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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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Legislative Year in Review



2025

NEARLY \$11 MILLION
including \$8.1 million in grants and \$2.7 million in tax credits to spur investment in district projects

\$298,650 Property Tax / Rent Rebate Money Returned

10,918 Solved Constituent Tickets

1,569 Completed PennDOT Services for Constituents

113 Bills Sponsored or Co-Sponsored



A budget to boost our schools and fund essential services

I voted for the 2025-26 state budget because it delivers dollars where they're needed – to our communities, our public schools, and essential programs and services for residents – all without raising taxes or dipping into our state reserves.

The new budget makes our schools a major priority, delivering \$900 million in additional funding for pre-K-12 public education.

Schools in our district will see across-the-board increases and share in nearly \$178 million in savings realized statewide from cyber charter reform. Nearly \$600 million in equity funding statewide will help level the playing field for historically underfunded districts, including those in our own district, while more than \$200 million will fund school safety, mental health programs, and facility repairs.

Beyond education, the new plan delivers \$2 billion to repair our roads and bridges, \$750 million more for Medical Assistance Managed Care, an additional \$150 million to help Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities, \$40 million more to feed residents and support family farms, \$25 million for child care recruitment and retention, and a \$470,000 increase to support the state's domestic violence program.

Hello, Neighbor!

With the new year underway, I want to update you on how we're working to improve life in the district.

Last year was a productive one, as we helped to secure nearly \$11 million for district projects to repair infrastructure, spur community revitalization, and make essential vehicle and equipment upgrades. Our talented staff served thousands of people and helped residents recoup nearly \$300,000 in Property Tax/Rent Rebates.

We'll be building on this progress in the year ahead. You can read more about our work in the pages to follow.

In the meantime, please remember that our office is here to help with a wide range of state-related matters, from applying for state programs and benefits to obtaining a senior bus pass or disability placard, to solving problems involving PennDOT or other agencies. Give us a call or stop by to see how we can help!

In service,

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WORKING PENNSYLVANIANS

TAX CREDIT Putting money back in YOUR pocket

| Dependents | Income Limit (Single/Head of Household) | Income Limit (Joint) | Maximum Tax Cut Back in YOUR Pocket |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Zero | \$19,104 | \$26,214 | \$65 |
| One | \$50,434 | \$57,554 | \$433 |
| Two | \$57,310 | \$64,430 | \$715 |
| Three or More | \$61,555 | \$68,675 | \$805 |

* Returns filed jointly are counted as two individuals. Does not reflect qualifying children or dependents.

The new budget also provides for the first Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit. Families who qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit will also qualify for the state tax credit, which is equal to 10% of their federal EITC. (You can learn more about the new tax credit by visiting www.revenue.pa.gov and scrolling down to the link titled "Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit" on the right.)

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am continuing to advocate to make sure that new dollars come back to our district to benefit programs and resources that serve real-world needs.

Strengthening our emergency response before the next storm...

Reliable communications are critical to effective emergency response efforts. Unfortunately, the April 29 storm that left nearly 700,000 area residents without power revealed that we need to strengthen those communications at every level.

To improve our response at the state level, I have introduced legislation with my colleagues Reps. Mandy Steele and

... and afterwards

Robust communications are just as critical after the storm. Although a report by the state Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) found that power company preparations before the April storm were “generally appropriate” based on forecasts, our experience in the district tells a much different story. Many calls to Duquesne Light went unanswered, estimated restoration times were often not accurate, and some residents waited nearly two weeks to get their power restored.

In the hours after the storm, we scrambled to assist residents with urgent needs, including oxygen, insulin storage, and hot meals.

Subsequent feedback from county hearings and our community town hall revealed that many residents did not know where to turn or how to get help.

Moving forward, it's obvious that we need better logistics and communications at all levels. Duquesne Light must continue

Valerie Gaydos that would require the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to provide our state legislative offices with the same weather emergency alerts it shares with the county's emergency personnel. The bill would also create a direct legislative channel with our offices, so we can assist residents in the precious hours and minutes before the storm.

working to strengthen their response efforts to prioritize communications and outreach to more vulnerable customers, including residents who are elderly, infirm, or living with serious medical conditions.

Likewise, we need to strengthen our network of communications among state agencies, local municipalities, first responders and emergency management coordinators to make sure residents know where to turn for vital assistance.

As a reminder to residents, it is important to communicate any unmet needs to your municipality's emergency management coordinator or otherwise contact the municipality. To find a list of local emergency coordinators, visit www.alleghenycounty.us and enter “Local EMA Coordinators” into the search bar.

Emergency preparedness and response is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, and we need to keep that in mind as we work to forge a stronger response to the next storm.

Ensuring science – not speculation – guides our autism policymaking

At a press conference last fall, President Trump and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., asserted that there is a link between Tylenol/acetaminophen use during pregnancy and autism. Although multiple experts and professional associations refuted the claims, the damage resulting from high-level efforts to legitimize them had already been done.

Focusing on the facts has never been more important, as disinformation from the federal government has been eroding confidence in the credibility of science, casting doubt on reputable medical studies, and stoking fear and confusion.

To ensure that our own state policymaking remains focused on reliable scientific information, I hosted a House Majority Policy Committee hearing, where experts in the field discussed current research into the potential causes of autism and their efforts to combat disinformation from federal sources.

You can watch the hearing in full by visiting www.pahouse.com/Policy, clicking on the hearing search bar, and then clicking on the “Acetaminophen & Autism” link.

You can hear more about my thoughts on RFK Jr. and about my own experience as an autistic person by visiting www.youtube.com and searching “Salisbury: Defending Those on the Spectrum” or by scanning the QR code to the right.



My committees

I am proud to serve on the following House committees:

- Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations, Secretary
- Appropriations
- Environmental & Natural Resource Protection
- Liquor Control
- Local Government



I also serve as chair of the Pennsylvania Charitable Nonprofit Caucus and chair of the Autism and Intellectual Disabilities Caucus.

Dollars back to the district

One of the most important parts of my job is bringing your tax dollars back to the district. I'm proud to report that in 2025, we helped to secure nearly \$11 million in funding, including:

- More than \$6.5 million to support water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; public building renovations and community revitalization projects; and the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and other resources for our public works and first responders.
- Nearly \$2 million for transportation improvements.
- Nearly \$2 million to expand affordable housing, preserve senior housing, help fund home repairs, and strengthen services to fight homelessness.
- \$500,000 to support a peer advocacy program to aid recovery and reentry for people with substance use disorders.

Helping our area nonprofits



Last fall, more than 200 dynamic nonprofit leaders came together at our third annual Nonprofit Symposium for education sessions on how to build capacity to help the communities they love. I can't wait to bring these community changemakers back next year for another energy-filled event! Keep a lookout for details about our fourth annual symposium!

Legislative Updates

Here's a quick look at progress on my bills to:

- **Bring more grant money home.** My H.B. 1560 would help municipalities obtain more grants by providing grant-writing training and resources to hire professional grant writers through a newly established fund. The bill has advanced out of committee and is currently being considered by the full House.
- **Codify the Pennsylvania State Police policy regarding ICE.** My H.B. 1872 would formalize the existing state police policy against assisting in immigration arrests and allow the agency to focus their resources on the many local police departments who rely on their assistance. The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
- **Ban government agents and law enforcement officers operating in PA from wearing masks or concealing their official identities.** H.B. 1880, which I introduced with Rep. Paul Friel and other House colleagues, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
- **Ensure the best possible guardian is appointed when an individual becomes incapacitated.** My H.B. 2106 would expand the list of people who are entitled to receive notice of a guardianship petition and hearing, to ensure that all interested parties are aware that these proceedings are taking place and give them the opportunity to care for the ones they love. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
- **Help preserve our tree canopy** by requiring a utility company that removes a tree to plant a new one, within two years, in a location of the municipality's choice. My H.B. 2161 has been referred to the House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee.
- **Require the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to share its weather emergency alerts with state legislative offices** and create a direct communication channel for our offices. H.B. 1712, introduced with my colleagues Reps. Mandy Steele and Valerie Gaydos, is currently in the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- **Require Pennsylvania to screen newborns for a serious genetic disease.** My H.B. 1652 would restore Gaucher Disease to the list of genetic diseases currently screened for in PA. The bill has advanced out of committee and is being considered by the full House.



Once again this year, we offered scholarships to the Community College of Allegheny County's Grant-Writing and Nonprofit Management course. Dr. Krishna Patel (above right), founder of scholarship sponsor Health and Education Alliance, announced the winners at the Nonprofit Symposium!



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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My team and I can help you with:

- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- ✓ PennDOT Services
- ✓ Help with Unemployment
- ✓ LIHEAP
- ✓ PRT Senior ConnectCards

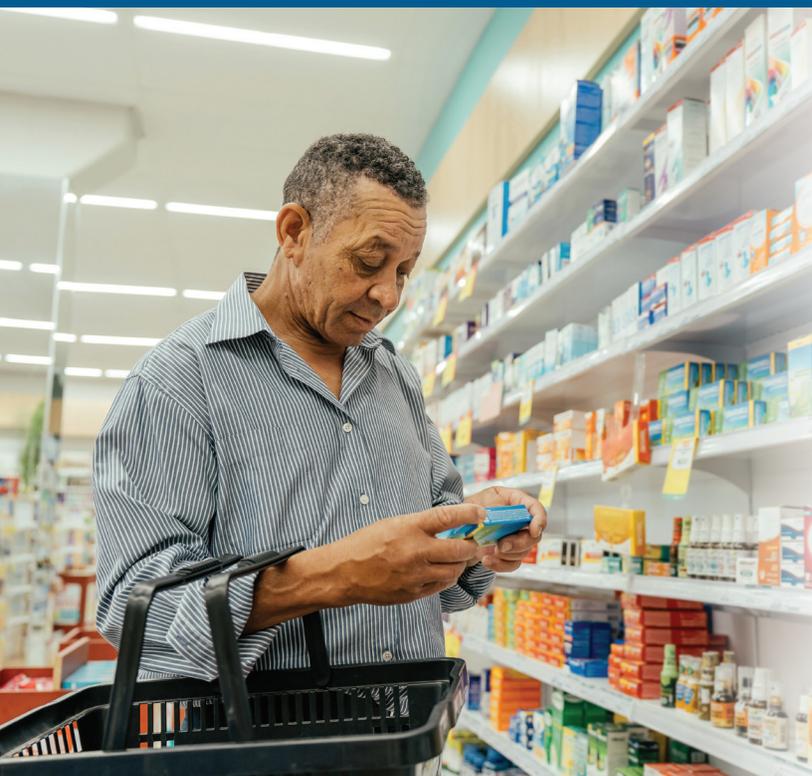


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Please remember that our talented staff can help you file for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate, apply for other state programs or services, find answers to problems, obtain a PRT Senior ConnectCard or disability placard, and a host of other matters. Give us a call or stop by to see how we can help!



Keeping prescription assistance available to seniors



I was proud to help pass key legislation to ensure PA seniors are not disqualified from the PACE and PACENET prescription drug assistance programs merely because of Social Security cost-of-living increases. The state's existing COLA moratorium was set to expire on Dec. 31, but before that happened, we got the bill passed and signed by the governor, extending the moratorium through the end of 2027.

The PACENET program, which provides vital prescription assistance to seniors 65 or older, recently expanded its income limits and is now available to single people earning up to \$33,500 annually and married couples earning up to \$41,500.

To learn more and apply, scan the QR code above or visit www.pa.gov/services and enter "Apply for PACENET" into the search bar. Please remember that our office can also help you apply!

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