



REP. RYAN BIZZARRO, Chairman
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

BIZZ REPORT

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2021 SENIOR FAIR & OLDER LIVING EXPO

WE'RE BACK!

Seniors and their caregivers are invited to attend my 9th Annual Senior Fair and Older Living Expo from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, August 16!

**This year's event is back at McDowell Intermediate High School
3320 Caughey Road, Erie.**

Elvis, along with more than 60 local and state vendors will be on hand with great information to help seniors learn about health and rec programs and receive health screenings. We'll also have refreshments, door prizes and a shuttle service on-site.

Also attending will be state and local agencies, including the Pa. Dept. of Health, PennDOT, Erie VA, Millcreek Township, local health systems and many more! For more information, call 814-835-2880.



SEE HOW MY OFFICE CAN HELP!

As your state representative, one of my most important jobs is helping you get the most out of your state government. The list below explains some of the many ways we can help.

- Car registrations, special tags, duplicate titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Disability plates and placards
- Free notary service
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies
- Fishing, boating and hunting information

Please remember that the list above is not exhaustive. Don't hesitate to call my office or stop in to see how we can help with any state government problem or question!



*This session, my colleagues elected me to serve in **House Leadership as chairman of the House Policy Committee.***

*This committee is charged with bringing the issues that matter most to Pennsylvanians and the communities they serve to the forefront. This post takes me across the state and helps me gain valuable perspective that I can bring back to our community and to Harrisburg. Even more importantly, it gives Erie a seat at the table and a greater voice. I'm the **first Erie legislator to serve in leadership in more than 30 years. I'm honored to serve in this capacity.** My staff, colleagues and I have been working hard to have meaningful conversations*

that give a voice to our communities.

The Policy Committee has hosted over 30 hearings on such topics as bitcoin and digital currency, jobs, broadband, infrastructure, energy, healthcare, education, health and safety in transportation, expanding passenger rail, and more.

We've had many difficult conversations and have been working with members and community advocates to act. Keep an eye on the committee's website and social media accounts to follow how I'm working for you both in Erie and across the entire commonwealth.



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Beth McCormick from Erie Beer Company stopped by to say hello and talk about the billion-dollar impact that beer has in Pennsylvania. Her family-owned business was founded at the end of Prohibition and today distributes brands big and small across Northwest PA and beyond.

HONORING COMMUNITY MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Rep. Bizzarro presents Tyler Tuszynski with a citation for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, an accomplishment that took Tyler 11 years of hard work.



Rep. Bizzarro presents a citation recognizing McKean Hose Company.

I'm happy to be able to honor, recognize and celebrate the milestones of individuals, organizations and teams who are in and/or serve my district, by awarding legislative citations. Scan this QR code to request a citation for outstanding community achievements.



DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

The November 2020 election was the most secure in history, with record turnout across Pennsylvania. Before Election Day, county officials asked the legislature to make some small changes that would allow for a smoother process for voters at the polls and for the ballot count that followed. Extremist leaders teamed up to deny those calls for improvements, and some went even further by attacking and undermining the outcome and taking to social media with bogus claims or turning to the courts with baseless arguments.

They cast doubt on a fundamental element of our democracy. After hosting two House Policy Committee hearings and securing feedback from state officials, bipartisan county election officials, members of Congress, professors, and experts on hate speech, House Democrats are taking action to streamline processes, maintain security, and defend democracy.

A full list of legislation is available at: www.pahouse.com/policy/defendingdemocracy.



AI Schmidt, R-Philly City Commissioner



Prof. Gerry Gendlin, Edinboro University



Congressman Conor Lamb, PA 17th District



Congresswoman Susan Wild, PA 7th District



Rep. Bizzarro was proud to stand with Russell Reading, PA Secretary of Agriculture, Giselle Fetterman, Pennsylvania's Second Lady, and other PA officials in supporting Pennsylvania's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. Ultimately, supporting these efforts would help improve animal protection efforts statewide.

To help states recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government directed more than \$7 billion in funding to Pennsylvania for its recovery efforts. My Caucus was proud to craft a plan that prioritizes families, workers, and local businesses.

We visited every corner of the state to discuss the impacts of using recovery dollars to help get people back to work and looking at innovative solutions that would make a generational impact on Pennsylvanians.



SOME PROPOSED INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- Investments in Businesses: **\$1.17 billion**
 - Public Health Infrastructure Preparedness: **\$826 million**
 - Support for Families: **\$1 billion**
 - Workforce Development: **\$168 million**
- www.pahouse.com/parescueplan



Investments in businesses, including green collar jobs, was the focus of the Philadelphia hearing.



Investing in frontline workers with hazard pay was discussed on the Scranton and State college stops of the PA Rescue Plan tour.



Touring Reading was an opportunity to see how investing in businesses and community revitalization can help PA attract national and international companies to set up operations here, ultimately bringing more jobs and opportunities to residents.

Making sure families have access to affordable childcare is a key component in getting Pennsylvanians back to work. House Democrats toured a



Harrisburg-based, onsite childcare facility to discuss how PA Rescue Plan investments would help support those efforts and support workers.

Fighting for affordable housing was on the PA Rescue Plan tour stop in Pittsburgh.



The Erie stop of the tour highlighted how investments in local businesses that were hit hard during the pandemic can help them recover and thrive.



Standing up for those living with disabilities and using PA Rescue Plan investments to support their independence and quality of life was the topic of the tour's final stop in Allentown.

It's an honor and privilege serve our community in Harrisburg, but especially right here at home.



Rep. Pat Harkins, Chairman Ryan Bizzarro and Rep. Bob Merski welcomed House Democrats' Appropriations Committee Chair Matt Bradford to Erie for an Economic Development tour. Chairman Bizzarro played a key role in keeping the Seawolves right here in Erie after MLB discussed shuttering the Erie-based team. The Seawolves and UPMC Park have a multi-million-dollar economic impact on the region, bringing good jobs and reasonably priced family entertainment to Erie.



Chairman Bizzarro meets with Millcreek Township School District's new superintendent, Dr. Ian Roberts.

Rep. Bizzarro attends the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee's tour of the Allegheny County Fire Academy. Bizzarro ran into burning buildings, climbed ladders and put out fires.



Rep. Bizzarro welcomes House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton to Erie for a Juneteenth celebration.

BRINGING YOUR TAX DOLLARS BACK TO ERIE

I am always proud to bring money back to the region in the form of grants and loan programs. If your business, club, or organization is looking for grant funding, visit www.RepBizzarro.com and notify my office of the application. We are here to support you!

LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
FROM JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2021

LEGISLATION

INTRODUCED
14 BILLS

CO-SPONSORED
28 BILLS
1 RESOLUTIONS

15,869
CASEWORK COMPLETED

7,061
SERVICES PROVIDED TO CONSTITUENTS

\$13.1 MILLION
BROUGHT BACK TO THE REGION

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Rep. Bizzarro joins the American Legion Post 773 for a Memorial Day weekend tradition and somber reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by those in the name of defending our freedoms.



Rep. Bizzarro joins Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania for their cookie season kickoff (Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021).



Rep. Bizzarro attends the grand opening of Fundamentals Flight Training, Erie's newest flight training facility supporting those interested in becoming a pilot and flying recreationally.



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WORKING FOR YOU! NEW ONLINE COMMUNITY HELP CENTER

While lots of people either call the office or just stop in, if you have questions outside of office hours, we've created a new online spot – the Community Help Center – so that you can ask for help with state-related programs and services 24/7.



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