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Dear Neighbor,

As summer comes to an end and our children gear up for the upcoming school year, I want to remind you that our office is always here for you.

We're here to continue our fight to protect our neighborhoods from gun violence, invest in organizations dedicated to stopping these senseless acts, and get our young people on the right path.

We're here to help you overcome the challenges associated with COVID-19 safely by connecting you with the vaccine, jobs, housing assistance, and other relief opportunities.

We're here to provide local businesses with the aid they need to keep their doors open and succeed beyond this pandemic.

From our youngest constituents to our wisest neighbors, we are a resource hub, here to address your concerns and answer your most pressing questions.

Read on to learn how our office is putting you and your family first in Philly, Delco, and Harrisburg.

Sincerely,

Joanna E. McClain

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Securing \$30 million to combat gun violence

With Philadelphia on track to have its deadliest year on record, my colleagues and I worked tirelessly to secure \$30 million in this year's state budget to reduce gun violence.

The funding will support Community Violence Prevention Grants for neighborhood-based programs that are committed to preventing gun violence.

Our hearts remain with the families of every victim of this public health crisis – including state Sen. Sharif Street, whose nephew was killed on the 4th of July in the district along with a prominent young entrepreneur.

I can't stress enough that preventing these shootings requires a COVID-19 pandemic-type response. This means a collaboration between community leaders, local organizations, law enforcement, lawmakers on all levels of government and, most importantly, our neighbors.

Now is the time to come together and find viable solutions to protect our neighborhoods from further tragedy.



Using your smartphone, scan the QR Code to watch my passionate message about gun violence.

Apply now for property tax or rent relief

Applications are being accepted for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2020.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open to individuals 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with disabilities 18 or older.

The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Spouses, personal representatives, or estates may also file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2020 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

My office can find out if you're eligible and help you apply before the Dec. 31, 2021 deadline.

Counting down to the November Election

Our fight continues to make certain elections continue to be free, fair, safe and secure, just like they were last November.

We've done this through reforms like no-excuse mail-in voting to make casting a ballot more accessible for everyone, while fending off conspiracy theories of fraud and attempts to dismantle our democracy.

With important statewide and local municipal offices on the ballot in November, I encourage you to make your voting plan now.

HERE ARE IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 18 Last day to register to vote in the general election.

Oct. 26 Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

Nov. 2 Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by your county election office.

Nov. 2 Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

YOU CAN FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE ALONG WITH A COMPLETE ELECTION GUIDE ONLINE AT VOTESPA.COM.



Fighting for a budget that works for you and your family

As the first woman to have a seat at Pennsylvania's budget negotiation table, I fought to pass a plan that makes substantial investments to strengthen our communities and help some of our most vulnerable neighbors get through the COVID-19 pandemic safely.

I'm proud to report this year's budget includes a \$300 million increase for K-12 schools with \$100 million going to the 100 most underfunded school districts in the commonwealth. This is a major step in ensuring a quality education is not based on ZIP code but provided to every student.

It also contains:

- \$801 million to provide financial assistance to struggling renters and homeowners.
- \$282 million to help nursing homes, assisted living residences and personal care homes to protect residents and staff from the coronavirus.



Our children are the future and the leaders of tomorrow. To get them interested in state government early, we're holding our first annual **There Ought to be a Law Contest** to give local elementary school students the chance to create their own laws.

Fifth graders who live in the 191st Legislative District are eligible to submit their ideas starting Nov. 1 through a form on my website under the "Law" tab. Completed forms can also be emailed to ajames@pahouse.net or printed out and returned to our office before the Dec. 17 deadline.

First, second, and third place winners will be selected and announced on Feb. 1.

The winners along with two of their family members will be invited to join me at the state Capitol for a tour, lunch, and the chance to watch live votes and debates in the House Chamber. *Good luck!*

Where to get the COVID-19 vaccine

The pandemic is not over, and the COVID-19 vaccine is a critical tool in our fight to put this health crisis behind us. It's safe and available to those 12 or older. Here is a list of area locations and resources to help you get vaccinated:

Sayre Health Center

227 South 59th St., Philadelphia
(215) 474-4444 | sayrehealth.org/testing-follow-up

Neighborhood Compounding Pharmacy

5701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia
(215) 307-3609 | neighborhoodpharmacyrx.com

The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium

blackdoctorsconsortium.com

Find vaccine sites near you

[Vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) | phila.gov

Senior COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline

60 and older eligible

1-800-424-4351 | Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Homebound Vaccine Program

(215) 685-5488 or dial 311

Why Pennsylvania needs the PA Rescue Plan

We must build on the positives from this year's state budget when we return to Harrisburg in the fall by enacting the House Democrats' Pennsylvania Rescue Plan.

In June, I traveled the state with my colleagues to bring our proposal to the people, explaining how it would ensure the billions of COVID-19 relief dollars we received from Washington get to the people most impacted by the pandemic.

Right now, more than half of that funding remains locked away by the majority party, which insists on using it for a "rainy" day. The fact is, we have the resources to save for the future and at the same time:

- **Raise the minimum wage.**
- **Provide hazard pay and paid sick leave to working families.**
- **Fully fund every public school.**
- **Create grant opportunities for local businesses impacted most by COVID-19.**
- **Make quality, reliable Internet affordable and accessible to everyone.**

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we won't stop fighting until we make the PA Rescue Plan a reality.



Unemployment and local business resources

Department of Community and Economic Development: dced.pa.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration: sba.gov

Unemployment benefits: uc.pa.gov

Find job opportunities: pacareerlink.pa.gov

Serving the Community

1. Partnered with the Free Library of Philadelphia, Read by 4th, Reading Recycled, and Global Citizen for our Literacy Extravaganza at the Sayre Recreation Center Playground, where we gave away free books to nearly 150 children.

2. Teamed up with St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Caring for Friends, and Sayre Health Center in Cobbs Creek to give 200 boxes of free food to dozens of local families.

3. So proud to present St. Neumann Goretti Catholic High School graduate Mya Hill with the James Roebuck Scholarship from the Pa. Legislative Black Caucus. We all wish her the best of luck at West Chester University in the fall.

4. Held our annual Delco Shred Day with state Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams, Aetna, Grace Community Church, and Men of Action Brothers of Faith. We helped our neighbors discard their personal documents safely and shredded more than 10,000 pounds of paper.

5. Visited businesses along 60th St., stressing the importance of investing in the success and safety of our local establishments with Philly Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, ACHIEVEAbility, the Dept. of Commerce, and other city leaders.

6. Our weekly curbside resource fair has been a success! Join us Fridays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. outside our office, 52 S. 60th St., to meet with us and our community partners to learn about the assistance programs and services available to help you and your family.

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Back to School Community Resource Fair!



Friday, Sept. 10
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Outside Rep. McClinton's
District Office:
52 South 60th Street
Philadelphia, PA

FREE



■ Refreshments

■ FREE School Supplies

■ Community Health & Wellness Resources

Rep. McClinton and her staff will be available to answer your state-related questions and to talk about her legislative agenda for education.

Rent and utility assistance is available

If you are a tenant at risk of being kicked out of your home because of COVID-19, you may qualify for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

ERAP aims to help people who are facing eviction pay past due and upcoming rent, utility bills or other costs necessary to help them stay safe in their house. Aid is also available for landlords.

Philadelphia residents can find more information and apply at phlrentassist.org or by calling 311 or (215) 686-8686.