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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you in Harrisburg. You will see from my legislative update that I've introduced legislation to protect your safety and have supported legislation that would improve our schools and health care system.

I'm also sharing with you information about resources available to help you. Each week, I send emails about legislative updates and government programs. If you aren't signed up for my emails, go to RepGalloway.com to sign up.

My stellar office is, as always, here to help connect you to the departments and services you need when you need them.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Putting a Stop to Remote Stalking

I'm introducing legislation that would seek to prohibit Apple AirTags from being used outside of their intended use as a locator for misplaced personal items.

Since Apple AirTags were introduced in April 2021, I have seen many articles about predators placing AirTags onto victims' vehicles, purses and even coat pockets to track their location. The AirTag's precision finding tool should only be used to locate the owner's property, such as keys, wallet, or bookbag, as was the original intention of the product. My legislation would protect Pennsylvanians by making sure that this unwarranted act is addressed by updating our Crimes Code to prohibit someone from tracking one's location or their belongings without consent.

Protecting your Digital Wallet

I also introduced legislation that would seek to include digital wallets in the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act.

Digital wallets have made it so easy for us to pay for everyday things, but there is a great risk that digital wallets could be easily hacked, and our savings stolen from us. My legislation would protect Pennsylvanians by making sure that they are notified as soon as their wallets have been hacked so they can begin to take steps to protect any other electronic data that may have been exposed as well as immediately start the process of repairing the damage caused by the hack.

GOVERNOR WOLF IN BRISTOL

Gov. Tom Wolf visited Bristol Borough to advertise the state's COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). Bucks County received close to \$7 million that was awarded to 196 businesses across 36 towns. The money saved 1,391 full-time jobs and 2,020 part-time jobs.



AROUND *the District*

GRANTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Since July, I have helped bring the following state grants to our community:

- **\$756,881** to Falls Township to make traffic safety improvements to seven intersections throughout the community.
- **\$25,000** to fund the FNO Youth Ambassador Program (YAP).

In addition, the following organizations have received tax credits:

- **\$18,750** – YMCA of Bucks County – Quakertown, Bristol Township, Morrisville, Warminster Township.
- **\$250,000** – 101 Washington Street LLC - Morrisville.
- **\$250,000** – Cuthbertson Holdings LLC – Falls Township.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 834

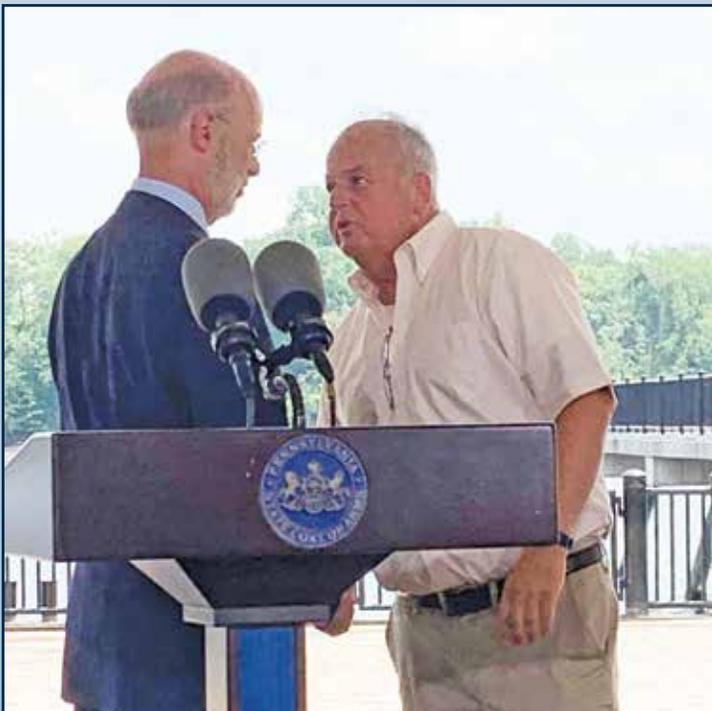


BRIDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PRESENT \$124,000 IN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO BUCKS COUNTY FAMILIES.



REMEMBERING 9/11 TWENTY YEARS LATER IN YARDLEY

On Sept. 11, 2021, I gave a speech at the Garden of Reflection in Yardley, the official Pennsylvania memorial to the victims of the terrorist attacks, in memory of the lives lost 20 years ago.



HAVING A WORD WITH GOVERNOR WOLF

Are you at risk of having your **water shut off?**



Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program



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 filling it out. Eligibility and application details are available on the Department of Human Services website.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>

2021-2022 Income Guidelines



| 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

AROUND *the State*

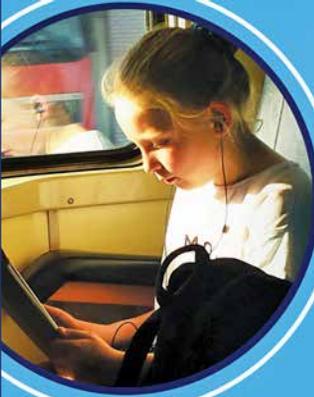
ADDRESSING THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SHORTAGE

As a proud supporter of legislation that improves our educational system, I was glad to vote for H.B. 412, now Act 91. This new law would address the substitute teacher shortage by providing school entities with day-to-day substitute teacher flexibility.

BIPARTISAN BILL FOR BROADBAND INTERNET EXPANSION BECOMES LAW

In Pennsylvania, 800,000 people are without internet connectivity. The one thing that the pandemic has made clear – you can't live – or govern – without the internet.

I was proud to vote for a bill to set up the independent PA Broadband Development Authority. The authority will act as a central point to coordinate \$100 million in federal grant money that Pennsylvania is expected to receive to expand broadband in the state as part of President Biden's infrastructure bill. This will help our kids to learn at home.



DELIVERING AFFORDABLE
BROADBAND

FOR THEIR
REMOTE
CLASSROOM

Affordable, reliable broadband means they can learn remotely at home — not wherever they can find signal.

#ConnectingPA



BILL SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE WORKERS ADOPTED

I was proud to support H.B. 253, now Act. 2, which will provide critical support to Pennsylvania workers who have fought on the front lines of a pandemic for almost two years by delivering \$225 million in federal money set aside by the American Rescue Plan.



\$225 MILLION
to help battle COVID-19

- Better pay for nurses
- More nurses on the job
- Better outcomes for patients today + long term

MEANS

House Bill 253 will provide **\$110 million** to hospitals that provide behavioral health services, serve a high amount of Medical Assistance clients, or are in some of our most rural parts of the state so they, too, can retain and recruit the staff they need at the bedside. It also will provide **\$100 million** for needed retention and recruitment funds for direct care staff. Another **\$15 million** will be used to increase the amount of student loan forgiveness that can be provided to nurses in various settings, including the Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program.

BRINGING STATE FUNDS TO HELP AFTER FLOODING

Working together with state senators and a state representative, I secured funding from the commonwealth to create the Neighborhood Flood Assistance Program to address the devastating damage to homes and businesses following the historic flash flooding in Lower Bucks County on July 12, 2021. Grants up to \$5,000 were available to those impacted.

RESOURCES *for You*

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 and 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.

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 penndot.gov/REALID.



IN WINTER, WATCH FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EGG MASSES

The spotted lanternfly has now been found in 34 Pennsylvania counties, and it's important to keep up efforts to squash this invasive pest.

Spotted lanternfly eggs are laid in the fall and hatch in the spring. During the winter months, you can be on the lookout for egg masses left on trees, plastic yard objects and other surfaces. If you see an egg mass, you should scrape and destroy it.

Find more details on how to identify spotted lanternfly egg masses and what to do with them on the Penn State Extension website at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly.

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.

PENNDOT WINTER MAINTENANCE JOBS AVAILABLE

Pennsylvania winters bring extreme weather conditions and the challenges to maintain and clear roads can be constant. PennDOT is looking for people to work in their Winter Maintenance Program. Employees hired for this program are critical to a successful winter road maintenance season. These temporary opportunities are also a great path to a permanent career with PennDOT. **To apply online visit www.employment.pa.gov. Select "Open Jobs," then "PennDOT Winter Maintenance Program," and "Apply."**



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THE NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: AN UPDATE

NorthPoint Development's Keystone Trade Center anticipates that the first product will be produced and shipped out later this year. I am thrilled to see this progress because the center promises to be the biggest industrial project in the history of the commonwealth and the largest project on the East Coast today. The NorthPoint Development Project could bring more than \$1.5 billion in investment and 10,000 new jobs over the next decade. The Keystone Trade Center will be the engine spurring Lower Bucks' economic rebirth.