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Hello Neighbor,

I hope that you have had a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer! As we are preparing to enter the fall and our students return to school, I want to make sure you know that my office is here for you. Whether it's for government services, applying for state programs, discussing local issues, or information on legislation from Harrisburg, we are proud to assist and work for you!

Additionally, throughout this newsletter, you will see updates on the work my office has done in the district, as well as work I have done at the state Capitol in Harrisburg.

I am happy to announce that we passed a state budget that makes significant investments in our children's education, puts money back in the pockets of working families, and takes care of retired first responders. We did all this without raising taxes or introducing any new taxes.

Now, I look forward to continuing my work in Harrisburg to pass legislation that keeps our communities safe, protects our most vulnerable neighbors, keeps our environment clean, and eases burdens on working families.

Here in the district, I look forward to upcoming events that will bring our community together and help many of you, especially my Disability Summit in October.



My office and I look forward to continuing to serve you! Do not hesitate to contact us or stop by if you need our help!

Sincerely,


Rep. Hohenstein



State Budget

I was proud to vote to pass this year's state budget that makes **critical investments that will benefit the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, and especially our community here in Lower Northeast Philadelphia and the Riverwards.

This includes **increases of \$565 million at the statewide level** to support public education. The School District of Philadelphia received **more than \$1.5 billion in basic education funding, a \$157 million increase**. SDP also received **more than \$198 million in special education funding**. This is the **fourth year in a row we made historic investments in education**, while also working to address inequities that school districts like ours here in Philadelphia have faced for decades.

We are making life more affordable by putting **nearly \$200 million in the pockets of 950,000 working families**.

This is made possible through the **Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit**, which is modeled after the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The new state-level credit equals **10 percent of the federal credit**. Anyone who qualifies for the federal EITC will now automatically qualify for the state credit, helping reduce taxes owed and putting more money back in hardworking Pennsylvanians' pockets. The median income of families in our district is \$60,348, and **this tax credit will benefit more than 175,000 Philadelphians**.

In addition to supporting working families, we're supporting retired teachers, police, and firefighters with a cost-of-living adjustment.

One area of this budget where I was disappointed is that **we didn't provide mass transit investments**. Here in Philadelphia, mass transit is the lifeline of our city, with SEPTA keeping



things moving – whether it's getting folks to work, kids to school, seniors to doctor appointments, or visitors around our beautiful city. Additionally, investments into SEPTA and mass transit greatly benefit our economy. Investing in mass transit would greatly benefit our economy. We know that for every dollar invested in SEPTA, we would receive \$5 in return. I remain steadfast that the state should invest in transit to keep our communities moving forward.

Money Back in Your Pocket!

We connected **536 constituents** with **\$290,056** in **property tax/rent rebates**.

Legislative Updates

So far this year, I have been able to help move important pieces of legislation.

This includes legislation to do things such as:

- ✔ **Increase Pennsylvania's minimum wage**
- ✔ **Protect construction contractors** from being held liable for the negligence of others
- ✔ **Provide paid family leave**
- ✔ **Regulate data centers**
- ✔ **Provide OSHA protections** for public sector workers
- ✔ And much more ...

**Please note that each of these bills passed the House and currently sits in the Senate awaiting action.*

Money Back to the District

I'm proud to have brought **more than \$29 million** in grant funding back to our district for outstanding local organizations!





Out and About in the District



Speaking at **Riverfront North Partnership's Fishfest** at the Frankford Boat Launch. It was a fun day along the river that included free kayaking, fishing, and many other activities.



Celebrating **our nation's 250th birthday** on July 4th with our neighbors.



I hosted **multiple senior fairs** in our district this year, where our staff provided information on services to help older Pennsylvanians.



Joining House Appropriations Committee Chair Jordan Harris, Rep. Jose Giral, and ACCT board members **to present \$200,000 in funding for ACCT Philly**.



This year, my office has hosted **mobile office hours** once every month at either the Tacony Library or the Richmond Library.



I hosted an **Urban Agriculture Day event** in our district. This included a tour of the former Greensgrow Farms, followed by lunch and a discussion at Philadelphia Brewing Company with PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding.



At this year's **National Night Out** event in our community, I attended three events for the 15th, 24th and 26th Police Districts. National Night Out is always a great event bringing neighbors, law enforcement, and elected officials together.



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Upcoming Events



Wednesday, Sept. 23
**Rooted in Resiliency
Health & Wellness Fair**
In Partnership with DBHIDS
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Campbell Square Park
2535 E. Allegheny Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19134



Saturday, Sept. 26
Shredding Event
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
**Shoppers World
Parking Lot**
Aramingo Ave. &
Westmoreland St.



**CITIES OF INCLUSION
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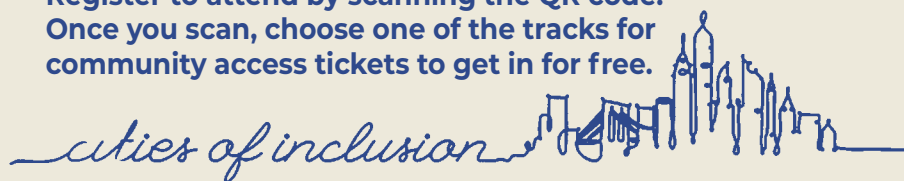
DISABILITY SUMMIT

Envisioning the future of disability inclusion
Part of Philadelphia's Celebration of America's 250th

OCT. 7 & 8, 2026

At the Pennsylvania Convention Center

Register to attend by scanning the QR code.
Once you scan, choose one of the tracks for
community access tickets to get in for free.



REGISTRATION OPEN!