State Representative
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Greetings!

It is hard to believe we are already into a new year. Winter weather finally arrived, but spring is just around the corner!

So much has been going on throughout our district, and I am already getting information on upcoming spring and summer events. I am looking forward to trout stocking, farmers markets and festivals already scheduled for the coming months ahead.

The past several months have been very good for the municipalities in our district. I have been very pleased to help secure grants for much-needed resources for our towns and schools.

I look forward to another productive year working with local officials, first responders, school officials and organizations on plans to better our district's communities.
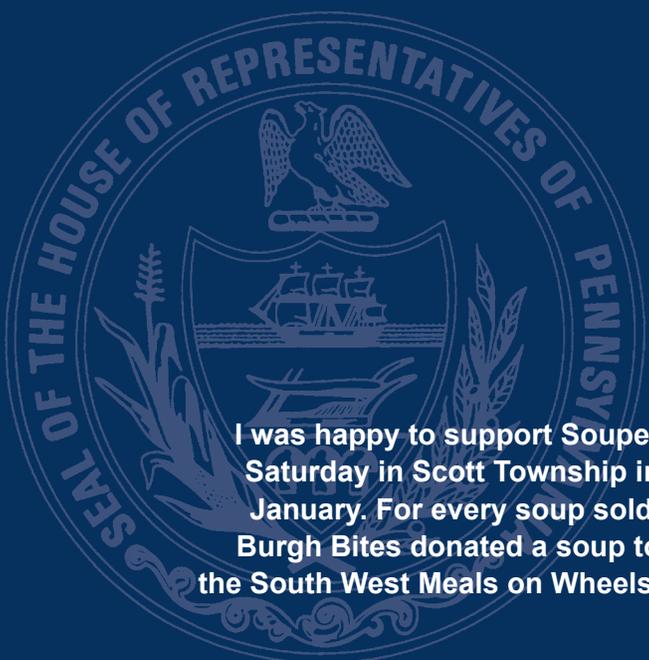
My staff and I welcome residents to my Coraopolis and Carnegie offices to help with a wide range of state-related issues. This newsletter outlines some of the many ways we can help.

We look forward to seeing you!

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2022 Session in Harrisburg has been off to a busy start. This particular day, I attended a hearing for the House Liquor Control Committee, then took part in meetings for the House Professional Licensure Committee and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee before an afternoon session in the House chamber.
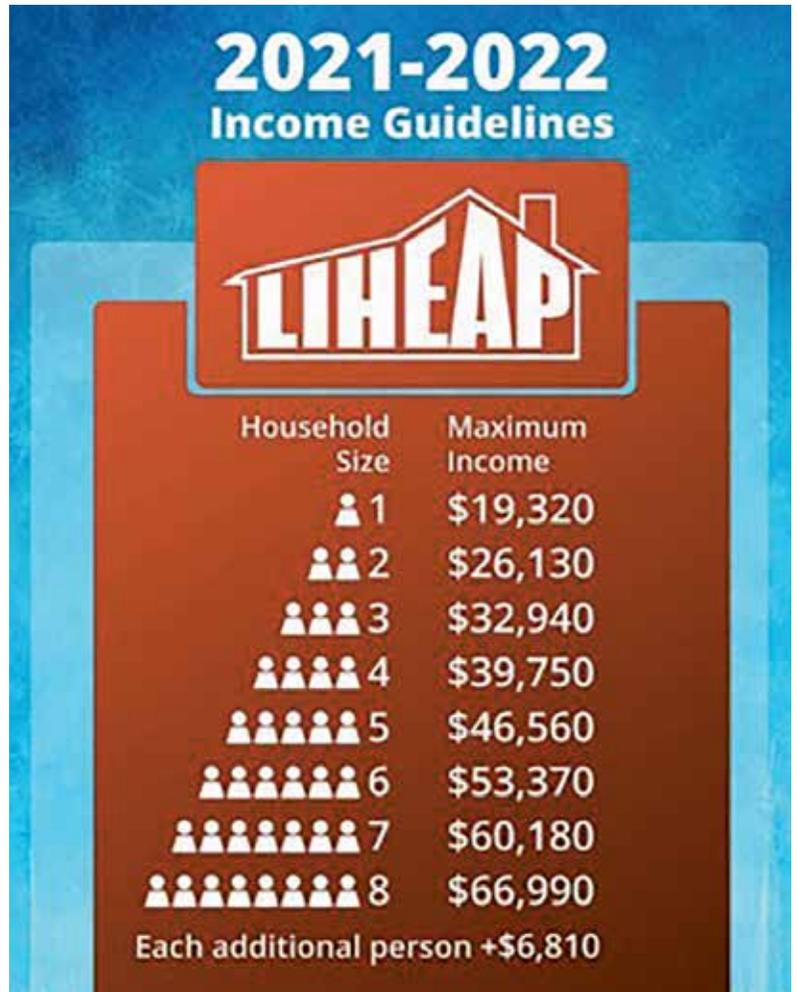

I was happy to support Souper Saturday in Scott Township in January. For every soup sold, Burgh Bites donated a soup to the South West Meals on Wheels.

Real ID enforcement postponed until 2023

REAL ID enforcement has been postponed until May 3, 2023, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting that date, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID.

REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvanians. Additional details are available at www.penndot.gov/REALID.

2021-2022 Income Guidelines

LIHEAP

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	$19,320
2	$26,130
3	$32,940
4	$39,750
5	$46,560
6	$53,370
7	$60,180
8	$66,990

Each additional person +$6,810

Apply now for the 2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Older Pennsylvanians and those with disabilities can now apply for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2021. Eligible applicants for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program are encouraged to visit mypath.pa.gov to electronically submit their applications. If you are unable to apply online or need assistance, please contact my office at 412-264-4260.

To find out if you're eligible and learn more about the program, visit revenue.pa.gov/ptrr.

Affordable Rx for seniors

Older Pennsylvanians living on fixed incomes should never have to choose between affording medicine and affording food, rent or heat. Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents age 65 or older.

In the fall, I voted to help 100,000 more of our wisest friends and neighbors qualify for PACENET by raising the income limits to $33,500 for a single person and to $41,500 for a married couple.

My office is ready to assist with applications and answer any questions you may have about the program.

To find out more visit www.aging.pa.gov or call my office.

It was a privilege to be able to speak to those gathered at the American Legion in Carnegie.

Financial help for drinking water and wastewater service

Are you or someone you know at risk of losing water service at home? Help is available for Pennsylvanians who need help with water bills or who may lose water service.

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program is now open. Relief is available to families who have past-due water bills, had their service terminated, or received a notice indicating that their service will be terminated in the next 60 days.

For more information, including income guidelines for program eligibility, visit dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp.

Need help heating your home?

LIHEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, helps eligible families pay their heating bills through a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat may also qualify for crisis grants.

You can apply online using COMPASS, or my office can provide a paper application and help you fill it out. For more information, visit https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx

I sat down with WPXI and KDKA in January to discuss Alina's Law, which is designed to offer another layer of protection to victims of domestic violence. I have brought Alina's Law to the House every session, and I'm grateful to my colleagues who have offered their support to try to get this legislation passed.

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Help for homeowners hurt by the pandemic

The PA Homeowner Assistance Fund is now taking applications from eligible Pennsylvania homeowners. It is a housing-related program to assist homeowners facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit pahaf.org to learn more.

Do you have unclaimed property?

The Pennsylvania Treasury holds $3.8 billion in unclaimed property that needs to be returned to the rightful owners!

One in 10 Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property waiting for them. To find out if you are one of them, visit www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property or call my office – we can help you search the database.