

BIZZ REPORT

WINTER 2026

★ NEWS FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ RYAN BIZZARRO



ALWAYS WORKING FOR YOU

TOO MANY FAMILIES FORCED BETWEEN PAYING BILLS, BASIC NEEDS

Everyday Pennsylvanians are struggling to afford basic needs. I'm fighting to ease the burden on you and small businesses. With groceries, rent, utilities, and everyday expenses rising, people are feeling the strain, but **I am in Harrisburg doing everything I can to ease that strain.**

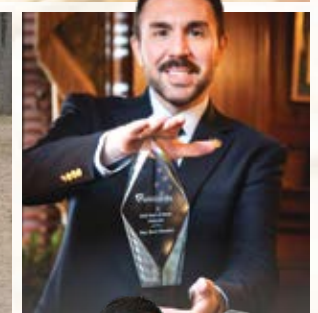
Since taking the House Majority, House Dems have cut taxes seven times while working with Gov. Josh Shapiro to create a better future for you and our children.

Thanks to this year's budget, we're creating jobs, investing in children, and making life more affordable. We're investing in community development to make our neighborhoods stronger and safer — while creating good paying jobs in the region. One key initiative is the **Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit** — which can put up to **\$800** back in your pocket. If you qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you automatically qualify **with no extra paperwork**. In Erie County, more than 25,000 people will benefit from this tax cut.

We're also **boosting basic education funding by over \$100 million** and **special education by \$40 million**. On top of that, we're **putting \$25 million toward attracting and retaining quality childcare workers**.

You can be confident that I will always fight for a better future for you — working families, veterans, and seniors alike — and our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. A. Bizzarro".





CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CUT

Did you know Pennsylvania offers a state tax cut that can help working families with child and dependent care costs? **We tripled the payout.** Eligible Pennsylvanians can claim it when filing their Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Return, with amounts ranging from **\$600 to \$2,100**, depending on income and the number of dependents.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

Two years ago, **we expanded the number of seniors eligible for a rebate and increased the amount the state can put back in your pocket.** Older adults and people with disabilities in Pennsylvania may now **receive up to \$1,000** for property tax or rent payments. For assistance, **you can contact my office at (814) 835-2880.**

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

Winter is here, and if you need help keeping your home warm, you can apply for assistance through the state. The **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides one-time cash grants. For more information, contact my office for help.

BRINGING OUR MONEY BACK HOME

This year, **my team and I** have helped secure over **\$29 million** in funding for dozens of local projects through various grants and state programs.

OVER
\$29 Million

in funding awarded to
Bizzarro's region in 2025

\$9.6 Million

to the Erie City Water Authority for Lead Service Line Replacement

\$4.5 Million

to various organizations through Neighborhood Assistance Program for community revitalization

\$1.7 Million

for Route 5 Corridor traffic signal upgrades in Millcreek

\$1.4 Million

for Erie County public safety and criminal justice grants

\$1 Million

to Gannon University for construction of medical laboratories on campus

\$200,000

to the Fairview Township Sewer Authority to replace failing septic systems

\$10.4 Million

for dozens of additional projects in Bizzarro's district in 2025





POLICY COMMITTEE IMPACTS BUDGET

**HOUSE MAJORITY
POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT 2025**

**44
HEARINGS
220+
TESTIFIERS**

**HOSTED EVENTS IN
34 COMMUNITIES
ACROSS 14 COUNTIES***

**16
ROUNDTABLES & TOURS
OF UNION HALLS,
HOSPITALS, BUSINESSES
& SCHOOLS**

**POLICY
→ ACTION**

PASS WORKERS' TAX CUT
STREAMLINE BUSINESS PERMITTING
DELIVERED NEEDED FUNDS FOR AMERICA 250 &
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
INCREASED INVESTMENTS FOR TECH, APPRENTICESHIPS,
LONG-TERM CARE, PRESCHOOL, CHILD CARE WORKERS

**POLICY →
PASSED THE HOUSE**

**STILL WAITING ON
SENATE ACTION**

PROPERLY FUND MASS TRANSIT
LEGALIZE ADULT-USE CANNABIS
RAISED MINIMUM WAGE

As a member of the House Majority Leadership team, I serve as Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee. We travel the state, exploring issues and talking to members of the community, workers, advocates and experts on a variety of topics. We examine issues to see if there is a legislative solution for improving lives across the commonwealth. During the last year we hosted **44 hearings** in **34 communities** across **14 counties**.

SENIOR FAIR 2025

Every year we attempt to organize our **biggest and best Senior Fair ever**. Last year we topped all previous years — attracting 1,410 seniors and connecting them with the organizations, programs and services they need. We hope to welcome even more of you in 2026!



SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR NEXT SENIOR FAIR!
AUGUST 17, 2026

We hope to see you there!



CREATING JOBS, IMPROVING OUR REGION

Thanks to a multi-million-dollar state investment I pushed hard for, Gannon University and their partnership with First Ascent Biomedical was awarded nearly \$3 million to build new medical labs. These state-of-the-art facilities will *transform individualized cancer treatment*, create good-paying, high-tech jobs, and teach the next generation of medical professionals.

- **\$1.7 million in March for construction costs**
- **\$1 million in December for construction of labs**

The project also includes a \$1.13 million investment from First Ascent to deliver state-of-the-art robotic technology to process tissue samples for thousands of patients.



"These are jobs that we learned during the COVID response are critical to this community — and the nation — and we just don't have enough people being trained in them," said Gannon President Walter Iwanenko, Ph.D. "This has the potential to put Erie on the map in terms of biomedical technology and translational research."

STATE INVESTMENTS HERE AT HOME



Whether it's finding the state dollars needed to purchase a first responder vehicle or obtaining the funding needed to push a local project across the finish line, **I am working for you.** Every dollar the state invests in our region is one less dollar local taxpayers have to shoulder. That's why state investments matter at the local level. Recent funding in our region includes:

- **\$1.4 million to Erie-Western PA Port Authority**, Erie County for pedestrian & bicycle trail improvements along the waterfront.
- **\$400,000 for Erie Water Works** to improve infrastructure and expand access along Route 8 corridor.
- **\$200,000 for Fairview Township** for new sewer lines for residents with potentially failing septic systems.



RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses create jobs, keep dollars circulating close to home and give our communities their unique character. When **small businesses succeed, our local economy grows stronger** and more resilient.

That's why **supporting the small mom-and-pop shops is so important to me.** My office has resources and grant information available to help small businesses start, grow and thrive right here in Erie. Call my office at **(814) 835-2880** for assistance!



RYAN BIZZARRO

PENNSYLVANIA NEWSMEDIA ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME
2025

NAMED PNA ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR 2024
ANTI-SLAPP BILL SIGNED INTO LAW 2024
FREE SPEECH ADVOCATE

PENNSYLVANIA NEWSMEDIA ASSOCIATION HONORS

As part of its 100th-anniversary celebration this year, the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association honored leaders who are advancing First Amendment protections and strengthening our news media. I was humbled to be recognized as one of their **Free Speech Champions** and **inducted into their Hall of Fame** after my anti-SLAPP bill was signed into law. I was also honored to be named **PNA's Advocate of the Year** for my work on this bill.

The legislation I authored protects people from wealthy individuals or powerful entities who try to weaponize the legal system with frivolous defamation lawsuits designed to silence criticism. It's already making a real difference across Pennsylvania, including in cases involving the President of the United States.



PBS CHAMPION OF LEARNING



Federal funding for public media has been eliminated — this is a threat to fact-based journalism and important community programming. I was honored with the **Good Neighbor Award** for being a **Champion of Lifelong Learning** in 2025. As a Sesame Street kid, I know the importance of public media. As someone who wants to know what's going on in the world each day, I must **thank our local PBS station, WQLN**, for their advocacy and efforts to **keep public broadcasting and educational programming alive**.

WORKING FOR YOU

My dedicated team and I pride ourselves on being one of the highest-performing offices in the state when it comes to completing casework and getting you what you need. **We help thousands of people here at home.**

No matter who you voted for or what party you belong to, my job is to work for you! I will always listen, show up, and fight for the people of our community, because public service means putting constituents before politics. **If you need ANY help with the below services, don't hesitate to contact or visit my office:**

- ✓ PennDOT renewals + applications
- ✓ Property Tax & Rent Rebate applications
- ✓ FREE notary services (*excludes title transfers*)
- ✓ PACE & PACENET applications
- ✓ Unemployment Compensation
- ✓ Financial assistance for higher education
- ✓ Grant resources
- ✓ Birth + death certificates
- ✓ Complaints or questions about utilities + the Public Utility Commission
- ✓ PA income tax questions or problems
- ✓ Financial assistance for higher education
- ✓ Renewal of state-issued licenses + much more!



I'm so thankful to everyone who took the time to nominate and vote for me as the **Best Elected Official in Erie Reader's Best of Erie 2025**. Your support is truly humbling and means a lot. Serving as your Representative is not only something I love, it is a true honor.

Congratulations to all of the winners and nominees — Erie's talent, passion and dedication were on full display this year.



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DELIVERING A BETTER FUTURE

- ✓ **\$1.7 million MORE** for Fairview and Millcreek School Districts — *without raising your taxes!*
- ✓ **\$100 million MORE** for job creation
- ✓ **\$25 million MORE** for child care workers
- ✓ Increasing money for more cops on the street & fire protection

I AM READY TO HELP YOU!

My dedicated team and I are waiting to help you navigate state services.

From filing your rebate to helping you navigate your needs with PennDOT, you can count on us to support you every step of the way!

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