



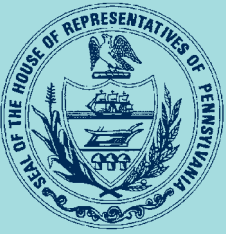
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## *Hello Neighbor,*

2026 is flying by! Summer is right around the corner, and with it comes many of the community events we know and love.

Summer also marks a critical time in Harrisburg, as the PA House works to finalize the 2026–27 state budget. I'm proud to be working alongside my colleagues to ensure it reflects the real needs of our communities in the 25th Legislative District and of all Pennsylvanians.

Read on for updates on what I've been doing in Harrisburg since my last newsletter, including exciting improvements coming to our community through grant funding I've secured from the Commonwealth.

Remember, my office is here to help you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance with any state government programs, issues, or services.

*Brandon Markosek*

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

As majority chairman of the PA House Housing and Community Development Committee, I am committed to addressing Pennsylvania's housing crisis.

The committee recently reported out the first batch of bills from Governor Shapiro's Housing Action Plan, mostly with bipartisan support. The plan cuts red tape to build and revitalize housing, helping homeowners and renters

with the cost of living, and puts Main Street ahead of Wall Street and private equity firms. It also invests in infrastructure, schools, and jobs to keep our communities great places to live, work, and raise a family.

Learn more at [pa.gov/housingactionplan](http://pa.gov/housingactionplan) and visit [RepMarkosek.com](http://RepMarkosek.com) for committee updates and meeting videos.



## STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF PET CREMATION INDUSTRY

I'm proud to report that in March, the House passed my legislation to strengthen oversight of pet cremation providers, offering critical protections for grieving families.

House Bill 1750, the Companion Animal Cremation Consumer Protection Act, would require cremation providers to give pet owners a written description of all available services, provide a certificate confirming remains were handled as promised, meet health and safety standards, and maintain detailed records.

My bill, along with a companion Senate bill by Senator Nick Pisciotto, was introduced following charges involving the mishandling of pet remains at Vereb Funeral Home in Western Pennsylvania. It is now awaiting consideration in the state Senate.

*Calling for reform in the pet cremation industry with my colleague Sen. Nick Pisciotto, animal welfare advocates, and veterinary professionals.*



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



*Proud and honored to receive the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association's 2026 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of my legislation expanding insurance coverage of speech therapy for children who stutter — a bill that became law in 2024.*

## THE 2026-27 STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL

In February, Governor Josh Shapiro laid out his vision for Pennsylvania's state budget. This \$53.3 billion dollar plan includes **investments in every community** and every sector of our growing economy. His plans include new funding for education, transit, career growth, and more. He also shared plans for **cutting red tape and attracting innovation** to Pennsylvania, setting the stage for us to build on this progress. This plan is a strong starting point for us to craft a budget that meets the needs of our families, while **addressing the housing shortage and energy crisis head-on**. Here are the highlights:

- \$15/hr. Minimum Wage: Saving taxpayers \$300 million yearly.
- NEW Critical Infrastructure Fund: \$1 billion in bond funding for housing, schools, roads, and more.
- Fully-Funding Mass Transit: Dedicated funding for PRT to keep us moving.
- \$655 MILLION in additional K-12 funding: Ensuring every child gets a great education.
- AI & Data Center Safeguards: New proposed regulations to protect communities from rate increases, water overuse, and other harms.

## APPLY TODAY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

If you are an older adult, widow or have a disability, you may qualify for up to \$1,000 on property taxes or rent paid in 2025!

NOW OPEN

### Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications

Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,550	<b>\$1,000</b>
Up to \$16,040	<b>\$770</b>
Up to \$19,240	<b>\$460</b>
Up to \$48,110	<b>\$380</b>

Applications due by **June 30, 2026**

**Last year, my office helped our neighbors get over \$97,000 back through the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.**

**If you or someone you know may qualify, please contact my office at (412) 856-8284.**

# BRINGING MONEY BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

Part of my job as your state representative is to advocate for dollars coming back to our region from Harrisburg for important projects and services. Below is a list of the money that has been returned to our legislative district since last summer's newsletter.

- ◆ **Nearly \$6 million** to support renovations to the biology lab and roof at the Community College of Allegheny County's Boyce Campus in Monroeville.
- ◆ **Nearly \$900,000** for the Monroeville Convention Center to install a rubber roofing system and parking lot paving.
- ◆ **\$498,000** to Monroeville to upgrade traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Monroeville Boulevard, Jamison Lane and Oxford Drive.
- ◆ **\$300,000** to Monroeville for the municipality's stormwater rehabilitation and flood reduction project.
- ◆ **\$75,000** to Monroeville for Tall Trees Amphitheater lighting and ADA accessibility.
- ◆ **\$650,000** in funding for Plum to complete stormwater improvements at Center Beach, which was damaged by flooding in 2019.
- ◆ **\$55,000** to Plum to enhance drainage infrastructure at Holiday Park.
- ◆ **\$133,250** to the North Versailles Township Sanitary Authority for sewer replacement.
- ◆ **\$62,417** to the North Versailles Township Sanitary Authority for old 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue storm water rehabilitation.
- ◆ **\$55,000** to North Versailles Township to resurface and pave Port Perry Road and Aldi Drive.
- ◆ **\$200,000** to Pitcairn to repair Hillside Avenue.
- ◆ **\$300,000** to Pitcairn for pedestrian safety improvements along Broadway Boulevard.
- ◆ **\$200,000** to East McKeesport to reconstruct several deteriorated roads in the borough.
- ◆ **\$250,000** to East McKeesport to reconstruct 26 streets located in the borough.
- ◆ **\$200,000** to Wall for storm water repairs and construction to fix damage from storms on multiple streets.
- ◆ **\$93,637** to Wilmerding for ADA upgrades to the municipal building's entranceway and ramp to improve access for all individuals.
- ◆ **\$350,000** to Wilmerding to reconstruct Westinghouse Avenue and Caldwell Avenue.
- ◆ **\$115,910** to Turtle Creek to repair and repave portions of Monroeville Avenue, Milton Street and Beech Street.
- ◆ **\$55,000** to Turtle Creek to improve stormwater management and environmental compliance as part of the PA DEP Storm Sewer Separation Project.
- ◆ **\$402,050** to Turtle Creek for the borough's stormwater separation project.

## FUNDING FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

- **\$242,000** for 17 local fire and EMS departments to strengthen operations and emergency response capabilities.
- **\$200,000** to the Turtle Creek Council of Governments on behalf of Eastern Area Prehospital Services to construct a new operations center in Turtle Creek.
- **\$125,000** to Unity Volunteer Fire Department for vehicle purchase and related equipment.
- **\$78,037** to North Versailles Township to purchase three new police vehicles to replace existing aging models.
- **\$65,043** to East McKeesport Borough for the purchase and upfitting of a 2025 Ford Interceptor SUV that will replace an aging model in the police department's fleet.



### EOS ENERGY'S \$353 MILLION INVESTMENT TO EXPAND IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

I joined Governor Josh Shapiro at Eos Energy Enterprises' facility in Turtle Creek for the company's announcement that it will invest nearly \$353 million to expand its existing battery manufacturing operations in Allegheny County and relocate its headquarters to Pittsburgh. The move will create and retain 1,000 total jobs, including 735 new positions.

Eos currently operates two facilities in Turtle Creek, located in the 25th Legislative District. The company manufactures American-made zinc-based batteries that support clean energy systems and domestic supply chains.



At the Monroeville Fire & EMS Show



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## WORKING FOR YOU

My team and I are here to help you with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
- PACE prescription drug cards for senior citizens
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment, disability or workers' compensation
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments or milestones
- Problems or questions about PennDOT – car registrations, special tags, disability parking placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Consumer complaints
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Pittsburgh Regional Transit Senior ConnectCards

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## UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY & THE CAPITOL INSIDE

*I joined Gov. Shapiro, Lt. Gov. Austin Davis, Sen. Nick Pisciotto and state Rep. John Inglis at the Human Services Center Mon Valley in Turtle Creek to recognize its work for our community!*



*Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at The Connect Center Laundromat in Wilmerding, which will provide a place for people to connect and receive social services.*



*My annual document shredding event in partnership with Sen. Nick Pisciotto. Stay tuned to my social media pages for details on this year's event!*

*Celebrated World War II veteran and Monroeville resident Walter Marcin with a state citation for his 100th birthday.*



*Enjoyed the annual mini-golf event at the Monroeville Public Library.*



*Attended the 28th annual Plum Soccer Kick-off Classic.*

*Joined Pittsburgh Pirates' Paul Skenes for his donation of eight thermal imaging cameras to Monroeville Fire Dept. Co. #5 in partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation.*



*Fun at Monroeville Jazz Fest!*



*Welcomed Gateway High School students to the state Capitol to discuss robotics and after-school STEM programs.*

