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## Dear neighbor,

I hope you had a fantastic summer! We made great progress in Harrisburg this year by passing many important pieces of legislation and a state budget that is a huge win for all of us here in Montgomery County. I'm writing to update you on key legislative victories and our budget progress.

We saw significant progress as many bills moved between both chambers during budget negotiations. We passed a fair, bipartisan budget that invests heavily in Pennsylvanians' futures, health, and safety, all without raising taxes. Despite a slow process and a slightly delayed finalization, the budget is a fully negotiated product that provides more funding for schools, reduces cyber charter school costs, creates jobs, and supports Main Streets across the state while lowering costs for working families. It funds programs that assist Pennsylvanians at every stage of life and makes crucial investments in our future and public safety. Although no budget is perfect, and this one has some missed opportunities, I am proud to have voted for it.

Locally, my team and I have several community events planned for the upcoming months. I have also worked to secure state funding for local public works projects which will make direct and positive impacts on our community.

If you need help with any state-related issues, please feel free to call my district office at (484) 685-3494, email me at RepScott@pahouse.net, or stop by my office at 1019 W. Main St., Norristown, 19401.

## Have you Applied for Your Property Tax/Rent Rebate?

We have helped 585 seniors file for their Property Tax/Rent Rebate. The deadline to apply for the program has been extended from June 30 to December 31. If you would like to file your rebate and need help from my office, please call (484) 685-3494.

The Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program is open to:

- Eligible seniors 65 or older
- Widows or widowers 50 or older
- People with permanent disabilities 18 or older

To qualify, applicants must earn less than \$45,000 per year – and only HALF of Social Security or railroad retirement benefits count toward eligibility. All other income (pensions, IRAs, dividends, interest, etc.) count dollar for dollar. Residents in assisted living facilities may be eligible if they reside in a facility that pays taxes and meets the income limits. If you're eligible – or you know someone who might be eligible- give my office a call. We can answer questions, mail you the paper forms or help you file the application online.



### Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380

Deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**

# INVESTING IN PENNSYLVANIA'S FUTURE

We are taking a long-overdue step toward real adequacy in funding our schools, addressing decades of underfunding and unfair allocation. By investing money where it will do the most good – including in areas that cannot raise local taxes any more – we are ensuring all students have the resources they need. This investment ensures no school is lifted at the expense of another; instead, we are learning from successful schools to create a model for all.

## Our budget includes:

- \$526 million to level the playing field for every kid and help homeowners who have been shouldering the heaviest burden to pay for schools.
- \$100 million more to support districts teaching kids with special needs.
- \$60 million back in taxpayers' pockets through new accountability on special education reimbursements.
- \$225 million to ensure every district retains the funds they are already investing, delivering stability to schools, plus an additional \$60 million to assist struggling districts.
- \$100 million for school safety, including improving resources for students in crisis.
- \$100 million to clean up and improve school facilities, saving taxpayer dollars by investing in solar energy generation.
- Additional funding for BOOST afterschool programs.

In higher education, we made it easier for our best and brightest to stay, learn, and earn. This includes:

- Creating a new scholarship program to attract students to needed careers like nursing and teaching.
- Simplifying the transfer process from community colleges to state system schools.
- Doubling funding for the Student Teacher Stipend program to get more teachers into our schools.
- Delivering more money for schools, safer schools, and menstrual products so students can focus on learning.

## Investments Beyond Education

Our budget isn't just about education—it's about improving lives across Pennsylvania:

### Affordable Housing

- We are addressing the housing crisis by increasing investments in affordable housing, preventing evictions, and supporting people facing housing crises.
- Annual transfers for the PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) will increase to \$100 million over five years.

### Mass Transit and Infrastructure

- We are investing in transit systems statewide to ensure safer, smoother commutes and upgrading more roads and bridges than ever before, with significant investments in jobs you can't outsource.

## Bipartisan budget completed

In early July, the legislature passed the state's annual budget and Gov. Shapiro signed the main spending bill into law. I voted for this budget because it's a fair and balanced plan that prioritizes Pennsylvanians in every stage of life. We invested a historic \$1.3 billion in education with a 7.2% increase in special education, increased funding for students' mental health and physical safety, and provided money for menstrual products to help students focus on learning.

This budget is bringing over \$10 million combined to Norristown Area and Colonial School Districts! Norristown Area will see a 39.8% increase over last year and Colonial will see a 17.4% increase!

2024-2025 EDUCATION FUNDING  
**MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS**

**\$10.6 Million**  
increases for Norristown Area & Colonial School Districts

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39.8% increase for Norristown Area School District  
17.4% increase for Colonial School District

## Do you have

As we approach Election, it's crucial to mark important dates you've heard. The last day for the general election is the deadline to need an absentee ballot. Election Day is when polls will be open. Completed mail-in ballots must be received by 8pm. Make sure you're ready to vote! For more information, visit [www.Votes.com](http://www.Votes.com) to register or apply for a ballot.

## Supporting Our Seniors

- More funding for the LIFE program helps seniors stay in their homes and increases their financial security.
- Additional funding for home- and community-based services under Medicaid.

## This budget plan also includes:

- An additional \$14 million for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to support veterans and their families.
- A \$261 million increase in the Community Waiver program for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- A one-time \$53 million boost for SEPTA.
- An extra \$26.2 million for subsidized childcare services and the creation of an employer childcare tax credit.
- \$20 million for student teacher stipends.
- Launching the \$20 million Main Street Matters program to enhance local economies.

## Moving Forward Together

While this budget represents significant progress, our work is far from over. We are committed to further reforms and investments benefiting all Pennsylvanians. Together, we've passed 400 bills aimed at cutting costs and improving lives, and we will continue this momentum.

# OUT AND ABOUT IN THE 54TH!



## How to plan to vote

For the 2024 General Election, it's important to stay informed about the process to ensure your voice is heard. You may want to register to vote in person on October 21st. If you prefer an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot, the deadline to apply is October 29th. On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, polls are open from 7am to 8pm, and all ballots must be received before you're registered and ready to vote. For more information and to apply for mail-in ballots, visit [vote.pa.gov](https://www.vote.pa.gov).

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION**  
**IMPORTANT DATES**

- OCT 21** Last day to register to vote in the general election  
[vote.pa.gov/Register](https://vote.pa.gov/Register)
- OCT 29** The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot  
[vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](https://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)
- NOV 5** Election Day. Polls are open from 7am - 8pm. Completed mail ballots must be received by 8pm.  
[vote.pa.gov/Polls](https://vote.pa.gov/Polls)

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## Search for Unclaimed Property at My Office

The Pennsylvania Treasury has more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property belonging to the people of Pennsylvania. These items and funds go missing, often for things as simple as a misspelled name or an out-of-date address. My office can help you find what's yours! Call my office or stop in, and we can help you check the database and complete the application.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



**SUPPORT**  
HB 2238

**To prohibit the use of PFAS "forever" chemicals**  
in household products such as, menstrual products, cleaning ingredients, cookware, and dental floss.

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## PFAs Consumer Ban HB 2238

I am fighting to keep people safe from PFAS forever chemicals that have been linked to numerous health issues. This bill would prohibit these dangerous chemicals from being used in common consumer products such as textiles, cookware, dental floss, and tampons.



**Expanding the Fire Company & EMS Grant Program**  
Provides additional \$30 million in funds to support fire companies, EMS companies, and other emergency service providers.

## Fire/EMS Grant Increase HB 2407

I am fighting to increase grants for Fire/EMS organizations. This bill would double the amount of grants available to assist Fire and EMS organizations throughout Pa.



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HB 1664

**Virtual Credit Cards**  
Requires insurers to provide other payment options and gives dentists the ability to opt into the payment option that works best for their dental office or facility.

## Virtual Credit Card Legislation HB 1664

I am committed to working to help dentists stay in business. This bill would require dental insurance companies to provide dentists with multiple forms of payment of claims, which would lower transaction fees that dentists pay now to receive their claims via virtual credit cards.



HB 2426

**Banning License Plate Flipping Devices**  
Prohibits license plate flipping devices on vehicles with violators subject to a \$2,000 fine.

## HB 2426: Anti License Plate Flipper Bill

Keeping Pennsylvania roads safe is one of my top priorities. This bill would prohibit devices that allow dangerous drivers to avoid consequences by changing their license plate while driving.

## So far this year I have...

- Introduced 9 Bills | 3 Resolutions
- Cosponsored 50 Bills | 22 Resolutions
- Had 2 Bills Signed Into Law
- 6,315 Constituent Services Provided
- 157 Event Attendees
- \$3,686,006 in State Funds Brought Back to the District
- 119 Unemployment Compensation Cases Resolved
- 397 Property Tax/Rent Rebates

## HB 2119: 529 Rollover

I will always support our young Pennsylvanians and the future they deserve. This bill would allow unused funds in 529 college education accounts to be rolled over to ROTH IRA Retirements Savings accounts tax free.

## HB 2105: Worker Discrimination Bill

I want hardworking Pennsylvanians to have work environments free of discrimination. This bill would require more employers to protect their workers from workplace discrimination.

## There ought to be a law...

Do you have an idea for a bill or piece of legislation? Please email me at [RepScott@pahouse.net](mailto:RepScott@pahouse.net) or call my office at 484-685-3494.

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*In February, Conshohocken celebrated the unveiling of the Conshohocken Cab! The 14-passenger shuttle stops at 20 locations in and around Conshohocken Borough and provides easy access to dining, residential complexes, and the SEPTA train station.*



*This summer, I had fantastic interns earn college credits for the work they did in my district office. Madison and Conner have bright futures. I wish them the best of luck in the rest of their education and future endeavors!*



*I joined the House Policy Committee in Allegheny County for a hearing that addressed economic decline and population loss in communities. It highlighted repurposing a closed hospital into learning spaces, green spaces, and healthcare services, emphasizing interconnected issues for revitalization.*



*In Allegheny County, the Policy Committee held a hearing about well-paying, life-sustaining jobs, and thousands of them, that are coming to the region as part of clean energy manufacturing.*



*In May, I joined the Education Committee at Lincoln University to discuss financial support and resources for historically black colleges and universities.*



*I work hard to make sure that our community is well-funded. Earlier this year, I presented \$855,483 in state funding to the Norristown Municipal Waste Authority-Norristown Sewer Authority along with Senator Amanda Cappelletti.*



*I held a License Plate Restoration event in March. My team and I had the privilege of helping install the new plates sent to our office after the event!*



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Satellite Offices: Unclaimed Property

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**

Conshohocken Community Center at the Fellowship House  
515 Harry St., Conshohocken, PA 19428-1732

**Tuesday, Oct. 8**

Greater Plymouth Community Center  
2910 Jolly Rd.  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-2325

**Thursday, Oct. 17**

Conshohocken Free Public Library  
301 Fayette St.  
Conshohocken, PA 19428-1901

## Election Day

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**

Polls will be open from 7 am - 8 pm

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# Senior Fair

With U.S. Senator Bob Casey's Office

**Tuesday, Sept. 10 | 11 AM - 2 PM**

**Greater Plymouth Community Center**  
2910 Jolly Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

**Register today to attend!**

Sign up at [RepGregScott.com/events](http://RepGregScott.com/events), emailing [RepScott@PAHouse.net](mailto:RepScott@PAHouse.net), or calling **(484) 685-3494**, with your name and address.





**FALL SHRED EVENT**

WITH STATE REP. GREG SCOTT & STATE SEN. AMANDA CAPPELLETTI

**SAT. SEPT 28, 2024**  
9 AM - 12 PM  
OR UNTIL THE TRUCK FILLS UP!

Montgomery County Parking Lot located at Airy St. and Dekalb St. (across from the Post Office)

**LIMIT THREE BOXES/BAGS PER PERSON • PAPER ONLY**

Questions? Call my office **(484)-685-3494**





for families of the 54th District  
**REP. SCOTT HOSTS**

# BOO AT THE ZOO

**FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR**  
with Elmwood Park Zoo and The Rose Foundation

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Elmwood Park Zoo**  
1661 Harding Blvd., Norristown

Please RSVP to confirm attendance at [RepGregScott.com/Events](http://RepGregScott.com/Events)

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