

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE 160th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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Legislative Update

Appointment to National Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force

I was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). The task force brings together leaders from every state, working on issues affecting veterans, service members and their families.

These issues include the transition to civilian life, workforce opportunities, navigation of benefits, access to health care, behavioral health needs, housing and education.

Serving veterans of our Commonwealth in a national forum advances one of my three critical missions while in office: protecting veterans, furthering public safety and energy affordability.

In Pennsylvania, I passed bipartisan veterans' legislation into law. Most recently, legislation protecting deployed military parents became law. I also sponsored and passed legislation which clarified education-benefit eligibility for members of the Pennsylvania National Guard after reenlistment, closing a benefit loophole for our veteran families.

On behalf of our veterans, I am grateful for this additional opportunity to serve those who have served.



My Bill to Protect Custody Rights for Deployed Military Parents is Now Law

I sponsored legislation which protects the custody and visitation rights of deployed military parents. In October, the Governor signed my legislation into law as the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act, Act 40 of 2025.

Act 40 corrects a long-standing flaw in Pennsylvania's child custody law by prohibiting permanent custody changes while a parent serves on military deployment. The law prevents litigants from using military service as a basis to alter existing custody arrangements and protects parents who serve our nation from losing custody because of their duty.

I understand how deployments strain families. This law allows parents to delegate visitation during deployment, encourages regular communication, authorizes temporary custody orders and restores original custody arrangements upon return. Act 40 also directs courts not to treat military service as a negative factor and permits remote participation in hearings.



Understanding Pennsylvania's ENERGY CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY

If you receive our weekly e-mail newsletter every Friday, you know that I have written a series of energy policy articles explaining why electricity prices continue to rise and what we must do to address it. I want you to have a simple roadmap of why the lack of increased electricity production in our state has led to dramatically higher prices and why we need to increase production immediately.

For context, I am working on this issue daily.

- **I am the Utility Subcommittee Chair of the Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee, and I sit on the House Energy Committee.**
- **I was appointed to the Executive Committee of the National Council on Electricity Policy (NCEP), where I have already lectured nationally on this issue. NCEP is an effort of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Energy.**
- **I have worked for five years on the Electricity Supply Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures.**
- **I was invited to participate in a policy hearing before the Maryland House of Delegates on this issue.**

We face electricity scarcity now because of looming data centers, vehicle electrification and the overall electrification of our economy and lives. Far and away the biggest impact to your bill has been the nearly 10X spike in capacity prices. Capacity is an auction where electricity generators commit to making electricity available in the future when needed. The projected scarcity of electricity means we are all now competing to reserve future, escalating electricity needs.

Utilities pass these auction costs to us through their bills as required by regulation. It is a market price pass-through with no economic benefit to the utility. This is entirely about electricity production (which in Pennsylvania does not involve the utilities once we deregulated in 1996).

For decades, electricity demand remained relatively flat. As electrification grows, the forecasted demand is about to explode. Simple economics tells us that a big spike in demand with little growth in supply means a big price jump. Some of us have been warning about this for years. The issue is now here, as we see in our electric bills.

Fortunately, in Pennsylvania, both parties and the Governor recognized that we need to build electricity generation immediately to address rising costs. That is why the Governor agreed with Senate and House budget proposals to end our participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The Governor previously entered us into RGGI by executive order, and the issue has been in the courts ever since. The possibility of RGGI participation hovered like a dark regulatory cloud over new electric generation buildout. Those days are gone; the cases have been dismissed; and new electricity generation promises to be an economic driver for our Commonwealth. My electricity articles go into much greater depth. Please contact my office to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter or to receive copies of my articles.



State Budget Continues Funding for Project Safe Neighborhoods

In my first state budget (2021), I secured \$1.5 million for Philadelphia and Delaware counties' participation in a federal program called "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN). This program funds the hiring of additional assistant district attorneys who serve as deputized Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSAs) in federal court, prosecuting previously convicted felons found in possession of firearms.

The General Assembly passed a state budget this year which continues funding for PSN, bringing the total investment to over \$13 million since 2021.

Having been a federal prosecutor in both Denver and Philadelphia, I know this program well, and it works. The objective is to find prior-convicted felons in possession of guns and get them off the streets. The success of this program is irrefutable. As of 2025, my funding employs 10 SAUSAs, has resulted in 156 indictments and 101 convictions. A total of 254 arrests removed 596 firearms from prior-convicted felons.

Around the District

Senior Scam Prevention Seminars Across the District



This fall, I hosted several Senior Scam Prevention Seminars with David Shallcross from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. We discussed the newest scams targeting senior Pennsylvanians and explained practical ways to identify, report and avoid them. Each seminar drew an excellent turnout, and residents shared how helpful they found the information.

Fall Shredding Event



At my annual fall shredding event hundreds of cars came through to securely dispose of personal documents. I am especially grateful to the Garnet Valley football and basketball teams for volunteering their time and effort. A special thank you as well to my good friend, District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer, for joining us for the prescription drug take-back portion of the event. I look forward to hosting again this spring.

Meeting with Residents of Riviera at Concord



I visited the Riviera at Concord for a legislative update with neighbors. Residents raised concerns about traffic from Concord Road to bypass construction on Route 322. As a neighbor, I understand those frustrations and continue to work diligently on transportation issues that affect our region. We also discussed SEPTA service, the state budget process, and other issues important to the Riviera community.

I thank the residents of Riviera at Concord for their warm welcome and great dialogue.

Community Days



I joined neighbors at Community Day events across the 160th District, including Chester Heights, Concord Township, Westtown Township and Bethel Township. Each celebration illustrated what makes our communities so special.

Veterans Breakfast

I hosted my fifth annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast at Covenant Fellowship Church in Concord Township. The turnout was the biggest one yet! It was an honor spending time with service members, including veterans from every war going back to World War II. This event has quickly become one of my favorite moments each year, allowing us to share stories, re-connect with old friends and express our gratitude to those who have selflessly served our country.

I want to thank Former Secretary of the Navy Ken Braithwaite, Colonel Arthur Jenkins and Deputy Adjutant General Maureen Weigl for speaking. Thank you to Covenant Fellowship Church for graciously hosting us. And thank you to everyone who joined us and made this year's breakfast a truly memorable one.



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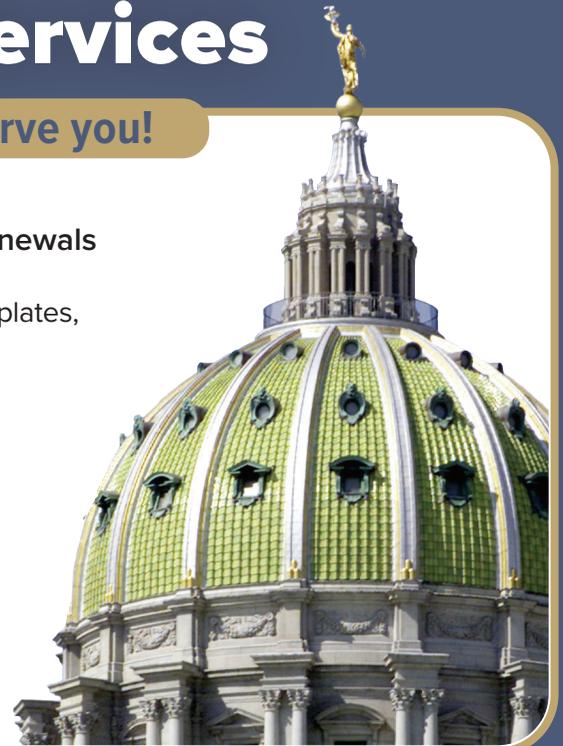


District Office Services

My staff and I are here to serve you!

Services we provide include:

- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates, and handicapped placards for persons with disabilities)
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications
- Voter registration forms and mail-in ballot applications
- State tax forms
- Senior and veteran services information
- Notary by appointment
- Copies of legislation
- Unclaimed property
- Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters



SAVE THE DATES

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH – Call for appointments
**SPRING SHREDDING EVENT – May 9, 9 a.m. to Noon at the Garnet Valley Middle School Parking Lot,
601 Smithbridge Road, Glen Mills**
SPRING ATTORNEY GENERAL SENIOR SCAM PRESENTATIONS – Coming in April and May 2026