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## Dear Mon Valley Neighbors,

My first full year working for you as your state representative in the 35th Legislative District has been a great privilege and a true honor. I've been committed to working on issues that will make your life better, and I've enjoyed working with so many great people here in the Mon Valley to advance your interests in Harrisburg.

This newsletter highlights the legislation I've supported, the state grants I've worked to bring home, and the recent state budget I supported on behalf of working families. You will also find information about my district offices and how to connect with me and my staff to access state resources and programs. Please remember that I work for you, so never hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

State Representative Dan Goughnour

## We're Here to Help!

I have three district offices to serve you, all listed at the top of this page, so reach out anytime! We can help with issues such as:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate**
- PennDOT services**
- Unemployment, Disability, and Worker's Compensation**
- Utility issues**
- PRT Senior ConnectCards**
- LIHEAP**
- Veterans services**
- PACE and PACENET**
- Info on financial assistance for higher education**
- PA state income tax questions or problems**
- Citations from the PA House for outstanding accomplishments or family milestones**

## NEW LEGISLATION



## Keeping More Law Enforcement on the Job

I've sponsored H.B. 2190, a bipartisan bill that would help keep law enforcement officers on the job by allowing more officers to access binding arbitration. These include transit police, campus police, and some state law enforcement units. As a former McKeesport police officer and longstanding member of Teamsters 205, I realize the importance of giving all law enforcement officers the option of binding arbitration over striking. My bill advanced out of the House Judiciary Committee in April and is pending before the full House.

## Ensuring the Safety of Probation Officers

I've introduced H.B. 2479 to increase the safety of probation officers in Allegheny County by allowing emergency lights on their vehicles. This is an important safety measure that ensures probation officers are easily recognizable. The bill advanced out of the House Transportation Committee unanimously in June and is pending before the full House.



## Bringing Home State Funding for the Mon Valley

It takes strong voices in Harrisburg to ensure that state funding comes home to the Mon Valley, and I am proud to be one of those voices for you. These grants are supporting worthwhile projects across our district that strengthen infrastructure, renovate buildings, expand recreational opportunities, and provide much-needed police and municipal equipment. Among the grants I have worked with Sen. Nick Piscitotano to help bring home are:

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| City of Duquesne              | \$933,225 |
| Duquesne City School District | \$500,000 |
| Liberty Borough               | \$396,898 |
| Homestead Borough             | \$375,000 |
| Versailles Borough            | \$350,000 |
| White Oak Borough             | \$200,000 |
| City of McKeesport            | \$186,250 |
| Port Vue Borough              | \$171,988 |
| Munhall Borough               | \$170,000 |
| Whitaker Borough              | \$130,200 |
| South Versailles Township     | \$100,000 |
| West Homestead Fire Dept.     | \$94,000  |
| McKeesport Police Dept.       | \$60,000  |
| Lincoln Borough               | \$40,000  |
| Versailles VFC                | \$35,000  |
| White Oak EMS                 | \$25,000  |
| McKeesport Baseball Assoc.    | \$25,000  |

## 2026-27 PA Budget Wins

- ✓ No new taxes or reductions in the Rainy Day Fund
- ✓ \$58 million increase in Basic Education Funding and \$55 million increase in Special Education Funding
- ✓ \$10 million increase for Career and Technical Education
- ✓ \$5 million increase for childcare staff retention and recruitment
- ✓ \$10 million increase for the student teacher stipend program
- ✓ \$16.2 million to train four additional state police cadet classes
- ✓ \$41.2 million increase for mental health services
- ✓ \$615 million increase for MA managed care program
- ✓ \$5 million increase for the transfer to the PACE and PACENET prescription programs
- ✓ \$300 million increase for highway and safety improvements

## Key Legislation I've Backed in The House

- 📌 **H.B. 2446** would create a \$30 million state grant program to help fire companies pay for major purchases.
- 📌 **H.B. 2540** would require PA to transition to chip-enabled EBT cards, protecting SNAP beneficiaries from skimming devices. This proposal was part of the state budget and became law in July.
- 📌 **H.B. 1814** would require schools to restrict cell phone usage from bell-to-bell, giving the school districts discretion on how to implement the policy.
- 📌 **H.B. 2551** would prohibit state agencies and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission from sending text messages regarding unpaid fines, fees, tolls, or other charges.
- 📌 **H.B. 2314** would begin a public-education campaign regarding artificial intelligence (AI) which would help the public manage an internet seemingly flooded with AI-generated content.
- 📌 **H.B. 2254**, also called Ryan's Law, would allow terminal patients to use the medical marijuana they've been prescribed while in healthcare facilities, far increasing the ease of their remaining time.
- 📌 **H.B. 2425** would establish a grant program for career and technical schools to update and modernize curriculum, improving the education they are able to provide to students.
- 📌 **H.B. 69** would allow for unused prescription medicine to be donated to in-need patients through pharmacies, expanding the existing Cancer Drug Repository Program.
- 📌 **H.B. 1106** would establish Certified Chiropractic Assistants (CCAs) to assist in therapeutic exercises to give patients better care and ease the burden on chiropractors themselves.
- 📌 **H.B. 95** would protect consumers and ensure transparency regarding artificial intelligence in advertising by requiring the disclosure of AI-generated material in ads.
- 📌 **H.B. 1944** would protect good Samaritans by expanding the "safe harbor" law to protect people who help another person in the event of a drug or alcohol overdose from prosecution for reckless endangerment.

# AROUND THE 35<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



## Versailles Avenue Viaduct Reconstruction

I was thrilled to join officials from the local, county, state, and federal levels to announce the rebuild of the Versailles Avenue Viaduct in McKeesport. This kind of thing doesn't happen by accident—it takes a cooperative and committed effort from people at all levels. Let's keep building and let's keep the Mon Valley moving forward!



## Celebrating Munhall's Anniversary

I was honored to join Sen. Nick Piscitotano in recognizing Munhall on its 125th Anniversary and to present proclamations from the House and Senate celebrating this milestone. The Munhall 125th Committee organized a wonderful event!



## Hosting Clairton's State Champs

I was excited to host members of the state champion Clairton football team at the state Capitol this spring. It was a great way for these young men to be recognized for their accomplishment!



## A Successful Shred Event

I was happy to help so many people safely dispose of sensitive documents at my shred event this spring at McKeesport High School. These events are a great way to protect your identity, and I'll hold another one soon, so keep an eye on my Facebook page and newsletters for details!



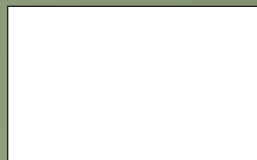
## Welcoming the Speaker to the Mon Valley

I had the pleasure of welcoming the speaker of the PA House, Rep. Joanna McClinton, to the Mon Valley this year along with Rep. John Inglis. We had great conversations about all of the exciting things happening in our districts, and we enjoyed a great dinner at Tillie's!



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**KEY LEGISLATION, DISTRICT NEWS AND MORE INSIDE**

**CONNECT WITH ME ON FACEBOOK!**



I enjoy connecting with my Mon Valley neighbors on Facebook, so be sure to follow me at [www.facebook.com/RepGoughnour](https://www.facebook.com/RepGoughnour). I often share information about events around the Mon Valley, state programs and services, happenings at my district office, and news from Harrisburg. I also publish an e-newsletter twice every month. So be sure to give me a follow so you can stay in touch!

-  Awesome job!!! We appreciate it and you for the hard work!!!
-  Great Job Dan keep it up 
-  Thank you Dan for your advocacy on behalf of MASD and increases in education funding!
-  Thank You, sir. Appreciate you stepping up and speaking on our behalf
-  Thanks for your hard work Dan!!
-  Great job taking care of the communities you serve
-  Just you being awesome, Dan. Thank you so much for staying connected and helping our community!! 
-  Great Job Dan!!
-  You have had a storied career of service!! Keep on moving my friend!