

REP. DONNA SCHEUREN

Summer 2026

My Bill to Strengthen Human Trafficking Penalties Earns Committee Approval

Legislation I sponsored to increase penalties for individuals found guilty of trafficking infants earned approval from the House Judiciary Committee. As a member of the bipartisan, bicameral Pennsylvania Anti-Human Trafficking Caucus in the General Assembly, I introduced this bill because I understand the importance of holding accountable the vile, disgusting individuals who prey on others for financial gain and/or sexual perversion. But when infants, who have no voice and no ability to protect themselves, are trafficked, it exposes the deepest cruelty of this crime and reminds us of our moral responsibility to defend the most vulnerable.



Under current law, an individual who engages in human trafficking by recruiting, harboring, transporting, or providing someone under the age of 18 to engage in “forced labor or services” can be charged with a felony of the first degree. Infants, of course, are incapable of being forced to engage in labor or services, so they would not be subject to the enhanced felony of the first-degree grading for the human trafficking of minors. My bill, if passed into law, would specifically state that those who traffic infants will be subject to that same first-degree felony grading, rather than the current first-degree misdemeanor offense.

Human trafficking is a profound violation of human rights, regardless of age, because it strips people of their freedom and dignity. I’m grateful to the members of the House Judiciary Committee for their 25-1 vote in support of House Bill 910. It now goes to the full House for consideration.



Play Ball! Opening Day at Harleysville Baseball Complex

Opening day of Little League baseball is always a great community moment, and it was a pleasure to join Harleysville Baseball as they launched a new season. I’m grateful for the invitation and the honor of throwing out the first pitch. I was proud to present a **\$50,000** grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), along with **\$7,500** from the Walmart Foundation, to support field renovations that will benefit players and families. We also celebrated the ribbon cutting for the new practice facility, made possible by dedicated volunteers and community sponsors.

It was an energizing and inspiring day, and I hope all the players, coaches, and families had a fun and successful spring season.



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

SENIOR LIVING EXPO

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

New Hanover Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services
2154 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville

SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, OCT. 16 | 9:30 A.M.

Franconia Heritage Banquet and Conference Center
508 Harleysville Pike, Telford

Helping Our Veterans

At our recent Veteran's Discount ID event, we were able to help more than 15 veterans safely digitize their military records and record them with the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds. Digitizing military records is a good way to safeguard these documents if they get lost or damaged. Veterans who participated also received a discount card that can be used at participating local businesses.

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Preserving Our Open Spaces and Farmland in the 147th!

When I first took office, one of my missions was to ensure open space and farmland would be preserved and protected. I'm happy to report that in just under four years, a combined **851.9** acres have been saved from future land development in the 147th Legislative District, with farmland accounting for nearly half of the total. The most recent acreage saved, a 41-acre equine farm in New Hanover Township, is part of a \$10.2 million investment by Pennsylvania to maintain more than 2,600 acres of farmland across the Commonwealth.

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Services Available Through My Office

- Help resolve issues with state agencies.
- PennDOT vehicle services.
- Birth and death certificates.
- Notary services – by appointment.
- Pennsylvania Treasury Unclaimed Property assistance.
- Veteran services.
- Income tax forms.
- Handicapped parking placards and license plates.
- SEPTA Senior Fare Card.
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.
- LIHEAP applications.
- Voter registration and mail-in ballot applications.
- Unemployment Compensation assistance.
- And much more...