



COST RELIEF

Bill to Cut Consumer Electric Bills Advances

With utility bills continuing to strain family budgets, I was proud to vote yes on **House Bill 2224** that would eliminate a nearly 6% Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) on electricity. This would represent the largest tax cut in Pennsylvania's history, cutting taxes on households by \$1.7 billion.

House Republicans have been leading on affordability measures based in tax cuts that can immediately slash energy bills and put more money in your pockets. In addition to eliminating the GRT on utility bills, we are also advocating for a six-month suspension of the tax on cell phone services and gas tax, and a temporary reduction in the state's Personal Income Tax. Additional sales tax holidays have been proposed on an array of items, like school supplies and baby products. The legislation is currently in the Senate for consideration.

BUDGET PASSES

I voted yes to pass the \$50.8 billion 2026–27 state budget. Without raising taxes or touching the Rainy Day Fund, House Republicans negotiated a spending plan \$2.5 billion less than what Gov. Josh Shapiro proposed. While I don't agree with everything in the budget, and some creative accounting is certainly present, there are many positives worth celebrating.

We secured \$10 million for technical schools to reduce waitlists and another \$10 million for the Grow PA Scholarship Program to keep graduates working and living in Pennsylvania. Scholarship opportunities for students in need remain protected through the EITC and OSTC programs. We increased school funding by \$903 million and added \$100 million for school facility improvements.

The budget also invests \$775 million in shovel-ready rural road and bridge projects, \$15 million in law enforcement support, and \$5 million for neurodegenerative disease research. For older Pennsylvanians, it provides \$186 million for both LIFE and Aging Our Way programs, along with significant increases to managed care and mental health services.

Importantly, the budget excludes the governor's Lighting Plan (another proposed energy tax) and does not legalize recreational marijuana or impose \$1.9 billion in new taxes on small businesses working to stay competitive.

Because of pro-growth energy policies championed in last year's budget, revenues exceeded estimates by more than \$1 billion. This is one reason we were able to pass a budget without new broad based taxes. To maintain a strong economy, we must continue advancing Pennsylvania's energy sector, encouraging private sector investment, improving regulatory efficiency, preventing fraud, supporting workforce development, and practicing long term fiscal responsibility.

BRINGING MONEY BACK TO THE DISTRICT



Lower Frederick Fire Company
\$75,000 for firefighting equipment



Upper Salford Township – DCED CFA grant (with Senate)
\$141,760 to purchase new excavator and trailer

TAR AND CHIP SEASON UNDERWAY

PennDOT's seal coat program, commonly known as "tar and chip," is in full swing. While the work is being performed, drivers may encounter reduced speeds, loose stone on the roadway immediately following application, and short-term lane restrictions and flagging operations.

Upcoming Seal Coat Work in the 147th District:

- Ridge Road between Sumneytown Pike (Route 63) and County Line Road in Upper Salford Township.
- Lederach Road between Haddleman Road and 130 feet past the Perkiomen Creek Bridge in Upper Salford and Lower Frederick townships.
- Haldeman Road between the Perkiomen Township Line and Salfordville Road in Lower Salford Township.

- Schwenksville Road between Main Street (Route 29) and the Old Skippack Road roundabout in Upper Salford Township.
- Neiffer Road between Game Farm Road and Big Road (Route 29) in Upper Frederick and Lower Frederick townships.
- Mangers Mill Road between Charlotte St. (Route 663) and Gilbertsville Road in Upper Pottsgrove Township.
- Gilbertsville Road between Manatawny St./Farmington Ave. and Route 100/Route 73 in Douglass and Upper Pottsgrove townships.

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ACRES**

MORE FARMS *Preserved in the District*

Protecting open spaces across the district continues to be one of my biggest priorities, and I am thrilled to announce that two additional farms in the 147th District are being preserved through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program:

New Hanover Township, a 16-acre crop and livestock farm of Perry A. Hoagey, trustee of the Perry A. Hoagey Revocable Trust. A total of \$1.1 million was invested for the preservation, with \$1 million coming from the state and \$11,335 from the county.

Franconia Township, a 22-acre crop farm of Marianne P. Landis. A total of \$1.6 million was invested for the preservation, with \$1.3 million coming from the state, \$14,382 from the county, and \$215,730 from Franconia Township.

With these crop and livestock farms now secured, 432 acres of farmland and 458 acres of open space have been preserved in the 147th District since I took office in 2023.

If you are a farm owner and would like more information about the Farmland Preservation Program, please contact my office.

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DATA CENTERS-HALT!

***Local Control
Must Come FIRST!***

House Bill 2496, a bill that allows municipalities to temporarily pause zoning decisions for large-scale data centers so that communities have an opportunity to fully understand the impacts, passed the House with a near unanimous vote.

Large data centers that power AI can require hundreds of acres of land, enormous amounts of electricity, significant water resources, and major infrastructure investments. These projects have the potential to permanently change the character of our communities, especially in rural areas like the 147th district.

Several local municipalities are increasingly being forced to make zoning decisions before they have all the necessary facts to evaluate the long-term consequences for residents, farms, neighborhoods, open spaces, and our electric grid.

House Bill 2496 is not a ban on data centers – nor anti-technology or anti-development. Rather, it gives communities breathing room to gather information, ask questions, and make informed decisions before irreversible changes occur. Pennsylvanians deserve a seat at the table when decisions of this magnitude are being made.

House Bill 2496 now heads to the Senate.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11TH - 25TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE EVENT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 | 8:15 – 9:30 A.M.

Harleysville Community Fire Company
274 Kulp Road, Lower Salford Township

Front of the firehouse, around the flag poles.



SENIOR LIVING EXPO

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 | 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

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

To register for the Lunch and Learn Seminar, please call 610-323-3299.

Registration required by Sept. 10, 2026.



SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 | 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Boyetown 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

Registration required by Oct. 9, 2026. Please call 610-323-3299.

