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SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2026



DEAR NEIGHBORS,

I am excited to welcome you all to my Summer 2026 newsletter. This summer, my staff and I hosted several events in the district, celebrated multiple outstanding sports teams in the House chamber, and, as always, we were hard at work helping people with state-related issues. In Harrisburg, we procured funding for projects in our district, and we made strides on some important legislation, including several bills concerning AI data centers.

In this newsletter, you'll find photos of me and my staff out in the 140th Legislative District (Falls, Morrisville, Tullytown, and parts of Middletown), information on upcoming events, and details about some of the important bills that have made some progress.

Sincerely,

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY & MORE!



PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



LEVITTOWN-FAIRLESS HILLS RESCUE SQUAD GRANT PAPER
SHREDDING EVENT CHECK PRESENTATION



BCTHS GRANT CHECK
PRESENTATION



E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT



FALLS TOWNSHIP SENIOR
CENTER TOUR



CELEBRATING THE NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS IN HARRISBURG



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FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ELECTRIC, AND FOOD COSTS

Rising housing, electric, and food costs make achieving the American Dream harder than ever before. It's why I have supported bills that, if enacted, would lower costs for consumers. Here are just a few of the bills that I am working on:



Lower Electric Bills:

HB 2224 – would cap the profits that utilities such as PECO are able to charge residential ratepayers, and would eliminate the Gross Receipts tax on electric bills, lowering electric bills.

HB 1834 – would prohibit utilities from passing on the cost of Data Center Development to residential ratepayers (See below).

Lower Housing Costs:

HB 914 – which I co-authored with Rep. Nancy Guentz, would cap how much a corporate landlord can raise the rent after a lease expires so that renters would not be priced out of their homes.

HB 1250 – would cap rent increases for lot leases of manufactured homes.

HB 529 – would create an incentive program for municipalities to create affordable housing for working families.

Lower Household Good Prices:

HB 1942 – would prevent retailers from using surveillance pricing - where they increase the cost of an item on an individual basis.

DATA CENTER LEGISLATION

I have spoken to many who are concerned about the proliferation of data centers in Pennsylvania. I have heard those concerns and have taken action. The House of Representatives passed 8 separate bills related to AI data centers to help rein in this development. These bills, if enacted into law, would combat higher residential electric prices and provide greater transparency and accountability, while also empowering the local communities who make zoning decisions and protecting our natural resources.

HB 1834 – would require data centers to pay their fair share of electric costs, and protect residential ratepayers from subsidizing data center development.

HB 2150 – would require data centers to be more transparent by disclosing their water and electric usage. (Elements of this bill were included in the 2026-27 budget).

HB 2151 – would empower local municipalities to adopt local ordinances to protect their communities with enhanced protections from data centers.

HB 2198 – would repeal the tax incentive that data centers receive - the Sales Tax Exemption.

HB 2246 – would protect our water supply by requiring data centers to be transparent on water usage and enhanced permitting for large water usage.

HB 2359 – would prohibit state and local governments from entering into non-disclosure agreements for data center developments.

HB 2496 – would allow municipalities to enact a 6 month pause on data center development so that they can draft ordinances to protect their communities.

HB 2450 – would require data center operators to be accountable to the community. In order to earn GRID certification, they must prove they protect energy affordability, engage in community engagement to deliver local jobs and community investment, be transparent in their dealings and operations, and protect the environment.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 29: E-waste Recycling Event

Aug. 31: Senior Expo

Sept. 12: Free Paper Shredding Event

Dates are subject to change.

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