



YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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BILL INTRODUCED TO INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE

I recently introduced a bill to increase the state's minimum wage as an effort to help struggling families pay their bills and reduce their reliance on government assistance programs.

My bill, H.B. 1896, would increase the minimum wage to \$9 per hour and then to \$10.10 per hour a year later. The current minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour, simply does not provide a livable wage. For example, a single mother with two children who works 40 hours per week, for 52 weeks a year, makes \$15,080. This is almost \$4,500 below the poverty line, which is \$19,530 for a household of three, requiring many people to use government assistance programs to survive.

Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would boost

the earnings of a full-time worker by more than \$5,900 to \$21,008, which would be enough to move a family of three out of poverty.

The effects of the low wage are especially felt by women, who account for two-thirds of workers earning minimum wage. My bill would help an estimated 855,000 low wage workers, including 514,000 women.

As the economy continues to sputter, many people, especially single mothers, are struggling to pay bills, put food on their tables and provide for their families. Salaries are stagnant while inflation has driven up the cost of just about everything we buy. The time has come to give workers a raise. The bill has 72 co-sponsors and I am working hard to secure a vote on it as soon as possible.

WHY WE NEED THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

Everyone knows that Pennsylvania is decades behind in transportation infrastructure investments. We have seen significant problems in our area alone. A trash truck fell into a sinkhole on a Harrisburg street, and in May, a diesel truck crash closed Interstate 81 and resulted in the stretch of road being replaced, slowing traffic entering the city from Route 322 for months.

I spent a lot of time researching all of the issues related to the \$2.4 billion transportation funding bill. In the end, I voted for the proposal because it was the right thing to do. I'm aware that it will increase motorists' fees and others didn't want me to compromise on prevailing wage, but I have seen too many infrastructure failures in my district, and I had to act before a tragedy occurred.

In addition, my vote secured funding for preservation of the Interstate 83 South Bridge over the Susquehanna River. The bill also includes money to rebuild and widen Interstate 83 from the Cameron Street overpass to 29th Street, which will greatly reduce congestion caused by the 19th Street bottleneck.



Rep. Kim outlines her legislation to increase the minimum wage at a news conference at the Harrisburg YWCA.

Lastly, an independent study by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association found that a \$2.4 billion investment will create over 50,000 jobs. Our economy is still rebounding, and many people are out of work. I could not pass up the opportunity to create thousands of jobs, many here in central PA.

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HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Keeping your home properly heated is essential for good health and in making sure your pipes do not freeze. But many families, particularly senior citizens on fixed incomes, are struggling to pay the cost of heating their homes during the extreme cold weather we are facing this winter.

If you need help paying your home heating bills this winter, assistance is available through the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP offers cash grants to help purchase home heating fuel and crisis grants for unexpected fuel shortages and necessary furnace purchases or repairs.

Grants are based on family size, income, type of heating fuel and heating regions.

If you received LIHEAP assistance last year, you should have received a renewal application. If not, you may want to check into the program.

For more information on LIHEAP, call the Department of Public Welfare helpline at 1-800-692-7462.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$17,235
2	\$23,265
3	\$29,295
4	\$35,325

Each additional person Add \$6,030



Rep. Kim hosted many area seniors at her first annual senior health fair in September.

COLA RETURNED, PUSHING LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE THEM

As I promised when running for office, I returned my cost-of-living adjustment to the state's General Fund and will seek a vote on my legislation to eliminate the automatic COLA for lawmakers and other state officials.

On Dec. 1, state lawmakers received a 0.25 percent automatic COLA, which added approximately \$17.50 to my monthly salary. At a time when workers across the state are going without their raises, and many seniors are going without their Social Security COLAs, it's unconscionable that their elected officials should automatically receive a cost-of-living increase. It's even more important to pass my bill to eliminate automatic COLAs and reform the way COLAs are given to elected officials going forward.

These types of perks for legislators are unnecessary and further the public's cynicism toward their elected officials. Rep. Jerry Mullery, D-Luzerne, and I are sponsors of H.B. 1035, which would eliminate the automatic COLAs. The bill is in the House State Government Committee.

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

Every year, the state Treasurer's Office obtains millions of dollars in unclaimed property. This property includes any financial asset that has been left with a bank, insurance company or business or organization without any activity for five years. Those entities are required by law to transfer abandoned property to the state Treasurer's Office, which maintains custody of the property until it is claimed by the owner.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY MAY INCLUDE:

- Closed bank accounts;
- Uncashed checks, including paychecks;
- Lost stocks and bonds;
- Contents of safe deposit boxes;
- Life insurance policies;
- Expired gift cards/gift certificates.

It is estimated that nearly 10 percent of Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property. The state Treasury may be in possession of what rightfully belongs to you, and it can be claimed free.

To see if you have unclaimed property, call my office at (717) 986-1673 or stop by and we will help you search the database.



Handing out turkeys with Lesean McCoy and Sen. Rob Teplitz.

KIM INTRODUCES TERM LIMIT BILL

When I ran to be your state representative, I said that government reform was one of the top issues I planned to tackle if I was elected. I am proud to say that along with Rep. Jaret Gibbons, D-Beaver, I am introducing legislation that would institute fundamental reforms to the state legislature.

My bill would amend the state Constitution to place term limits on the number of successive terms a member of the General Assembly could serve in each chamber. Specifically, my bill would increase the length of the term for a Representative in the General Assembly from two years to four years and place half of the House districts on the ballot for election every two years. Representatives would be limited to three successive terms for a total of 12 years of service. Members of the Senate would see the length of their terms increased to six years from four years. Senators would be limited to two successive terms for a total of 12 years of service.

Term limits are an important reform that could change the way the General Assembly operates for the better. Instead of having members serve 30 to 40 years, we would have fresh minds entering the legislature every two years that will certainly bring new ideas to state government.



Rep. Kim hosted her first annual Holiday Open House at her district office in Steelton, which included toys for local children.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now available for students planning to attend a college or university in the fall. Information from the FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal grants, the Pennsylvania State Grant program, scholarships, reduced-cost federal loans, work-study programs, and many school-based scholarships and financial aid programs.

The FAFSA may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Items required to fill out the application include Social Security numbers, the student's driver's license, W-2 forms, federal income tax return and current bank statements.

Pennsylvania students and families can also find more information about the FAFSA by going online to www.PHEAA.org/FAFSA. The website also offers a list of information that will be needed in order to submit a complete application.

This is a vital step that students and families should take when looking into financial assistance for higher education. College preparation is a very busy time packed with deadlines so I encourage prospective students to fill out the FAFSA form as soon as possible.



BILL WOULD ASSIST VETERANS IN VOTING

As a member of the House, I have made it a priority to help and honor our state's veterans. I co-sponsored and voted for three resolutions honoring the state's veterans on Veterans Day, celebrating the National Guard's 377th birthday and honoring the state's female veterans. All three resolutions were adopted in the House by unanimous votes.

In an effort to make it easier for veterans to vote, I recently signed on as a co-sponsor for a bill that will assist veterans who are currently residing in the VA Medical Centers. This legislation would require the county board of elections to appoint two people of different political parties in election districts that have a VA to assist veterans residing in those medical centers to register and vote by absentee ballot.

Unfortunately, this legislation is necessary because it was determined that last year, only 23 veterans out of 200 in the V.A. Pittsburgh Healthcare System were able to vote by the current absentee ballot process.

Our veterans deserve every opportunity to vote, in the easiest manner possible, no matter where in our state they currently reside, nor what their current medical condition may be, and this bill will help make that possible.





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MOBILE OFFICES

In an effort to make state government as accessible as possible, I have been hosting mobile offices around the 103rd District. The mobile offices offer the same assistance as my two main offices and they give constituents the opportunity to learn about the state programs, services and assistance available through my constituent service office to citizens of the 103rd District. More mobile offices are scheduled for the spring and I hope to see you at one of them:

Latino Hispanic American Community Center

1319 Derry St., Harrisburg
The first Thursday of each month
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Highspire Municipal Office

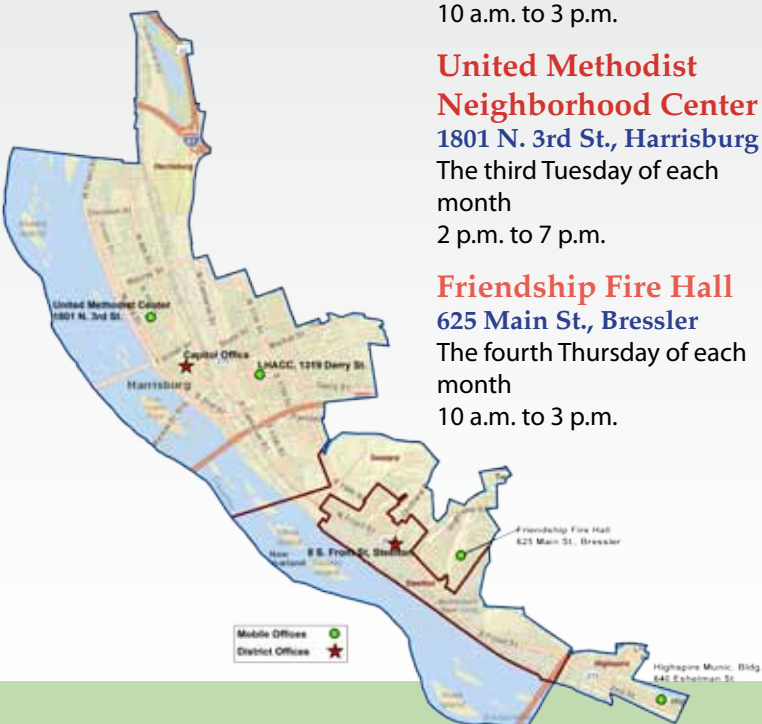
640 Eshelman St., Highspire
The second Thursday of each month
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

United Methodist Neighborhood Center

1801 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg
The third Tuesday of each month
2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friendship Fire Hall

625 Main St., Bressler
The fourth Thursday of each month
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Public Welfare (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Notary services
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- 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