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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are well as 2026 draws to a close. It is an honor to continue serving as your state representative, and as we close the book on one legislative term and prepare for a new one, I wanted to inform you of the progress we have made in Harrisburg over the last two years, and the goals we aspire to achieve in the next two.

In an era of divided government, the House still showed up when it mattered and fought for legislation that will help all of us. During the last two years, we passed legislation into law that has helped to grow our economy and create jobs, improve our educational system, and help families get more money back in their pockets.

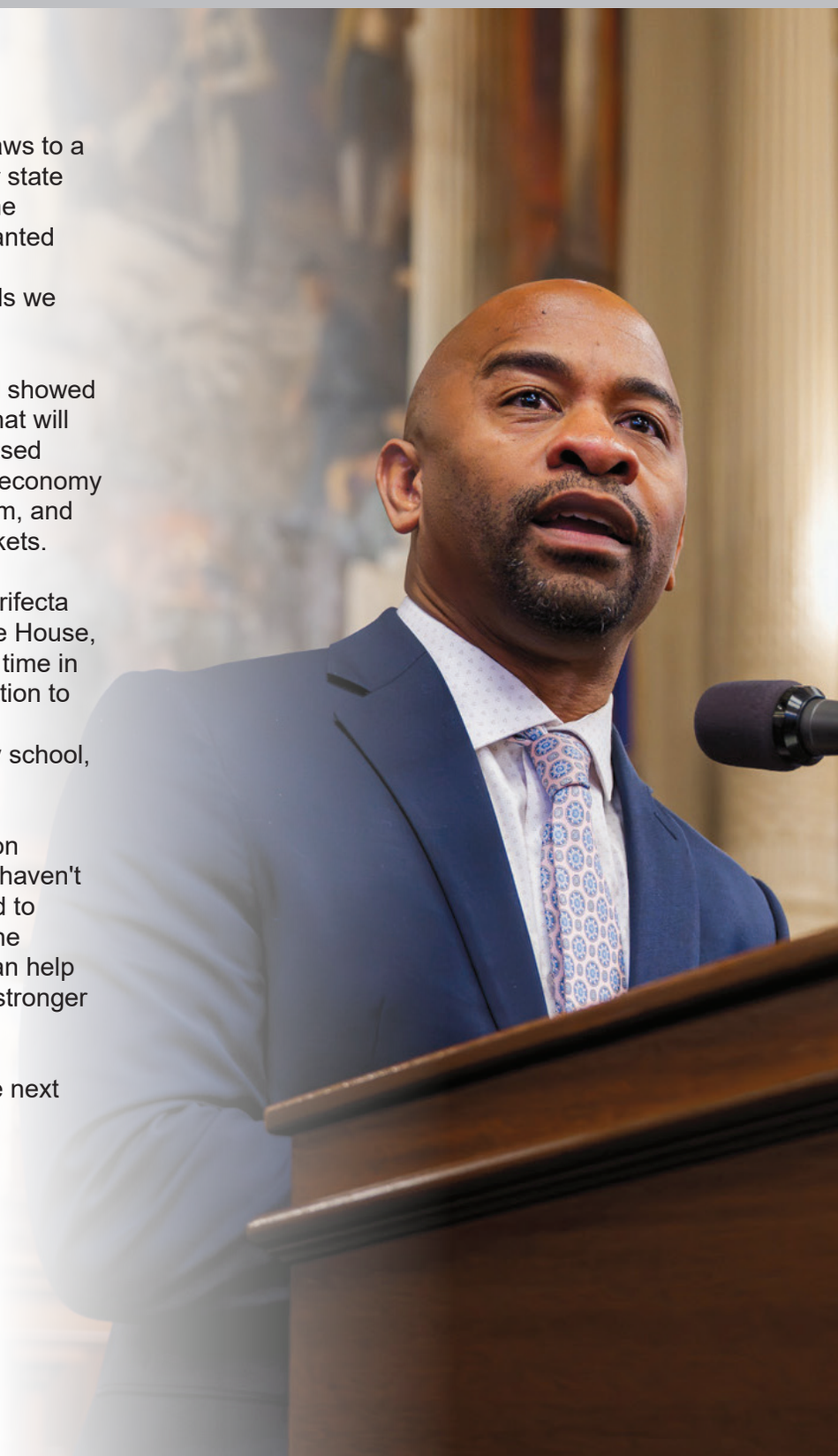
Now, as we head into 2027, there will be a full trifecta in Harrisburg – unified Democratic control of the House, Senate and Governor's residence – for the first time in decades. This means we will be able to take action to raise the minimum wage, enshrine access to reproductive healthcare, help every kid in every school, fund public transit, and so much more.

Inside this newsletter, you will find information on legislative proposals I introduced this term that haven't yet made it to the Governor’s desk. I fully intend to reintroduce these bills, and see them through the legislative process to become law so that we can help improve investment in our communities, enact stronger anti-hate crime laws, and support our students.

I look forward to what we can get done over the next two years.

Be well,

State Rep. Napoleon Nelson
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The success of this next term should be judged by our ability to secure major legislative wins like increasing the minimum wage, funding mass transit, securing our voting rights, addressing healthcare access, and making housing more accessible. There are, however, a few other pieces of legislation that I will also be championing that I wanted to talk about here:

KEEPING INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES



The federal Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) requires commercial banks and savings associations to meet the needs of all borrowers in the local community. Recently, the federal government proposed rule changes that would weaken the CRA, reducing the obligations on banks to invest, lend, and provide services in low- and moderate-income, as well as rural, communities.

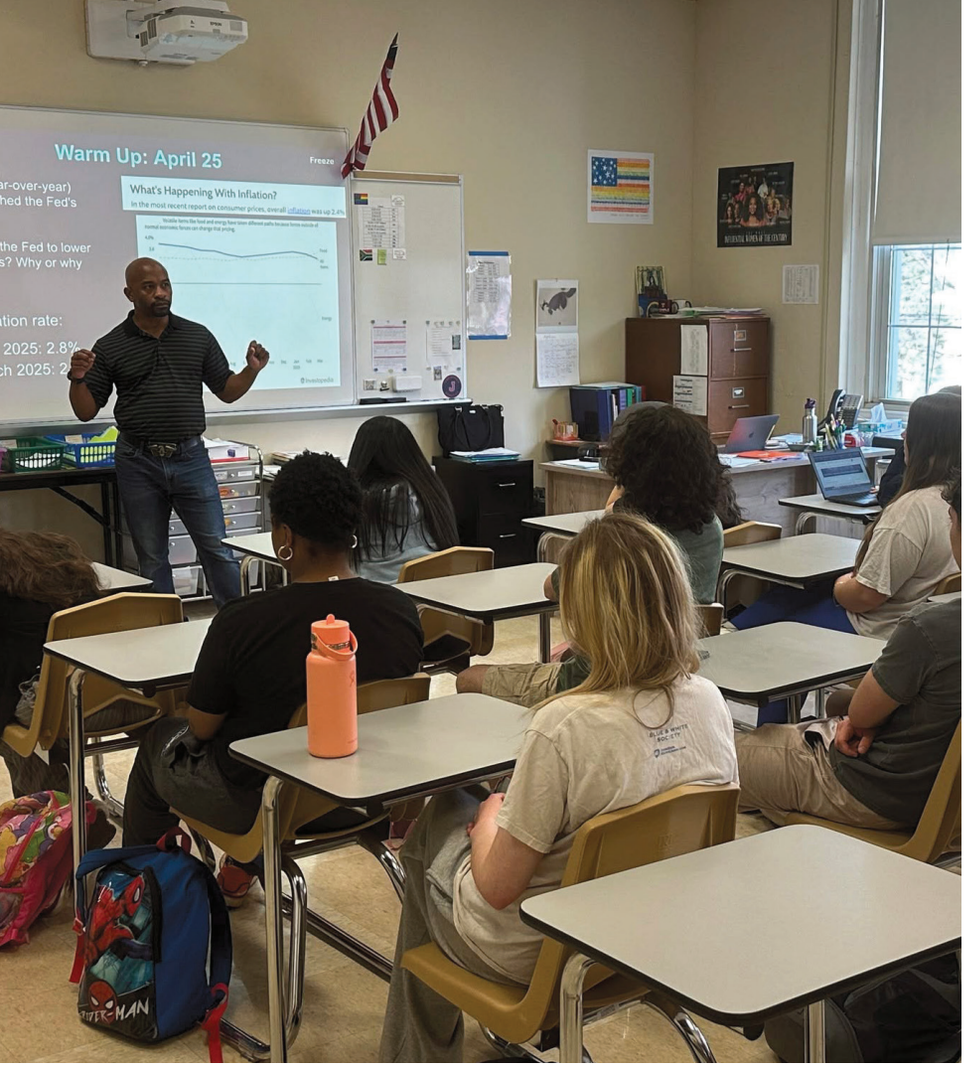
To help keep support for homebuyer programs, community health centers, small businesses, and more across Pennsylvania, I introduced legislation to create the PA Community Reinvestment Act to ensure our communities continue to receive critical banking opportunities for our neighbors and families.



EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

We've all heard news about self-driving car companies like Waymo and Zoox expanding their taxi services into cities across the country, and the Philly area is no exception. Self-driving car technology is proving to be a safe method of transportation and suggests that the promise of accessible mobility solutions is within reach. The problem is that PA only allows corporations to make use of the technology even though many of you already own cars that have the same capabilities built in, but those features aren't permitted to be utilized. This is corporate capture, pure and simple.

I have a bill that would allow the technical innovations that power the robotaxi industry to also be available to you and me. We can significantly reduce DUI incidents, make our roadways safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, offer transportation solutions to seniors and people with disabilities, and ensure the efficient use of frequently cost-prohibitive resources.



ENSURING OUR STUDENTS ARE LEARNING

When the courts recently ruled that public education was unconstitutionally underfunded in Pennsylvania, they did not simply say that our schools were lacking the funding they need – they noted that our schools were not meeting the academic outcomes that we should all expect. Sadly, our schools have continued to advance students, even if they aren't fully prepared to do so. This is called social promotion.

I will be reintroducing legislation that will require school districts across the state to have a student promotion policy that is based not just on the age of students, but on their grasp of the skills needed to be successful.

ADDRESSING HATRED IN PA

For the past several years, I have worked with Rep. Dan Frankel on a package of hate crime bills that have yet to become law. I believe that 2027 should be the year that these critical pieces of legislation, including my bill that expands anonymous reporting programs and trains educators (from kindergarten teachers to college professors) to identify and address hate-based incidents in the academic setting. Schools are a place where every child should feel safe – no matter their race, religion, gender identity, or any other characteristic of what makes them who they are. However, it is far too often that the telltale signs of potential hate crimes in schools go unnoticed until it is too late.





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