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Property Tax Relief For Seniors and Disabled

For years legislators have promised to help seniors with limited income and high property taxes. I'm proud to announce that legislation I've pushed for is now law. Signed by the governor on Aug. 3, it will make more Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities eligible for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

House Bill 1100 increases income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for homeowners and renters to \$45,000. The bill also raises the maximum amount each homeowner or renter can receive from \$650 to \$1,000. It also ties the program's caps to Social Security cost-of-living increases, so seniors won't get dropped from the program just because their Social Security is raised.

This bill will help expand the reach of property tax and rent relief to more than 150,000 additional individuals and help make Pennsylvania a more affordable place to live.

The rebate program benefits eligible residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. Currently, the income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Contact my office for additional information or assistance with filing an application.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With the first half of the year now behind me, I can honestly say that I dove in head first and stuck to the legislative priorities I promised to fight for. This session delivered lower taxes for seniors and I continue to promote policy that makes Pennsylvania a more affordable place to live. Grant funding was delivered to our emergency and fire services, keeping them and our police departments, a top priority of mine at all times. There were record increases to basic and special education funding, along with monies to mental health initiatives, and money for brand new funding to expand our technical schools and trade careers - vital to growing jobs and our state's economy. I also fought for the pocketbooks of all Pennsylvanians by stopping the implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative (RGGI), which would have yielded a 40% tax hike on our utilities. Pennsylvania is rich in natural resources and we must embrace our state's ability to be a national provider of energy to the country, not tax it and drive rates even higher on families and seniors already struggling in these inflationary times.

There is still much work to be done and I am anxious to return to Harrisburg to pick up where I left off. That is why I have signed on to support The Keystone Commitment – a platform that delivers hope for the future, by emphasizing legislative policy focused around four major principles: (1) A thriving economy, (2) Affordable living, (3) Safe-communities, (4) A child-first, family-focused education.

I ask everyone throughout the 147th District to support me in building a Commonwealth where freedom comes first and leads the way.

Respectfully Yours,

Donna



Souderton Area High School's Work Transition Program visits the Capitol.



Harleysville's Annual Memorial Day Parade.



The 69th Annual Boyertown Citizen of the Year Gala.

Appointment to House Transportation Committee

Great news! I was appointed to the House Transportation Committee. This is a tremendous honor, as I will play a crucial role in making meaningful contributions to transportation policy, infrastructure development, economic growth, safety, funding allocations, environmental sustainability and other critical issues that affect the well-being of our Commonwealth. In addition, I will have significant impact on our transportation system, including roads, bridges and railways, such as;

- I've moved the Bergey Mill Bridge Replacement Project forward after a 12-year hold. On July 6, my amendment passed the House unanimously and was adopted to Senate Bill 829, where it awaits a concurrence vote. By conveying a right-of-way and easement into Montgomery County to complete the bridge replacement, the county will in turn construct a hiking trail and a scenic viewing area within Bergey's Mill Park.
- With regards to roads and infrastructure, how many of you have been caught in the backlog of traffic trying to get onto the southbound entrance of the PA turnpike (I-476) from State Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) at Exit 31A? Well, good news there, too. The entrance ramp is now closed for PennDOT to reconstruct, reconfigure and fix the traffic jam for vehicles to flow faster and more efficiently onto the Turnpike. Upon completion of the reconstruction scheduled for Sept. 30, two lanes will now be able to turn left onto the southbound ramp.

I will always be the voice of my constituents and my service in the House is even more impactful with my appointment to the Transportation Committee. Do not forget I also continue to serve on the House Professional Licensure Committee and the House Commerce Committee, where I am chair of the subcommittee on Automation and Technology. I am pleased all of these committee assignments capitalize on my 30-years of private-sector experience, allowing my background in business and finance to benefit the Commonwealth.



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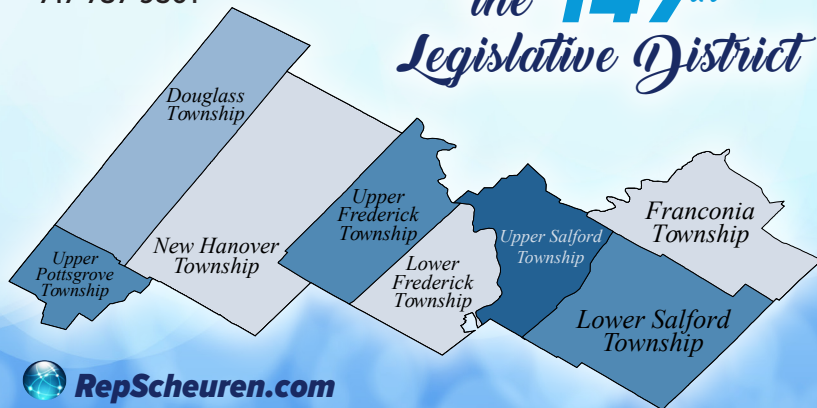
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Larry & Susan Cerrito (Gilbertsville)
of the Alzheimer's Association
visited me at the Capitol during
Brain Awareness Month.

ATTENTION MILITARY VETERANS



Please make sure you are
receiving all your benefits
and what you've earned! My
office is here to help you and
your family. Meet with our
Veteran Services Officer. Call
my office at **610-323-3299**
to make an appointment.

***Thank you for
your service!***

Services My District Offices Provide

- Applications for birth and death certificates
- Information about legislation
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork
- PACE and PACE NET applications for seniors
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications
- Voter registration forms and mail-in ballot applications
- Federal and state tax forms
- Unclaimed property
- Senior SEPTA passes available
- Notary services by appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 SENIOR LIVING EXPO

Thursday, September 21 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Hanover Fire Company

2154 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

A box lunch will be provided to seniors and their
caregivers who register by 9/14/23.

Call 610-323-3299 to register.

VETERANS BREAKFAST

Friday, October 27 • 9:30 a.m.

Franconia Heritage Banquet & Conference Center

Special Guest Speaker and Buffet Breakfast

Call 610-323-3299 to register.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, October 28 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Or until the shredding truck is full.

Boyetown Middle School East

2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Limit 2 boxes/bags. Please no plastic bags or
binder clips. Event held rain or shine.