COVID-19, the vaccine and provided a prognosis for the future.

→ **Grant Seminar** - Representatives from the Department of Community and Economic Development along with the State Appropriations Committee discussed funding opportunities for a variety of non-profits and ways to get support during the application process for local leaders seeking state funding for their initiatives.

→ **Shred Event** - In May, we held our first shredding event at Penn Alexander School in Partnership with Council member Jamie Gauthier. We decided to make our first shredding event special by having it double as a resource fair. We partnered with organizations that offered COVID-19 testing/ vaccination, boxes of fresh produce and health care information, and we sent attendees off with homemade water ice and pretzels.



Helping my constituent lift bags of documents to shred.



Posing with constituents from Sayre Healthcare Center and Council member Jamie Gauthier.



→ **Curbside School Supplies Giveaway** - Our kids are returning to school for full-time, in-person instruction and I wanted to do my part to make sure they were prepared! At the end of August, I held my first Curbside School Supplies Giveaway. We gave out bookbags, pencils, folders and more. We also partnered with University City Arts League to help students customize their bookbags on the spot.

We want to make sure you do not miss any of our future events. Please give us a call at 215-724-2227 so that we can add you to our phone or email blast list. You can also sign up to receive emails from me by visiting [www.pahouse.com/Krajewski/emailsSignup](http://www.pahouse.com/Krajewski/emailsSignup).

# On Your Porch

Since legislative session was recessed in July and August, I spent the summer months keeping constituents informed about my legislative and advocacy work while hearing their concerns about our district.

In July, I held my first On Your Porch, a block-by-block town hall where I partnered with block captains, ward leaders and committee people, etc., to convene with neighbors on their porch for a community-oriented discussion.

**On Your Porch is not just for talking. We were able to facilitate action on various issues that arose during these meetings, including but not limited to:**

- **Getting an empty lot cleaned.**
- **Educating constituents on how they could impact new development.**
- **Holding institutions accountable in order to be better community-oriented partners including things like allowing the community to use their facilities.**
- **Bringing SEPTA executives to the community to discuss reinstating a trolley.**

In addition, we met dozens of constituents who want to advocate for systemic changes, especially adequate funding for public education.

While we are wrapping up On Your Porch for this summer, we'd love to hear from you if you are interested in hosting a future On Your Porch with your neighbors next summer.

To get on the schedule, call our office or email my District Office Director Eboni Taggart at [etaggart@pahouse.net](mailto:etaggart@pahouse.net).





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# Upcoming Events

Our next shred event is Sunday Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harrington Elementary School - 53rd and Baltimore Avenue. Come with up to three bags of documents to shred. Hope to see you there!

## STATE REP. RICK KRAJEWSKI'S FALL 2021 COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNCIL MEMBER JAMIE GAUTHIER'S OFFICE

**Sunday, October 3 - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Avery D. Harrington Elementary School Entrance**

5300 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 - (On the corner of 53rd St. & Baltimore Ave.)