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Dear Friend and Neighbor,

This summer, I was proud to help deliver a 2026-27 state budget aimed at making life more affordable, strengthening and protecting our communities, and creating opportunities for the future. I'm also glad to tell you that we accomplished this without raising any taxes.

We negotiated a budget that keeps delivering on our promise to adequately fund our children's education. As a parent of two kids in grade school, I was especially proud of the steps we took to invest in school safety, special education, career training programs, and higher education.

Within this newsletter, I'll discuss why I'm strongly opposed to how the data center industry has targeted our region, as well as what we're doing in Harrisburg to push back.

For as critical as it is to be *against* something like irresponsible data center development, it's equally important to be *for* something that promises to bring jobs and economic development to the area. That's why I'm proud that "Innovate in PA 2.0" was included in this budget as a way to fund startup companies, business incubators, and life sciences enterprises.

We've also continued making progress on issues that should be priorities of every elected official: supporting working people, investing in our infrastructure (especially roads and bridges), and expanding access to affordable healthcare.

Inside this newsletter, you'll also find information about state programs and services available through my office. Whether you need assistance with a state agency, have questions about legislation, or simply want to share your thoughts, my staff and I are always here to help.

Serving our community remains the honor of a lifetime. I remain committed to listening to your concerns, fighting for our local needs, and working every day to deliver results for our district.

Thank you for your continued trust.

In service,

A handwritten signature of Kyle J. Mullins is shown. The signature is written in black ink and appears to be "Kyle".

State Rep. Kyle J. Mullins

REAL RESULTS THROUGH LEGISLATION

STANDING UP FOR CHILD VICTIMS: CHILD VICTIM RECOVERY FUND (H.B. 2443)

Children who are victims of some of the most heinous crimes imaginable deserve immediate support and healing, and their offenders deserve nothing but the harshest possible punishment. Thankfully, a network of Child Advocacy Centers in our region and throughout the state are there to support these children and help prosecutors build a case. However, these centers remain chronically underfunded, leaving many communities unable to keep up with their caseloads. So, I introduced bipartisan legislation to strengthen Pennsylvania's response to child abuse, exploitation, and trauma by creating a dedicated Child Victim Recovery Fund for Child Advocacy Centers that would be funded entirely by fees paid by offenders—not taxpayers.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ALZHEIMER'S TREATMENTS

In recent years, the FDA has approved a new class of disease-modifying therapies that can slow the progression of Alzheimer's and offer hope to the 280,000 Pennsylvanians currently living with dementia-related diseases. However, access to these treatments remains inconsistent and for a progressive disease like Alzheimer's, any delay means irreversible cognitive decline. I'm introducing legislation to require that all health insurers cover FDA-approved treatments prescribed to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease and diagnostic testing needed to identify patients who may benefit from these treatments.



MORE RESEARCH FUNDING FOR NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES: ALS, ALZHEIMER'S, PARKINSON'S

Prior to last year's budget, there was no state funding dedicated to the research of fatal neurodegenerative diseases like ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease, Alzheimer's, or Parkinson's. But over the past two state budgets, over \$10 million has been appropriated to our world-class research institutions working to develop treatments and cures. The heartbreak associated with these diseases and the hope for a cure is personal to me as I know it is to so many of you.

REAL IMPACTS

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

Two years ago, we **expanded the number of seniors eligible for a rebate and increased the amount** the state can put back in their pocket. Older adults and people with disabilities in Pennsylvania may now **receive up to \$1,000** for property tax or rent payments. For assistance, you can contact my office at (570) 383-9795.

A COLA FOR RETIRED PUBLIC SERVANTS

Pennsylvania's long-retired teachers, police, and firefighters are finally getting an overdue pension increase through the 2026-27 state budget. Eligible retirees – including those in PSERS, SERS, and municipal police and fire systems – will see COLAs ranging from 15% to 24.5%, depending on their retirement date.

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

It might not seem like it right now, but cold temperatures are not too far off! If you need help keeping your home warm this coming winter, you can apply for assistance through the state. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time cash grants. For more information, contact my office for help.

As one of the first local leaders to voice opposition to the collective assault by the data center industry on our valley, I pledged to fight for laws that protect communities and establish strong safeguards. Since then, we've passed numerous bills out of the House and over to the state Senate that would:



- ✓ Allow local governments to pass a “pause” or moratorium
- ✓ Ban the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements or NDAs by developers
- ✓ Create community standards
- ✓ Eliminate the tax break on data center equipment
- ✓ Require the disclosure of proposed water and power usage

Unfortunately, the Senate's Republican majority has failed to act, so I commend Governor Shapiro for stepping in and taking action via Executive Order. While this order incorporates critical safeguards from our legislation, executive action isn't the finish line. I'll keep fighting for permanent laws that turn away irresponsible developers.

...Mullins was among the first local legislators to go on record against data center development...

At a January hearing on the obscenely invasive Wildcat Ridge Data Center “Campus” proposal, Mullins publicly testified against a specific project.

“Let me be abundantly clear,” he said. “This Wildcat (Ridge) Data Center proposal is inappropriate and unacceptable, from its sheer size to its proposed water and power usage, to the deforestation it would involve, to the unknown runoff of stormwater. This is why I oppose it and why people feel overwhelmed.”

— *The Scranton Times-Tribune*
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SECURING STATE FUNDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Since starting my current term in the House, I've worked to secure nearly \$30 million in state funding to directly support critical regional projects, including repairing local roads and bridges, supporting police and first responders, addressing stormwater and erosion issues, honoring veterans, enhancing parks, assisting community development, and expanding housing opportunities for seniors.





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My Office Can Help You With:

- ✳ EXPANDED Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application and questions.
- ✳ Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles, and driver's license applications.
- ✳ Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- ✳ Obtaining and completing state forms.
- ✳ Voter registration and absentee ballot applications.
- ✳ Unemployment compensation, disability, and workers' compensation.
- ✳ Birth and death certificates.
- ✳ Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical, and income assistance).
- ✳ Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems.
- ✳ Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information.
- ✳ Complaints and problems with insurance companies.
- ✳ Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones.
- ✳ Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission.
- ✳ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- ✳ Problems or questions about the state lottery.
- ✳ PACE prescription drug cards for senior citizens.
- ✳ Consumer complaints.
- ✳ Liquor Control Board concerns or questions.
- ✳ Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups.
- ✳ Information about federal, state, and local government agencies.
- ✳ Unclaimed property.

If you need help with any state or government-related services, please feel free to contact my office at (570) 383-9795 or RepMullins@pahouse.net for assistance.

SAVE THE DATE: Senior Expo

Joint event with state legislators &
Lackawanna County Commissioners

Friday, September 18
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Marketplace at Steamtown
300 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, PA 18503

This event is designed with you in mind – a day dedicated to connecting seniors with resources here at home and beyond that can enrich your life.

At this Senior Expo, you will have the opportunity to engage with local agencies, healthcare providers, and community organizations dedicated to supporting Lackawanna County seniors. Whether it's learning about new services, attending informative sessions on health and wellness, or simply enjoying good company, there is something for everyone.



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