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Dear Neighbor,

As a mom and former teacher, I see my role as your state representative as serving those who serve others. Our community is stronger because of people like you—parents raising their kids, neighbors lending a helping hand, local business owners providing the products and services we rely on, teachers preparing our children for the future, first responders keeping our families safe, and so many others who make the 96th District a great place to live and work.

That's why I've been working hard in Harrisburg to help improve your life and strengthen our community by advocating for and passing legislation that invests in our schools, supports working families, creates economic opportunities, and protects taxpayers. This year, I was proud to help secure a state budget that makes historic investments in public education, expands support for working families, and delivers resources that will directly benefit our community.

My work in Harrisburg is guided by your priorities, so I'm introducing and passing legislation that increases government and data center transparency, protects children, supports responsible economic development, and prepares Pennsylvania for the future.

Just as important as my work in the Capitol is the work my district office does every day. Whether it's helping residents claim property, apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, navigate a state agency, or connect with valuable resources, my team and I are here to serve you.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the 96th Legislative District. It is an honor to be your voice in Harrisburg, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to build an even stronger community.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Nikki



Stay up to date with "The Rivera Report"

I've started a new mini-news show, "The Rivera Report," to keep you up to date about my legislative initiatives and work in the district. You can find past episodes on my YouTube channel and on my social media accounts. Also, subscribe to my weekly e-newsletters to stay up to date on what's happening at the Capitol and in our community. You can subscribe to my weekly e-newsletter by going to my website, RepRivera.com to sign up.

BUDGET WINS

I am proud that the 2026–2027 state budget makes historic investments in education, working families, and community services.

I know from my own experience that a high-quality education opens doors long after graduation. This budget helps ensure every Pennsylvania student has access to the skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

The budget includes a \$670 million statewide investment in education, including \$565 million to address funding inequities, \$58 million for basic education, and \$47 million for special education. Here in the 96th Legislative District, Lancaster School District will receive an additional \$4.2 million, Manheim Township School District \$1.9 million, and Hempfield School District \$900,000.

I'm also proud that this budget expands funding for student teacher stipends, provides the first cost-of-living adjustment in 25 years for nearly 60,000 retired educators, strengthens accountability for cyber charter schools, and requires large data centers to report their energy and water use (I co-sponsored the legislation, HB 2150, which was incorporated into the budget).

Beyond education, this budget supports working families through the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, which will return nearly \$200 million to 950,000 families. It also increases childcare funding by 20% to \$30 million, nearly doubles funding for rape crisis services to \$24.2 million, expands early intervention and Grow PA scholarships, provides avian flu response funding, mandates daily elementary school recess, and increases investments in Medicaid and CHIP.

I believe this budget strengthens our communities, expands opportunities, and builds a more secure future for all Pennsylvanians.



Legislative Record

As your state representative, I have spearheaded legislation to modernize education, ensure fiscal transparency, promote clean energy, support workforce development, and strengthen community services.

HB 2150

Data Center Energy & Water Reporting Act: Requires data centers to report energy and water usage to support sustainability goals; incorporated into the 2026–2027 state budget.

HB 2359

Data Center Development Transparency: Requires large data center developers to engage local communities and disclose project impacts before construction to qualify for a sales tax exemption. Passed the House; awaiting action in the Senate.

HB 2380

Battery Storage for Grid Reliability: Requires distribution companies to procure energy storage systems to improve grid reliability, support renewable energy, and reduce peak demand. In committee.

HB 2474

Child Protective Services Exclusions: Requires all mandated reporters to promptly report sexually explicit deepfake images of minors to law enforcement, expanding the current requirement beyond school personnel. Passed the House; awaiting action in the Senate.

HB 2632

Accountability for Diverted Tax Dollars (EITC Program): Strengthens oversight of Pennsylvania's \$680+ million Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by requiring detailed reporting to ensure funds reach intended recipients without reducing funding. Passed the House; awaiting action in the Senate.

2026-2027 PA Budget Wins

School Funding Increases

School District of Lancaster
\$4.2 Million (4%↑)

Manheim Township School District
\$2.9 Million (11.7%↑)

Hempfield School District
\$900K (3.6%↑)





BACKPACKS, BOOKS & BIG SMILES: A 15-YEAR COMMUNITY TRADITION

Our 15th Annual Back to School event was a huge success. Thank you to our amazing sponsors, community partners and volunteers who give to help make it a happy one for all attendees.

To all who came, we wish you the very best in the new school year! To their families, my office is happy to help you with any state-related issue you have. Drop me a line at RepRivera@pahouse.net or call my office at (717) 295-3157.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy. Make sure your voice is heard this **November 3**.

Oct. 19, 2026, is the deadline to register to vote in the 2026 general election.

If you are not registered to vote, there are 4 convenient ways you can register to vote or update your current registration:

- ✓ **Online**
- ✓ **By mail**
- ✓ **In person at your county election office**
- ✓ **At PennDOT and many other government agencies**

Learn more here: <https://www.pa.gov/services/vote/register-to-vote>

Other important deadlines:

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| October 27 | Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot |
| November 3 | Last day for county election office to receive completed mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.) |
| November 3 | GENERAL ELECTION |
| November 10 | Last day for county election office to receive completed military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2) |



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"Bus It To Market" with Me!

This spring, I started my "Bus It To Market" excursions from the district to Central Lancaster to show residents that RRTA buses are a fast, reliable, and inexpensive way to get to Lancaster and other places in the region.

RRTA representatives join us on the trip to talk about the benefits of the public transit system. The past two events have received high marks from residents. Follow me on social media or subscribe to my weekly e-newsletters to learn when the next "Bus It To Market" will take place so you can join us. We'd love to have you "Bus It" with us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2: STATE GRANTS WORKSHOP

Rep. Smith Wade-El and I will be co-hosting a workshop for local small businesses and nonprofits to learn more about applying for state grants on Wednesday, September 2, from 9:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the IU Conference Center, 1020 New Holland Ave.

OCTOBER 16: FAFSA PREPARATION SUPPORT

Do you have a high school senior, and are you completing the FAFSA for the first time? On Friday, October 16, a PHEAA representative will be available to answer your questions one-on-one and support you in completing the FAFSA. Walk-ins will be accepted, but if you let us know you are interested, we can send you a reminder the week before.

NOVEMBER 9: VETERANS BREAKFAST

Are you a veteran, or do you know someone who is, and would you like to join Senator Malone and me for breakfast in honor of Veterans Day? Please reach out to our office and let us know so we can invite you to our 2nd Annual Veterans Breakfast.

NOVEMBER 20: \$CAM JAM

Join the PA Department of Banking for \$CAM Jam, which will help protect you from scams and identity theft. It will be held on Friday, November 20, at Manheim Township Library.

To learn more or register for any of these events, please reach out to RepRivera@pahouse.net or 717-295-3157.

SERVING OUR CONSTITUENTS

My wonderful staff works hard to serve our community by helping them apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, navigate a state agency, and connect with valuable resources. We are here to serve you!



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The Pennsylvania Treasury is currently holding over \$3.5 billion in unclaimed property, with an estimated 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians having unclaimed property owed to them.

Records show that the Treasury is holding a total of \$17 million belonging to residents in our district. Are you one of them?

You can either call my office at (717) 295-3157 for assistance or search the official database at unclaimedproperty.patreasury.gov to find out.