

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I hope you're having a good summer and finding ways to beat the heat.

In Harrisburg, we had a grueling campaign fighting to pass a state budget. Our Democratic budget proposal included major landmark priorities, like raising the minimum wage and fair funding for mass transit. But Senate Republicans again stood in the way of progress.

The budget we eventually landed on had some real wins for our community, including meaningful school funding and overdue cost-of-living increases for state retirees. Still, I know we will need a much larger public investment to address impending federal cuts, which will make it harder for millions of Pennsylvanians to get by.

My top priority remains crystal clear: ensuring every Pennsylvanian has access to adequate healthcare,

housing, and transportation by taxing the rich and lowering the cost of living for working-class people.

Beyond the budget, I'm proud to say I've managed to pass **5 pieces of legislation** this year so far and secured **more than \$7 million in state grants and services**. As always, if you need assistance with any state service, please stop by or give my office a call.

It is an honor and a privilege to be your State Representative.

Your neighbor,
Rick Krajewski



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

SPRING SHRED EVENT

On March 14th, we successfully held our Spring Shred Event! We had over 150 people attend the event to shred their important documents. It was a great time chatting with constituents, jamming to music, and enjoying some food along the way!

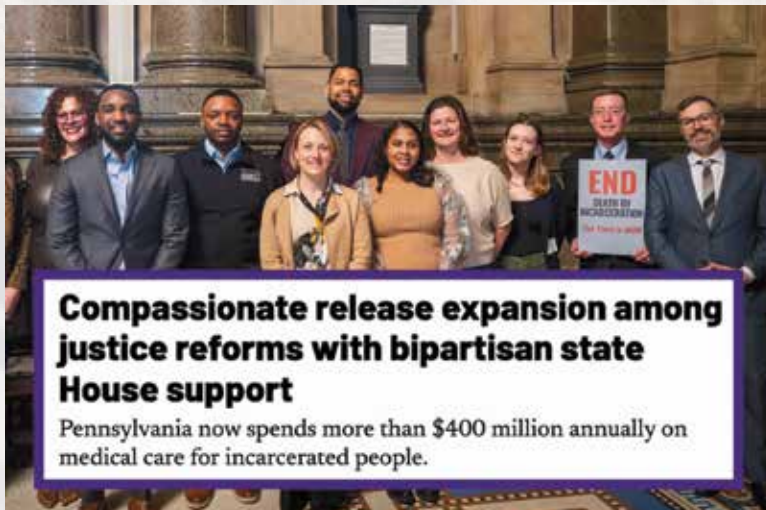
I want to especially thank our partners at Kingsessing Library and Wiggins Shredding, both of whom made the event possible. Keep an eye out for the date of our fall shredding event!

MORE PRODUCE GIVEAWAYS AT THE FREE MARKET

I'm proud that we've been able to continue and grow our free market at Sherwood Park, in partnership with Motivated Community Resource Center. Stop by for some fresh produce and other healthy and non-perishable goods!

The market will continue to run on a biweekly schedule, every other Saturday.

I can't wait to see you there!



Compassionate release expansion among justice reforms with bipartisan state House support

Pennsylvania now spends more than \$400 million annually on medical care for incarcerated people.



From Clark Park to Christy Rec, from the UC Townhomes to the Woodlands, we're breaking ground and improving public spaces in every corner of the district this year.

FIVE BILLS MOVE FORWARD IN THE HOUSE

We're only halfway through the year, but I've been working hard to get my legislation over the finish line. Five of my bills moved forward this Spring, with more on the way!

Expanding Juvenile Diversion, HB 144

- **PASSED** out of the House, 153-45!
- ensures that young people facing misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies receive access to diversion programs, no matter who their judge is or which county they live in
- a major win for our movement for juvenile justice reform across the state. Diversion cuts costs, changes lives, and sets youth on a path for success. Diversion works!

Supporting Worker Cooperatives, HB 135

- **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by Senate Labor & Industry Committee
- decreases the number of workers needed to file for as a worker cooperative from five down to three
- will make it easier to form a worker-owned cooperative business, promoting economic justice and worker power

Reuniting Children and Families, HB 133

- **PASSED** out of the House, 191-11!
- provides second chances to families separated by the child welfare system
- I had the honor of working closely with a grassroots group of impacted Philly families, Philly Voices for Chance, from drafting to passage!

Standing Up for Children of Incarcerated Parents, HB 138

- **PASSED** out of the House, 200-2!
- prevents incarcerated parents from being treated unfairly and permanently losing their rights to see their family, solely due to incarceration
- Having grown up with an incarcerated parent, passing this bill has been a priority of mine since I took office.

Protecting Foster Youth's Benefits, HB 151

- **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by House Children and Youth Committee
- finally ends the practice of counties stealing Social Security benefits intended for foster youth
- By protecting and preserving these dollars, we can ensure that foster youth exiting care have access to meaningful savings to assist with meeting their basic needs.

It has been so motivating working with families and advocates from every corner of the state and finding support across party lines. Let's pass all of these pieces of legislation through the Senate and ensure a loving home and bright future for every child!



THE CAPITOL
Lawmakers, Shapiro admin push to end practice of counties taking Social Security money owed to foster kids
by Steve Volk / Resolve Philly for Spotlight PA | April 24, 2026



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TAX BILLIONAIRES, FUND PA

Working people are facing down a fiscal crisis in PA as it becomes more and more expensive to survive. Underfunded schools, transit systems cutting routes, hospitals closing across the state.

There's a clear answer, if we have the political courage to reject the oligarchy and failed promises of trickle-down economics: tax billionaires.

This Spring, I introduced **HB 141**, which would tax billionaires' unearned wealth and generate **\$3.5 billion** in new public revenue. This bill is a part of the larger Tax Billionaires Fund PA package of legislation, which also includes proposals to close corporate tax loopholes (HB 1610) and tax digital ads (HB 1678).

Working class people and union members **PACKED** the Capital, over and over — to advocate for these bills, filling the halls and bringing business as usual to a halt. We're not backing down.

It's time to tax billionaires, and fund PA!



AROUND THE DISTRICT

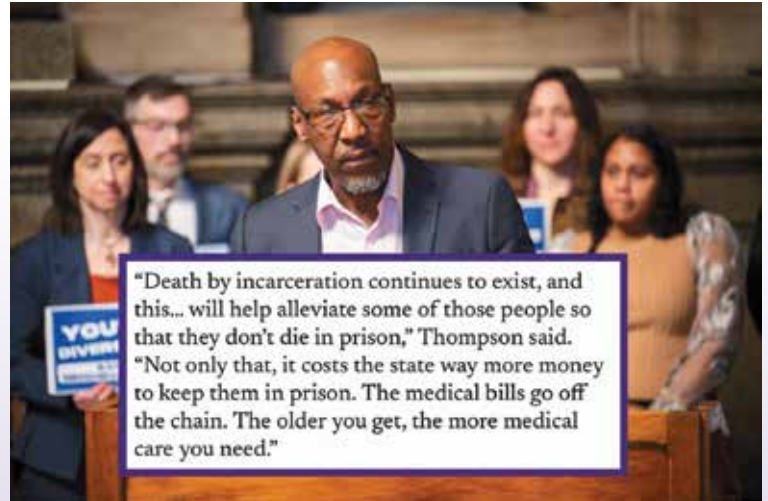
SECOND CHANCES FOR INCARCERATED PENNSYLVANIANS

Earlier this year, we had a landmark victory at the **PA Supreme Court for criminal justice reform**. In the Commonwealth v. Derek Lee case, the Court stated that our state's mandatory sentence of life without the possibility of parole for second-degree murder is unconstitutional and gave the legislature 120 days to act.

I've spent my career organizing against life sentences, or "death by incarceration," and believe deeply in second chances. The court's decision was an incredibly important window for change. However, our State Senate took a dangerous and destructive step backwards: passing legislation which would make our criminal legal system even more needlessly punitive than the Court called for.

As the Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing and Chair of the Progressive Caucus, I fought hard to stop this destructive Senate bill dead in its tracks. **With the overwhelming support of our movement for mass liberation, we successfully blocked the Senate's destructive proposal and passed an alternative bill in the House – HB 1042 – that provides a fair and compassionate pathway home for incarcerated Pennsylvanians.**

Now, the House and the Senate must negotiate on a path forward.



Every life is sacred. From growing up with family members impacted by mass incarceration, I know firsthand how Pennsylvania's extreme sentences create cycles of trauma that extend far into poor, Black and Brown families and our communities.

Know that I will fight to ensure any steps taken by the legislature provides a fair, speedy, and just pathway home for the more than 5,200 incarcerated Pennsylvanians sentenced to die behind bars.

It is time to bring our loved ones home.

MILLIONS SECURED IN STATE GRANTS

I firmly believe that investing in our public spaces makes a safer and more welcoming environment for our neighbors and community. That's why I'm excited to announce that we secured another \$7 million for public spaces in our district so far this year.

Highlights for me include:

- **\$500,000** to provide **Christy Rec Center** with better amenities, including playgrounds, basketball courts, and more. These dollars represent Phase 2 of our work at Christy, following a \$2.75 million investment we secured in 2023.
- **\$1.5 million** to improve traffic safety at **the Woodlands**, including an expanded sidewalk, better crossways for pedestrians, and safer two-way bike lanes from 39th and Baltimore to 42nd and Woodland.
- **\$500,000** to redevelop affordable housing units at **the UC Townhomes**.
- **\$1 million** for expanding the **CCP Career Advancement & Technology Center Welding Program**, adding to \$650,000 we helped secure for CCP in December.
- **\$1 million** for the **Clark Park Plan**, focusing on lighting, sidewalks, and new picnic tables, more than doubling our total state investment in the plan.





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HOW CAN MY OFFICE HELP YOU?

- ➔ Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- ➔ PennDOT services, such as car registrations, handicap placards or titles
- ➔ Unemployment Compensation issues
- ➔ Voter registration and absentee/mail-in ballot applications
- ➔ Birth and death certificates
- ➔ Pennsylvania income tax questions
- ➔ Consumer complaints
- ➔ Notary services for state documents
- ➔ PACE prescription cards for senior citizens
- ➔ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications

Any other questions about state government!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, DISTRICT NEWS, AND MORE

KINGSESSING REC IS BACK

On March 20th, community members and I witnessed the ribbon-cutting of a special landmark in Southwest: our newly renovated Kingsessing Recreation Center!

After more than a decade of advocacy and \$27 million in renovations, the area has been revamped with an accessible playground, fresh courts, and so much more. I encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy it for themselves!

I'm proud to have done my part, raising over a million dollars in grants in my first year in office. And I know this wouldn't have been possible without the support of Rebuild, Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and Senator Anthony Williams.

Most of all, I want to congratulate the community leaders, like Ms. Konie Crews, who never gave up on pushing for this work to get done. What a life-changing gift for our kids in Southwest, and for all of us!

