

# Frank Burns

State Representative • 72nd Legislative District



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## Burns walks 155 miles to visit 5,000 homes



Keeping in touch with people back home is a prime directive for Rep. Burns, so while others may have spent their summer at the beach, Rep. Burns walked more than 374,000 steps listening to people's concerns. That's about 155 miles – roughly the equivalent of walking from Ebensburg to Pittsburgh and back.

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*"I honestly want to be the best representative I possibly can. That's why this summer I knocked on 5,000 doors and listened to your concerns. Meeting people face-to-face and learning the issues you deal with every day helps me to better represent our area in Harrisburg."*

*– Rep. Burns*

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While his knees may sting a bit at the end of the day from all those steps, Rep. Burns has good news: his walking shoes still have useful tread, so he's going to keep going.

*Left: The shoes Rep. Burns bought to walk door-to-door this summer aren't completely worn out yet, so he'll keep going till he needs a new pair.*

# Burns-led team zeroes in on 100,000 served

The job of state representative is really about hearing and helping you.

That's why Rep. Burns has always gone door-to-door, listening to your concerns and letting you know how his office can assist in solving state-related problems. That's why he and his staff work tirelessly to leave no stone unturned to get you help via state programs for which you're eligible.



During Rep. Burns' time as your state representative, his office has resolved nearly 93,000 constituent matters – and by the end of this term, the people served should eclipse 100,000!

Rep. Burns sets the tone with a hands-on approach, and it permeates the operation of his Ebensburg, Portage, Lower Yoder Township, Harrisburg and Patton offices – the last of which he pays out of his own pocket to operate.

Rep. Burns insists on providing top-notch, personal assistance to the taxpayers who foot the bills. That's the way it's always been, and you have Rep. Burns' promise that as long as he represents you, that's the way it will stay.

## Rep. Burns' staff gets results for frustrated constituent Going above and beyond

Requests for help with fairly routine things – like PennDOT issues, veterans' and seniors' matters, and the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program – are common for Rep. Burns and his staff.

But sometimes, a unique, complicated or pressing request for help punctuates the workday. Such was the case when the owner of Lilly Beverage, a business in Lilly, Pa., arrived in desperation at Rep. Burns' Harrisburg office.

After traveling all the way to the state Capitol, the owner was unable to get an answer from the state department she had come to visit. Frustrated, the owner explained her situation to legislative assistant Marianne Spizzirri, who swung into action.

**“With her assistance, I got the help that I needed,” the company owner wrote in a Facebook post. “Mr. Burns you have a GREAT!!! TEAM!!!”**



Whether the matter is big or small, common or one-of-a-kind, Rep. Burns and his staffers pride themselves on working to get you help or answers.

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# The buck stops – and often starts – at Rep. Burns' desk

## \$21 million flows to 72nd District so far in 2019



Rep. Burns' desk in Harrisburg is a busy place, as he meets frequently with regional caucus director Kari Orchard (left) and senior legislative assistant Marianne Spizzirri to go over legislative, constituent and grant-related matters – including decisions on which bills are in your best interest.

### Rep. Burns works hard to save tax dollars

Ever mindful of how your money is spent, when it comes to office finances Rep. Burns has carved out a well-deserved reputation as one of the most frugal officeholders in Harrisburg.

In addition to refusing to raise taxes and calling for state budgets that eliminate waste, duplication and fraud, Rep. Burns keeps his personal and office expenses to the bare minimum. He's spent tens of thousands less than he's been allotted – and sets an example by:

- ✓ **Refusing to take a state car or cellphone.**
- ✓ **Not accepting a paycheck during any state budget impasse.**
- ✓ **Relying heavily on a volunteer staffer (Charlie Vizzini), who's saved taxpayers \$100,000.**
- ✓ **Paying for an office in Patton out of his own pocket.**
- ✓ **Donating all his cost-of-living pay raises to charity.**

Like former President Harry S. Truman, Rep. Burns knows that the buck stops at his desk. It's where he rejects efforts to raise taxes, urges fiscal conservatism that includes cracking down on welfare fraud, and decides to oppose nutty legislation like the proposed \$10-a-year gun registration fee that emanates from Philadelphia.

But in other ways, the buck also starts at Rep. Burns' desk. It's where he works to bring tens of millions of your state tax dollars back to you in the form of grants for a host of purposes, including grants to fire companies and emergency medical service providers.

It's also where he crafts letters to businesses like Amazon, Exxon-Mobil and Sherwin-Williams inviting them to consider locating in Cambria County, and offering his help as a contact.

***"With \$21 million in state grants this year alone, I remain committed to fighting for these state dollars in Harrisburg to benefit our region."***

***– Rep. Burns***

Whenever he's answering or making phone calls, reading or replying to emails, poring over legislation or commissioning some of his own, and especially when he's deciding how to vote, Rep. Burns never forgets that he's working for you.

As your voice in Harrisburg, Rep. Burns supports good legislation no matter which side of the aisle it comes from – including the state budget, and he's crossed party lines to vote his belief in doing the right thing.

# 'This is my family. I've assembled the best legislative staff, hands down. Let our experience work for you.'

– Rep. Burns

## Meet Rep. Burns' Team

### DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF

**Debbie Birch**



Legislative Assistant/  
Accounts manager  
since 2009; 24 years  
with the House of  
Representatives.

#### Lower Yoder Office

Rep. Burns: "There isn't anyone who has more legislative experience in the entire county than Debbie – and she uses that experience every day to help constituents resolve their state issues."

**Rachel Christian**



Legislative Assistant/  
Employment and  
economic development  
specialist since 2017.

#### Ebensburg/Patton Offices

Rep. Burns: "Rachel's attention to detail and commitment to the community are second to none. She routinely goes above and beyond for the people and businesses in our area."

**Maureen College**



Legislative Assistant/  
Director of community  
outreach since 2011.

#### Portage Office

Rep. Burns: "Maureen is a professional who is extremely dedicated to her career. Her experience has proven to be a valuable asset to everyone and the people have noticed her impact on the district."

**Adrienne Kuhar**



District office summer  
intern since 2016.

#### Ebensburg Office

Rep. Burns: "Adrienne's personality, along with her positive attitude, is what sets her apart from the crowd. She has done an amazing job in our office over the years, oftentimes volunteering her time to help constituents. Her parents, Carol and Louie Kuhar should be proud."

**Charlie Vizzini**



District office volunteer  
since 2009.

#### Ebensburg Office

Rep. Burns: "I've never met a more selfless person than Charlie. He shows up to work every day volunteering his time to help the people of Cambria County – and he's saved taxpayers \$100,000. Charlie truly is one of a kind and I'm proud to call him my friend."

### HARRISBURG OFFICE STAFF

**Kari Orchard**



Northwest Delegation Director/District  
office director since 2018; 3 years with  
the House of Representatives.

#### Harrisburg Office

Rep. Burns: "In just three years, Kari has made a name for herself around the Capitol for getting stuff done. She's proven to be one of the smartest and hardest-working people in Harrisburg. The people of the 72nd District may never meet Kari, but boy are they lucky to have her."

**Marianne Spizzirri**



Senior Legislative Assistant  
since 2009; 33 years with  
the House of Representatives.

#### Harrisburg Office

Rep. Burns: "Over the past 33 years Marianne has worked at the Capitol forging relationships and building an invaluable network. She uses her experience and connections to get things done for the people of Cambria County."