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Dear Neighbor,

I talked about my top three priorities when meeting Gov. Tom Wolf for the first time after taking office. My priorities included: fair funding, fair funding, fair funding. I repeated this story in February when the governor traveled to Upper Darby High School to talk about his budget proposal to fully fund public education. Thankfully, this finally appears to be a real possibility.

I'm hopeful that this year, when Pennsylvania has a historic budget surplus, our state can finally fully fund all public schools. For Upper Darby and William Penn, that could mean receiving enough state funding to address the biggest needs in our schools.

My work this legislative session continues to focus on policies that can have life-changing effects in our community. I have continued to look for solutions to reform PA's juvenile justice system and hosted a policy hearing on issues involving sentencing.

My office continues to look for ways to support local neighborhoods, including the approval of more than \$100,000 in grants for first responders announced in February. We don't need to look any further than the medivac helicopter crash in Drexel Hill for the reason why we need to support our volunteer and full-time first responders. This terrible incident could have been much worse, but no lives were lost, and volunteers and first responders spent hours cleaning the scene.

My office will also continue to participate in food collection drives and park and green space clean-up events. We will continue hosting community events, and for the first time host an art contest for elementary school children.

My offices are open to help you. We can connect you with resources and state-related services. Stop by and let us help!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Zabel".

AROUND THE DISTRICT

1 I enjoyed the return of several in-person events before COVID-19 cases spiked again this winter. One of them included the St. Andrew 5K Spirit Run.

2 My office hosted a Mental Health & Wellness Expo to spotlight the numerous services available in our community for residents.

3 During the pandemic, I have volunteered to help food drives, including the Thanksgiving food drive with Clifton Heights Boy Scouts Troop 111.

4 I tried to attend all our community's holiday events, including the Aldan Christmas Tree Lighting and the Upper Darby Summer Stage Holiday Spectacular.

5 I have participated in the Rally for Funding Public Schools, worked as an advocate for criminal justice reform – including the “Care, Not Control” campaign – and hosted the House Democratic Policy Committee to hear from experts on the issues with sentencing in PA.



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In February, thanks to the Pennsylvania State Education Association, I joined the conversation about the important work being done throughout the pandemic by education support professionals, also called ESPs, who work as custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, paraprofessionals and school secretaries.

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My office joined other state lawmakers in collecting more than 3,000 diapers, baby formula and wipes for families in need during the December holiday season.

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In February, I joined Gov. Tom Wolf, state lawmakers, school officials and Upper Darby High School students to ask the state to fully fund our public schools.

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HELICOPTER CRASH IN DREXEL HILL



After his helicopter experienced mechanical issues, former military pilot Danial Moore crash-landed a LifeNet Eurocopter on the lawn of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church on Jan. 11. He somehow avoided all buildings, telephone poles and wires. Moore was the only one on board who suffered injuries that needed surgery. The nurse pulled Moore to safety, and the flight medic handed off the patient, a 2-month-old girl, before extinguishing the onboard fire. En route from Chambersburg to CHOP, Moore said he regained consciousness after the crash to see a whole company of firefighters looking down at him. "That's a real good feeling," he told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

I would like to echo Moore's gratitude and thank all the people who ran toward a burning helicopter to help that day – as well as the scores of people involved in the aftermath and cleanup. We had some amazing people do amazing things to save lives and keep our community safe.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

HOUSE BILL 709: This bill moved out of the State Government Committee by unanimous vote, hopefully signaling that one day this bill would change the way business is conducted in Harrisburg. The bill aims to stop Pay to Play practices, where campaign contributions and not quality of work and bid price determine what companies are awarded valuable state contracts.

HB 1034: This bill would strengthen the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act. It would require businesses that are closing to provide employees with 180 days' notice if the business has more than 50 employees or if the mass layoff includes more than 500 workers. During the pandemic, we witnessed how difficult it could be for families to navigate unemployment compensation and wait for payment. By providing workers with more warning, families have time to adjust their finances.

HB 2179: This bill would ensure employees who work hard are treated fairly. Since January 2020, PA has documented about 300 WARN Act mass layoffs. While corporate profits and CEO perks and bonuses are higher than ever, many workers' wages have been stagnant for years. This bill would require workers in mass layoffs to be provided with severance pay, health insurance and necessary protections.

LET US KNOW WHAT ROADS NEED WORK: Go to www.RepZabel.com and under "How Can I Help You," find my online form to report potholes. If you have the street name and address where the work needs to be done, my office will inform PennDOT or the appropriate municipality.

State Rep. Mike Zabel's

Art Contest

A Vision for a Better Environmental Future

Students in grades K-5
can submit a drawing on 8 X 11 paper on how they envision a better environmental future.

Entries can be dropped off or mailed to
5248 Township Line Rd. Drexel Hill
between March 21- April 29

Winners will be chosen by Rep. Zabel & his staff!

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MIKE ZABEL
163rd LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: This contest is open to students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Eligible students must attend schools in the 163rd Legislative District, and it's open to students who attend public schools, private schools, cyber schools, and students who are home schooled.

SUBJECT OF ARTWORK: Use a painting, drawing or mixed media (please, no photographs or computer-generated art) to show what your vision is for a better environmental future. Drawings must fit on 8½x11 paper. Artwork can be vertical or horizontal.

More details can be found at <https://bit.ly/RepZabelartcontest>.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH PENNDOT SERVICES?

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH

- HANDICAP PLACARDS & PLATES
- Duplicate CAR REGISTRATIONS & TITLES
- REDUCED REGISTRATION
- CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- ANTIQUE OR CLASSIC LICENSE PLATES
- PERSONALIZED PLATES
- LICENSE PLATE SURRENDER
- LICENSE RESTORATION
- BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

for residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+

What we need from you:

EVERYONE

- All earned income tax forms (1099 SSI, W2s, etc.)

HOMEOWNERS

- Copies of all paid tax bills

RENTERS

- Signed form from the landlord

\$35,000
maximum household income*

*for those on Social Security: half of \$35,000 income is excluded for eligibility

SEPTA

Do you have a SEPTA Senior Key Card?

Due to contact issues caused by the pandemic, SEPTA has extended the printed expiration date on Senior Fare Cards. Cards with expiration dates in 2020, 2021 and 2022 have been extended until the same expiration month in 2023.

PA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

Thanks to \$350 million from the American Rescue Plan, PA is launching PA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

For homeowners hurt by COVID-19

Applications open NOW

pahaf.org (24/7)
888-987-2423
(M-F 8am-8pm)

Are you at risk of having your water shut off?

Help is available. Learn if you qualify at:
dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp

LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



My staff and I are ready to assist you with all your state-related needs.

Here are just some of the ways our office can assist you:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles, and license applications, reduced car registration for income-qualifying seniors.
- Unemployment compensation problems.
- Vital Records/Birth certificate applications.
- Assistance with finding Unclaimed Property.
- Pennsylvania income tax problems.
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical assistance).

- LIHEAP & CAP (PECO) applications.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones.
- Medicare counseling appointments with Apprise.
- Problems or questions about road conditions and PennDOT.
- Disability plates and placards.
- PACE cards for senior citizens.
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate assistance or questions.

Any problem with state government!

We look forward to serving you. If you have any questions or are interested in one of our services, please call or visit us today.



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SIGN UP FOR MY COMMUNITY UPDATES AT WWW.REPZABEL.COM/EMAILSIGNUP.



Join State Rep. Mike Zabel for a
Darby Creek Clean-Up at Gillespie Park
NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF PALMER MILL RD. & SYCAMORE AVE, CLIFTON HEIGHTS
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 | 11 AM - 1 PM
 *Gloves & Bags will be provided*



REP. MIKE ZABEL & UPPER DARBY MAYOR BARBARANN KEEFER'S
Pet Expo
Stop by and learn about valuable pet resources for our furry friends!
This FREE event will feature:

- Rabies vaccinations for dogs
- Dog license application and renewal
- Meet the Upper Darby K-9 unit
- Information about pet resources in our area
- Information about how to adopt a furry friend

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 10 AM-12 PM
SAVEDATE: APRIL 22, 2022
KENT DOG PARK - 3900 BRIDGE ST. DREXEL HILL
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OUR OFFICE: 484-200-1563



Expungement Clinic & Second Chance Expo
Hosted by Rep. Mike Zabel, Rep. Gina H. Curry & Upper Darby Mayor Barbarann Keffer
Thursday, May 5 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Watkins Ave. Senior Center - 326 Watkins Ave. Upper Darby
Registration is required!
Please call our office to RSVP:
(484) 200-1563 or (484) 200-8262

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR
Senior Expo
THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 | 9 a.m. - Noon
Drexelbrook Catering & Special Event Center
4700 Drexelbrook Dr. | Drexel Hill PA, 19026
Our Senior Expo will feature various agencies and services whose focus is on senior citizens. Refreshments and continental breakfast will be served!

State Senator
Tim Kearney

State Representative
Mike Zabel