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## Message from Rep. Burns

I remain committed to rising above partisan politics and working with anyone – regardless of political party or voter registration – to get things done.

I always put people before politics, but one thing makes me different: I fight hard to get good things done – but equally hard to stop bad things from happening.

Legislative experience and seniority have empowered me to bring more than \$300 million back home, improving our communities and county in many ways. But as your voice, I've fought hard to expose and hold accountable those who act in their – not your – best interests:

- When Vision Together 2025 tried to minimize the scope of its secret Afghan refugee recruitment plan, **I helped expose the truth** that at least 100 initial families were being sought. The plan ended and Vision's CEO resigned.
- To end conflicts of interest, **I called for government officials and the Tribune-Democrat newspaper publisher to resign** from the Vision 2025 nonprofit corporation's board of directors. The conflicts of interest stopped.
- When the Johnstown Housing Authority evacuated its Prospect community over structural defects, **I sided with tenants who wanted repairs over permanent relocation**. That happened.
- To stop making our community a dumping ground for the rest of the state, **I challenged the JHA to downsize to match local housing need**, so half of its 1,504 public housing units are no longer occupied by tenants from outside Cambria County.
- Police protection and addressing blighted properties should be greater Johnstown priorities, so **I've questioned the wisdom of spending \$6 million to \$8 million to renovate Central Park**.

I view my stands as positive, not negative, because they cut through the propaganda.

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State Representative, 72<sup>nd</sup> District

## Burns: 40% poverty rate afflicts Johnstown school district

### Imported public housing tenants fuel poor ranking

*"It's time to stop blaming the teachers and school officials and start putting the blame on who actually created this problem and is unwilling to fix it – the Johnstown Housing Authority."*

**– Rep. Frank Burns**

News that 40.63% of Greater Johnstown School District students live in poverty – the second-highest rate in Pennsylvania – renewed Rep. Burns' call for the Johnstown Housing Authority to stem its flow of public housing migrants.

Supporting what Rep. Burns has sought for more than a year, GJSD Superintendent Dr. Amy Arcurio made a plea to "right-size our (public) housing and stop importing poverty into our city."

Rep. Burns wants to end the JHA's status as a primary destination for outsiders – mainly from Philadelphia – who flock to Cambria County to take advantage of excess public housing.

As the community grapples with negative fallout, Rep. Burns wants U.S. Sens. John Fetterman and Bob Casey and U.S. Rep. John Joyce to get involved, since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the bulk of JHA funding.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Johnstown has **five times** as many public housing units as comparably sized cities.
- **80 families** per month migrate to Johnstown for public housing.
- **Half** of Johnstown's 1,504 public housing units are **occupied** by people who came from **outside Cambria County**.
- **\$12,500** is the average **household income** of those relocating to Cambria County for public housing migrants.

# Burns: Congress should oppose Japanese takeover of U.S. Steel

Believing our domestic steel industry is too important to put in foreign hands, Rep. Burns put forth a House resolution calling for Congress to oppose the sale of U.S. Steel to Japan's Nippon Steel.



*“Flatly put, the U.S. cannot afford to be dependent on another country for its supply of steel.”*

**– Rep. Frank Burns**

As chairman of the House Steel Caucus, Rep. Burns doesn't want to see national security weakened and more good-paying industrial jobs disappear. On the contrary, he's introduced an "American Made Jobs Plan" that would require the use of U.S.-made steel in state-funded construction and pipeline projects, to help rebuild domestic industry.

Rep. Burns' legislation was well-received by U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna of California, who visited Johnstown last year and puts the city on par with Detroit and Cleveland as focus communities for a federal effort to resuscitate U.S. steel production.

## Burns works to bring Apache helicopters, drones, 200 military personnel to Cambria airport

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Dear Governor Shapiro and Adj.

I trust this correspondence finds you well. I am Representative Frank Burns, serving the residents of Cambria County. Our community deeply respects the service and protection provided by our military forces.

*“I am writing this letter to request a meeting with both of you concerning a matter of significant importance to our community – the potential relocation of Apache Helicopters to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport.”*

Rep. Burns wants to restore a military presence to the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, which lost 100 good-paying jobs when the military pulled out several years ago.

Rep. Burns petitioned Gov. Josh Shapiro and Adj. Gen. Mark J. Schindler of Fort Indiantown Gap, to discuss bringing Apache helicopters back to the airport, for economic uplift and to reignite community pride.

Rep. Burns also visited Washington, D.C., to lobby for bringing a company of high-tech military drones – and 200 personnel – to the airport, meeting with a member of the Congressional Armed Services Committee to make that case.

## Burns expands economic opportunities in Cambria County Franklin Borough gets up to 80 acres of 200-acre development zone

*“Smaller counties like Cambria – and smaller communities like Franklin – deserve the same opportunities as those with much larger populations. My mission has been making sure they have them.”*

**– Rep. Frank Burns**

Deploying the same know-how he used in 2019 to get 375 acres of state-approved Keystone Opportunity Zone for Cambria County, Rep. Burns got another 200 acres in December – up to 80 of them reserved for Franklin Borough.

The new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone acreage Rep. Burns acquired offers the same incentives for business development – tax exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits – as the larger KOZ already in place.

That makes Cambria County competitive with other counties in luring business and industry, which in turn provides jobs.

# Burns fights to keep Cambria Assistance Office, 40 jobs in Johnstown



Rep. Burns is leading the fight to keep the Cambria County Assistance Office – and its 40-plus jobs – in downtown Johnstown, close to the 40 percent of city residents who live in poverty and are most likely to need its services.

Before the Department of Human Services relocates the office to the Hiram G. Walker Center in Upper Yoder Township, Rep. Burns is seeking proof of compliance with the Downtown Location Law – which encourages state agencies to locate facilities in downtown areas.

It makes no sense, according to Rep. Burns, for one state agency to give Johnstown a “Municipal Excellence” award, while another yanks 40-plus jobs out of the city.

*“If DHS can’t prove they followed the Downtown Location Law, we need them to stop this move. And we need City Council to stop being serial victims and finally take a stand.”*

**- Rep. Frank Burns**

# Burns refuses paycheck until state budget gets passed

Rep. Burns ALWAYS refuses to accept a paycheck until the state budget is approved – and did so again from July to December last year, obtaining a signed letter from the House comptroller to verify it.

Rep. Burns believes that if you don’t get paid until the job is done, neither should state legislators. He’s one of a handful in Harrisburg who takes that stand – but thinks they all should.



## Burns has saved \$300,000 in taxpayer money by:

➤ Saying **“NO!”** to a state CAR!



➤ Saying **“NO!”** to a state CELL PHONE!



➤ Saying **“NO!”** to a PAYCHECK during budget impasses!



➤ Saying **“YES!”** to using an OFFICE VOLUNTEER to lower staff costs!



## Burns supports welfare reform, fraud crackdown



Ever since he arrived in Harrisburg, Rep. Burns has supported a variety of strong welfare reform bills – to cut down fraud and put recipients to work – including:

- **Photo IDs** on welfare benefit cards
- **Drug testing** to qualify for public assistance
- **Pilot program** to move welfare recipients to full time jobs in one year
- **Ban tobacco purchases** using ACCESS cards
- **Proof of citizenship** to receive welfare benefits

*“People who can work should be working, not living off the system – and the vast majority of people in Cambria County share that belief.”*

**- Rep. Frank Burns**



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# Burns delivers for every corner of district



First responders work hard to protect lives and property, so Rep. Burns is always eager to provide support like this \$8,500 grant to **Middle Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Co.** Receiving the check were: (front row) Deputy Chief Trent Roberts and Lt. Matt Berg; (back row, from left) Safety Officer Ronnie Gagan, Jim Friebe, Chuck Bell, Asst. Fire Chief Rick Berg, Jeff Stewart, Sam Boyer and Ron Gagan.



Rep. Burns secured a \$65,425 state grant to help **Conemaugh Township** purchase this multi-use tractor, a vital piece of equipment that roadmaster Joseph "JD" Burns proudly showed off.



Rep. Burns presented a \$29,000 state grant to **Westmont** Mayor Bob Callahan for the borough's Ridge Park master site development plan.



To help **Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Co.** protect communities against wildfires, Rep. Burns obtained a \$12,500 state grant accepted by (from left): Mark Sloan, treasurer; Steve Yarina, president; and Steve Kauffman, financial secretary.