

Expanded constituent services available

SEPTA photos

If you are 65 or older, you are invited to have your picture taken for the new SEPTA Key ID cards on Wednesdays and Thursdays in my office. Please call and make an appointment first. We have helped more than 1,000 constituents get their picture taken and we look forward to helping you, too!

Vehicle registration renewals

I'm happy to announce that my office can help you with PennDOT vehicle registration renewals now that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is no longer issuing stickers.

Drivers are still required to maintain current vehicle registration, and must present a registration card to law enforcement when asked and for annual vehicle inspections.

Motorists can now renew a vehicle registration online and print a valid registration card to carry with them.

If you are without a computer or printer, my office can assist you in providing your new valid registration card by applying online on your behalf. Simply bring in your current registration card and proof of insurance, and staff will print out for you your new valid, updated card. You will need to provide a credit card in order to complete the transaction.

Many more ways my district office may be of help

My great office staff is prepared to help you with Department of Human Services programs such as SNAP, Medical Assistance, and LIHEAP, as well as unemployment compensation concerns, birth and death certificates, voter registration, unclaimed property, PennDOT forms and applications such as handicap placards and driver and non-driver licenses, Property Tax/Rent Rebate filings, most consumer complaints, and many other state-related issues. Come visit!

Keep Informed

■ Sign up and 'opt in' to continuously receive my emails, which I send twice a month for news and upcoming events in the district, legislative topics important to you, and other state government-related information. Go to: www.pahouse.com/DeLissio/emailsignup.

■ Find out how we voted: www.legis.state.pa.us

■ Follow State House & Senate Sessions, Committee Hearings & State Judiciary proceedings on PCN:

Comcast – 186
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■ **PennWATCH:** For information about the state budget and revenues, how that money is being spent and the results your tax dollars are achieving. www.pennwatch.pa.gov

■ Shadow me and 'work the day of a legislator': Call my Harrisburg office to arrange a date. 717-783-4945

■ Be sure to check my website, like my facebook page, and follow me on twitter!

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Rain or shine, cloudy or cold, shredding is a popular constituent service!



Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications and free assistance filing is available in the district office.

We can do better than the Affordable Care Act

This session I am again introducing legislation to establish the Pennsylvania Health Care Plan, also known as single payer, establishing comprehensive health care for all Pennsylvanians. The best way to understand single payer is to think 'Medicare for all.'

This legislation would result in a healthier citizenry at a lower cost with no co-pays, deductibles or premiums or concern about networks and with the freedom and flexibility to choose their health care providers.

My Pennsylvania Health Care Plan would be supported by the savings realized from replacing today's multiple payer system with a streamlined Pennsylvania Health Care Trust Fund which in turn would be funded by a 10 percent employer tax paid on payroll and a 3 percent Personal Income Tax.

Briefly, the Pennsylvania Health Care Plan is a system that ensures the cost-effective delivery of covered services that range from catastrophic care to wellness and preventative care; Health Care Providers would have autonomy over patient care.

One benefit for plan participants is knowing definitively their health care cost exposure for the year.

This is a complex topic, and I look forward to sharing more of the details at a future Town Hall in order to answer questions and get your input.



Women of the House (and men) gathered around the Capitol fountain in October to call attention to breast cancer.

Signed into law

Two crucial pieces of legislation that I worked on this past legislative session and became law were honored in a ceremonial bill signing.

Last session I joined Gov. Tom Wolf to commemorate the signing of H.B. 753, which replaces the former Intra-Governmental Council on Long Term Care with the Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Council. This council is comprised of long-term care providers, advocates, consumers and elected officials and will be a valuable resource and sounding board for the departments of Aging, Health and Human Services on long-term care public policy issues.

The new council, of which I am an appointed member, broadens the scope of the previous council and addresses topics ranging from facility-based care to home- and community-based services.

My amendment, included in this legislation, increased the number of consumers to be seated on the council from one to two, and at least one of those required consumers must have personal experience as a family caregiver.

Also last session, I joined Gov. Wolf to commemorate H.B. 60, oral chemo parity legislation. This law prohibits insurance companies from placing oral anti-cancer medications on a specialty tier and from charging co-insurance payments that are more than what is charged for intravenous therapy or injectables.

The law allows more patients to afford a more convenient form of cancer treatment. It cannot be overstated just how important these drugs are in saving lives. Oral anti-cancer medications have become incredibly effective in fighting cancer, and no one should go without that powerful tool because they cannot afford it.

