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Fighting for You

Burns sponsors largest tax cut for seniors in 20 years

“An additional 3,500 seniors in Cambria County now qualify for Property Tax/Rent Rebate checks – and the maximum rebate is now \$1,000.” – Rep. Burns

Always on the lookout to help seniors on fixed incomes, Rep. Burns delivered help by expanding eligibility and increasing amounts returned to them under the state’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

The targeted change Rep. Burns supported benefits those 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and adults with disabilities who earn less than \$45,000 a year.

To make sure all who qualify get the money, Rep. Burns and his staff host Property Tax/Rent Rebate clinics throughout his district – and offer the same application help at his offices, in person or by calling 814-536-8400 or 814-472-8021.



Burns refuses paycheck until state budget gets passed

Rep. Burns ALWAYS refuses to accept a paycheck until the state budget is passed – and did so again this year.

If you don’t get paid until the job is done, Rep. Burns thinks the same standard should apply to state legislators. He’s proud to be one of a handful of House members who take that stand – and he’s been able to back it up with an official letter of confirmation from the House comptroller.



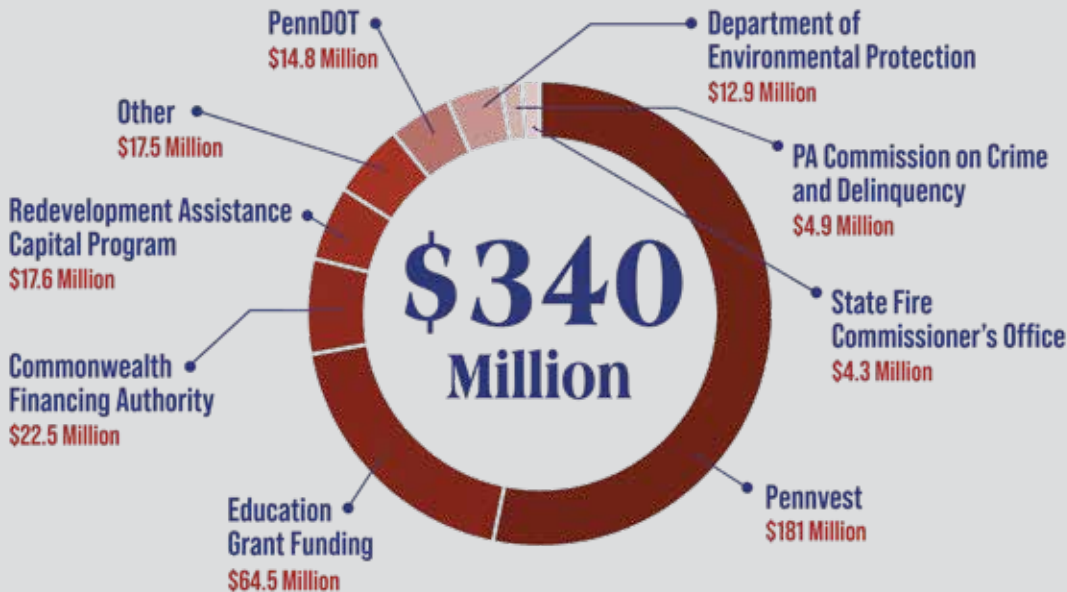
“My neighbors and other Cambria County residents don’t get paid when they don’t do their job, so why should legislators?”
– Rep. Burns

Burns brings **\$340 MILLION** to district – and counting!

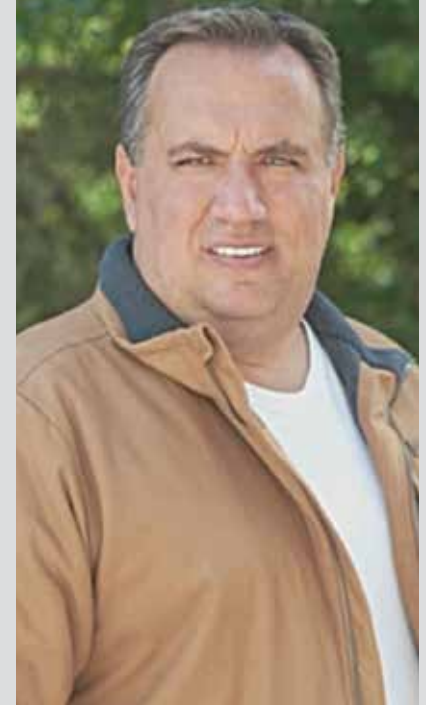
As Rep. Burns has built up contacts and seniority in Harrisburg, his ability to bring money back home has grown exponentially – enabling him to deliver and oversee investment of \$340 million in state and federal funding to the 72nd Legislative District.

Every municipality, school district, fire or ambulance company, job-creating business and public library in Rep. Burns' district is well-positioned to benefit from the legislative know-how he has sharply honed through years of intense commitment to his job.

The numbers racked up by Rep. Burns speak for themselves – and here they are:



*"Seniors living on fixed incomes should not be taxed out of their homes."
– Rep. Burns*



On this visit to the Nanty Glo Senior Center, Rep. Burns talked to a resident who had a photo taken with him there 12 years prior.

2023-24

Legislative Term

<h3 style="margin: 0;">12,772</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Constituent Services Provided</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">\$47.3 Million</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">in Grants, Loans, Tax Credits Brought Back to the District</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">BILL 24</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Bipartisan Bills out of House Professional Licensure Committee While Serving as Chairman</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Authored Law to Preserve In-state Tuition Rate for Military Families</p>

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Throughout his district, Rep. Burns holds Property Tax/Rent Rebate events like this one. His office has processed more than 650 applications so far this year, generating more than \$247,000 in refunds.

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

➤ Saying **“NO!”** to a state CAR!



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



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



➤ **“PINCHING PENNIES!”** on office rent, mileage, utilities, telephones, furniture leases, office equipment!



“As the son of small-business owners, I was taught the value of a dollar, and learned the importance of budgeting to save money wherever possible.” – Rep. Burns



Burns protects seniors, CONSISTENTLY opposes tax hikes

Seniors living on fixed incomes are especially vulnerable when Harrisburg starts angling for more money, and Rep. Burns always spares them financial agony by voting against higher taxes.

Rep. Burns has an indisputable track record of staunchly saying “No” to power brokers from both parties every time they’ve tried to strong-arm him into a vote for higher taxes:

- ✓ He **refused** to vote for Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf’s **higher sales and income taxes**.
- ✓ He **refused** to vote for Republican Gov. Tom Corbett’s **higher gasoline taxes**.
- ✓ He **refused** to vote for **back-door tax hikes** on tobacco products, income tax on lottery winnings, and downloaded internet data and apps.
- ✓ And he **refused** to saddle taxpayers with **\$1.29 billion in debt** for capital projects, because he knows borrowed money must be repaid through taxes.



Many familiar faces greet Rep. Burns when he visits the Jackson Township Senior Center.



Rep. Burns delivered \$52,829 to the Johnstown Senior Center for nutrition services, through a competitive grant program operated by the state Department of Aging.



As he regularly does throughout his district, Rep. Burns set up his mobile office at various fairs and events in the region as a convenience for the people he serves.

FACTS DON'T LIE:

Don't believe anyone who says the House hasn't been working!



Burns works to LOWER prescription drug costs

Any idea that helps seniors pay less for the medicines they need has Rep. Burns' full support, because he knows what a financial struggle that can be.

That's why Rep. Burns has:

- ✓ Supported a mechanism to lower drug prices that included a pathway to drug importation when a drug company refuses to sell medication at the purchasing limit.
- ✓ Voted for a reform package to regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers, who were often pocketing the money they saved by negotiating lower drug prices with pharmaceutical companies.
- ✓ Supported change that helps independent and community pharmacies get reimbursed more appropriately for drugs, enabling more of them to stay open and giving seniors more access.

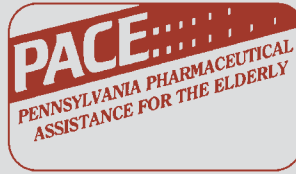
Rep. Burns is sponsoring a bill to end insurer discrimination against Medicare supplement plan enrollees based on a pre-existing medical condition!

"Having to choose between paying for medication or paying the bills - that just isn't right."

- Rep. Burns

Burns offers seniors help applying for PACE/PACENET

With prices on the rise and many seniors on fixed incomes, Rep. Burns knows they will be looking even harder to save money where they can.



One source that could help is the state's prescription assistance program, known as PACE and PACENET, which assists seniors with paying for their medical prescriptions.

Rep. Burns' offices are always ready to determine if you are eligible – and will even help you apply.

"Everyone is looking to save money, so give us a call or stop in to see if you qualify for this program." – Rep. Burns

Burns helps speed Property Tax/Rent Rebates to seniors

Noting its strong bipartisan support, Rep. Burns voted for a bill that helped seniors by automatically sending them their property tax or rent rebates.

Rep. Burns then urged the governor to sign the measure into law as quickly as possible so the rebates from the popular state program could be processed immediately.

The bill also allowed school districts to set up programs whereby senior citizens could perform volunteer work to receive a partial credit against their school property taxes.

Burns seeks Property Tax reduction, ways to ease seniors' burden

From introducing legislation that would freeze property taxes for those 65 or older, to advocating that a portion of any state budget surplus be used for additional property tax relief, Rep. Burns has proposed, supported and voted for every viable avenue to lower that burden and keep people from being taxed out of their homes.

Spanning every year of his time in Harrisburg, Rep. Burns' efforts include ensuring that revenue from casino gambling went toward property tax relief – and making sure the state budget has increased funding for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for seniors and disabled individuals.

Rep. Burns has also supported efforts to eliminate property taxes and shares your frustration that even with today's unprecedented state budget surplus, Harrisburg hasn't done more on this front.

"I've fought for seniors from Day One, and I'm not going to stop." – Rep. Burns





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BURNS TO HOST ANNUAL SENIOR FAIR

As a way to provide Cambria County's senior population with a wealth of information about their health and well-being, Rep. Burns hosts an annual Senior Fair, which this year will be held:

Friday, Sept. 27 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Young Peoples Community Center
300 Prave St. | Ebensburg, PA 15931

Attendees can learn about a variety of senior services, including the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program and the PACE/PACENET programs to help with prescription drug costs.

Rep. Burns and his staff look forward to answering your questions and providing direction on a host of government-related programs and services.

Call Rep. Burns' office at (814) 472-8021 for more information.

This FREE event includes:

- ▶ Information on senior services and state programs!
 - PACE/PACENET
 - Property Tax/Rent Rebates
- ▶ Food
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Prizes
- ▶ 30+ vendors

