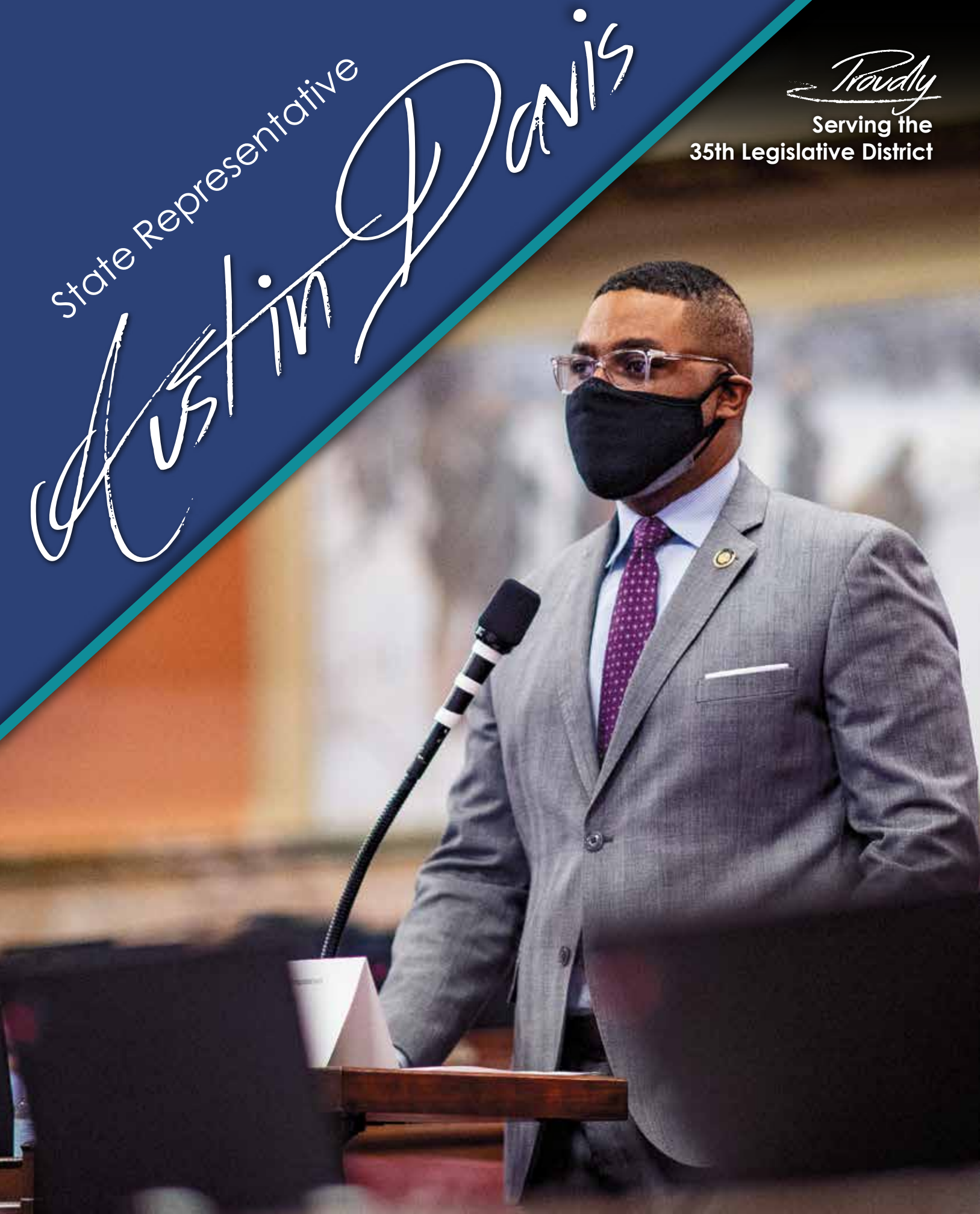


State Representative

Austin Davis

Travdy

Serving the
35th Legislative District



Dear Neighbor,

As we surpass the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope this finds you and your family healthy and well. This past year has been difficult for all of us and has presented us with an abundance of challenges.

Throughout this year, I have heard the concerns of many constituents trying desperately to navigate the state's unemployment system and have worked with educators to help ensure that all students have access to quality education during this unprecedented time. I have had discussions with small business owners surrounding the challenges they have faced and will continue to face following this pandemic. I have heard the concerns of our most vulnerable populations surrounding the vaccine rollout and understand your frustrations with wanting to return to normalcy. I know that these issues have left many of you filled with stress and worry, but I want to assure you that you are not alone. We are all in this together!

While in Harrisburg, I have been diligently working to address your concerns and will continue to do so until this is over. In this newsletter you will find updates on the work I have been doing surrounding legislation, upcoming events, and state resources available to you. I encourage you to reach out to my district office staff at 412-664-0035 or 412-476-3046 if you need assistance with any of these resources.

I am proud that my offices have been able to make adaptations to continue to serve you throughout this time. Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent you in Harrisburg and please remember, together we will get through this.

Yours in Service,



Avoid identity theft, shred old documents *At one of my free shred events!*

It's said that a clean house is a clean mind, so declutter your home of old papers and bank statements at one of my shredding events.

Both events will be held rain or shine. Attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. Shredding will be done on site with COVID-19 protocols in place, and all shredded paper will be recycled.

Volunteers will unload your documents from your vehicle's trunk.

Newspapers, magazines and journals will not be accepted.

MAY 1 • 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

McKeesport Area High School Stadium parking lot

MAY 15 • 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Steel Valley High School



Swearing-In Day looked a little different this year, but I am honored to be able to continue to represent you in Harrisburg.

In February, I participated in three weeks of hearings on the proposed 2021-22 state budget as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Getting to a complete state budget is a long, involved process, but my goal is always to make sure our Mon Valley communities have a seat at the table in this process.



One-stop for info on COVID

Visit the Pa. Department of Health's website for the latest information on the coronavirus, including vaccine info, testing and more: www.health.pa.us.

COVID-19 Vaccination Info

I continue to work closely with our area's health systems, small pharmacies, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to coordinate increased vaccine supply.

I take part in regular meetings with state health officials and my colleagues to stay up to date and do all I can to get these much-needed vaccines to our county.

Please know that I share your frustration in this process, and I am doing all I can to improve our current situation. I will also pass along updated information as I receive it on my social media accounts.

On March 3, state health officials announced that teachers and other school personnel will be vaccinated using the Johnson & Johnson single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. What this means is that there won't be a further strain on existing systems or take away from the current vaccine supply.

Our community intermediate units are reaching out to private and public schools and establishing vaccination sites. The Pennsylvania National Guard and AMI Expeditionary Healthcare will administer the vaccine.

information:

- UPMC is now vaccinating residents in Phase 1A – which includes people over 65 and people with medical conditions that put them at greater risk of COVID-19 complications. Please visit <https://vaccine.upmc.com/> for details and to register.
- You can also call **844-UPMCVAC (844-876-2822)** between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. seven days a week if you have limited access to online services or technology – like a computer or smartphone – or if you need assistance in registering.
- The Allegheny Health Network is scheduling appointments for Phase 1A as well, and – like UPMC – it is working diligently to secure additional vaccines. You can visit <https://www.ahn.org/coronavirus/vaccine/#whatyoucandonow> for more information. You can also contact the network by phone at **412-DOCTORS (412-362-8677)**.

You can sign up for Allegheny County COVID-19 vaccine alerts through Allegheny Alerts – you can receive these alerts on your mobile phone, home phone or via email. Sign up at www.alleghenycounty.us/alerts.

I was happy to work with the Allegheny County Health Department to help make COVID testing possible to those in the Mon Valley. Together, we were able to turn 455 Industry Road in McKeesport into a testing site.



Davis introduces legislation to help communities and people navigate the COVID-19 vaccine, support health care workers

Central registry for COVID-19 vaccine is needed

My office has been inundated with questions and requests for help from people seeking the COVID-19 vaccine. News stories have been rife with the frustrations over the state's rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, and limited supplies are not helping matters.

Please know that I am doing all that I can to help, which is why I have introduced a bill with several of my colleagues that would set up a central registry for the vaccinations.

The bill would let patients register themselves and their families, provide proof of eligibility for a risk category and list how far they are willing to travel for it. Likewise, vaccine providers would have to register to access the database and set up appointments for those on the list.

If everyone had one place to go to get on the list for a vaccination, it would reduce frustration and make the process that much easier and smoother for all. It's just the right thing to do.

Helping health care workers

Over the past year, COVID-19 has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives and is expected to claim many, many more. In response to this crisis, health care workers all across the state and country have stepped up to take care of those in need, putting their health and life on the line every day to save the lives of our loved ones.

I think we need to step up and do everything we can to take care of them. For this reason, I have introduced two bills to help:

- One bill would establish much-needed supports and protections for frontline health care workers, many of whom are working long hours under extreme stress and personal hardship.
- The second would create a child care grant program for frontline health care workers to ensure they are able to afford high-quality child care as they work to save lives.

Helping ensure nursing homes are safe

Many of us rely on nursing homes to care for our loved ones when the type of care they need is beyond our own abilities. We deserve to know that those nursing homes to which we entrust our family members are addressing and resolving any issues.

I have introduced a bill that would require nursing homes to report data to our state's Patient Safety Authority, which is a national leader on tracking incidents and helping medical facilities become safer for patients. This is something that PSA already does for hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities and birth centers, and it makes sense to include nursing homes.

Doing this would give the authority and the state Health Department a much clearer picture of how nursing homes can improve and protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable.



It was exciting to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the Clairton Inn. I am glad to have been able to assist in helping this project come to fruition.

Named Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation Chairman

I'm honored to report that I'm the new chairman of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation.

The aim of the county delegation isn't unfamiliar to me as last session I served as the secretary of the delegation.

You might wonder what this means to you, and it's simple. It means that while I will continue to advance the goals and issues that matter to you the most – you're always my first priority. I know I have the added support and power of my fellow Allegheny County legislators behind me to address issues for you and the good of the entire county.

It's humbling to have the confidence and respect of my colleagues who voted me into this leadership position. I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of you and all Allegheny County residents.

Drop boxes available for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

During this pandemic, I understand that people may want to limit their contact with others. That's why drop boxes are now available at each of my offices to help eligible homeowners or renters apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2020.

Eligible applicants can drop off their documentation of paid property taxes in 2020, a completed rent certificate or rent rebate report, along with all 2020 income information inside an envelope with their name, address and phone number. Everything will be mailed back to applicants once the rebate form is completed.

For assistance with filing for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program or help with other questions, contact one of my offices: McKeesport at 412-664-0035, Munhall at 412-476-3046 or Clairton at 412-233-2505.



I was honored to help the Clairton City School District obtain a grant from the Department of Education to make improvements to the district's education center's windows. Clairton City School District Superintendent Dr. Ginny Hunt accepted the check on the district's behalf.



I joined my colleagues at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics for a groundbreaking ceremony. I worked to secure state funding to help with the renovations.



In November, I partnered with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank to provide over 800 families with a turkey and the trimmings for Thanksgiving.



State Representative

AUSTIN DAVIS

P.O. Box 202035
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2035

Website: www.RepAustinDavis.com
Facebook: [/RepAustinDavis](https://www.facebook.com/RepAustinDavis)
Twitter: [@RepAustinDavis](https://twitter.com/RepAustinDavis)

lpo.kaf.0321



While in Harrisburg, I spoke at a news conference about Lloyd's Law, a bill I introduced that would end the practice of permitting insurance companies to deny coverage to family members, social workers, and other Pennsylvania residents who carry or at one time carried a life-saving medicine naloxone in an attempt to prevent a fatal opioid overdose in others.

DISTRICT OFFICES:
627 Lysle Blvd.
McKeesport, PA 15132
(412) 664-0035
Fax: (412) 664-0039

3905 Main Street
Munhall, PA 15120
(412) 476-3046
Fax: (412) 476-3048

SATELLITE OFFICE:
551 Ravensburg Blvd.
Clairton, PA 15025
(412) 233-2505
Fax: (412) 233-2507

www.RepAustinDavis.com

Ways my office can assist YOU!

- COVID-19-related resource and information
- Process applications for birth and death certificates
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Print out federal tax forms whenever possible
- Provide you with and help you fill out Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- Notarize any state form for free
- Help you find and claim unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasurer's Office
- Notarize and process applications for disability parking plates and placards
- Field questions or handle problems concerning PennDOT, including complaints about road conditions
- Explain the Real ID application process
- Assist you with unemployment compensation questions or problems
- Field questions or complaints about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Provide you with state forms or brochures
- Send state forms for you to the appropriate departments in Harrisburg to expedite their processing
- Schedule tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Answer questions about proposed legislation