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Dear Neighbor,

My first year in office has been busy and rewarding. I've been working both in Harrisburg and here in the 95th District to make sure that we in the legislature are addressing issues of importance to you.



Much of the General Assembly's time has been spent finalizing a state budget for 2017-18, which we completed in October – four months after deadline. In the end, we balanced our budget through significant borrowing, the expansion of gambling, and some other measures. While I supported parts of this budget and not others, I am pleased that we finished the job so that we can continue to fund our schools, human services and other valuable programs that benefit Pennsylvania families.

But the completion of the budget does not make Pennsylvania's financial difficulties go away. We still need sustainable revenue sources so that we don't have to scramble like this every year. I support measures such as adopting a reasonable severance tax on gas drilling and raising the minimum wage to naturally grow tax revenue. I hope that as we move forward, these responsible solutions will be given serious consideration.

Beyond the budget, I've been working on important issues such as domestic violence and animal protection. And I've enjoyed the many chances I've had to recognize the accomplishments of individuals from our community.

Read more about those efforts in this newsletter. You can also keep up with me on Facebook at /RepHillEvans and on Twitter @RepHillEvans.

I'm pleased to be able to serve as your representative, and I look forward to continuing to serve your interests in Harrisburg.

Sincerely,

Carol Hill-Evans

Addressing domestic and sexual violence

As legislators, one of our most important responsibilities is to help ensure that we are taking care of those who are vulnerable. One area in which we need to do serious work is protecting victims of domestic and sexual violence.



I've proposed two bills and support several others in an effort to better protect victims and to try to prevent such violence.



H.B. 1632: This bill, which I introduced, would direct courts to order abusers to remove victims from shared telephone plans without financial penalty to the victim – helping victims free themselves from an abuser's control. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. 1633: I've proposed establishing a statewide task force on campus intimate partner sexual assault and violence, since we've seen that our college campuses are not immune to this kind of violence. The task force would make recommendations to reduce such incidents on our campuses and for ways to better support victims. This bill has been sent to the Education Committee.

It's On Us PA: I also joined Gov. Tom Wolf and college students and advocates in September as he announced a package of bills to combat sexual violence in K-12 schools and colleges.

The bills, which I've signed on to co-sponsor, include proposals to publish an annual report card on sexual violence and harassment in schools, and establish policies to protect college students who report sexual assault, so they don't have to be worried that reporting an assault will trigger disciplinary action for other policy violations.

It truly is on all of us to work together to address these serious issues.

New animal-protection law adopted

This summer, we saw the adoption of H.B. 1238, known as Libre's Law, an animal-protection and abuse overhaul that I was pleased to support. The law more clearly defines abuse categories and increases the penalties for the most severe cases of abuse, and it creates limits on the tethering of unattended dogs.

I was also proud to introduce House Resolution 246, which was unanimously adopted and designated April as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania. We must be good advocates for our furry and feathered friends.

I'm happy that Pennsylvania has taken steps to better protect animals and will continue working to raise awareness about the abuse and neglect of animals.

Keep animals warm this winter

Pennsylvania's new animal-cruelty law includes provisions related to cold weather. Under Act 10, a dog cannot be tethered for longer than 30 minutes in temperatures below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees.

Find more information about all of the law's provisions at www.governor.pa.gov. You can help keep animals safe and warm this winter by reporting suspected animal neglect. Learn more at www.agriculture.pa.gov.



Recognizing accomplishments in the 95th District



In June, the House of Representatives honored Pennsylvania's Special Olympics winter medalists, including York's own Regine Theodore-Wise, a member of the Special Olympics USA Alpine Skiing Team. She earned a gold medal in the Alpine Advanced Giant Slalom and a bronze in the Alpine Advanced Super G, and I was thrilled to be able to recognize her on the House floor. Congratulations Regine!

Through my work as a legislator, I've had the opportunity to recognize many community members for their hard work and accomplishments. Here are some other examples:

House Resolution 425: I introduced this resolution, adopted unanimously, to mark August 2017 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" and recognize all of the farmers and market vendors who bring healthy food to our community. I presented a copy to Dennis Fitz at York's Central Market.

House Resolution 464: I introduced this resolution, also adopted unanimously, to mark October as American Pharmacists and Pharmacy Month. Pharmacists play an important role in keeping our community members healthy, and I was pleased to honor local pharmacist Lynford King with a copy of the resolution.

Connecting York residents with job opportunities

I was proud to be among the sponsors of the York Career Fair in October. We had more than 70 employers on hand at PeoplesBank Park, and more than 350 job seekers attended. I'm happy to say that at least 25 of them are now employed as a result!

It's important to me that Pennsylvania residents have access to good jobs that pay family-sustaining wages. In addition to working legislatively on good economic policies, I regularly share a listing of York-area employment opportunities through email and social media. You can sign up for my emails or see the latest postings at www.pahouse.com/Hill-Evans.



Working to support veterans



I was pleased to hold a Veterans Outreach event in October at White Rose VFW Post 556 to help veterans and their family members better understand the programs and benefits they might be eligible for.

My office also offers services for veterans every third Wednesday of each month. An accredited veterans service officer is available to help veterans and military families navigate VA compensation benefits, health benefits, educational opportunities, survivor benefits and more.

Appointments are required. Call my office at 717-848-9595 for more information.

Good news on REAL ID

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security granted Pennsylvania a REAL ID enforcement extension through Oct. 10, 2018.

That means that Pennsylvania residents won't face issues using their current IDs to access federal facilities or to board a plane for domestic travel through that date.

The federal REAL ID Act, passed in 2005, set minimum standards for driver's licenses and identification cards, in order for them to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government. Pennsylvania continues to work on REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and anticipates that they will be available at the customer's option in March 2019.

Learn more about this subject at www.penndot.gov.

Connecting seniors with resources

In November, I held four town hall meetings at senior centers throughout York.

These meetings were a great chance to connect with older adults in our community and to make sure that they know about the many programs and services that are available to them. I was also able to provide information about identity theft and other scams.

My office can help seniors with a variety of programs, such as the PACE/PACENET prescription assistance program, or the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. If you or a senior in your life need assistance, please call my office at 717-848-9595.



Applications open for home heating financial aid

Temperatures have fallen, and the cold winter months are just around the corner. So it is a good time to think about whether you will need help heating your home.

LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home

Energy Assistance Program, began accepting applications on Nov. 1. LIHEAP offers cash grants of \$200 to \$1,000 that are sent directly to the utility company to defray heating costs for eligible households as well as crisis benefits of \$25 to \$500 for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

This season's income guidelines for both LIHEAP cash and crisis grants are \$18,090 for an individual, \$24,360 for couples and increases for each additional person in the household.

Please contact my office if you need help. We have applications available in English and Spanish. You can also visit www.compass.state.pa.us for more information.





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Upcoming events

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Dec. 14

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Join me and my staff for refreshments, gift bags and entertainment. The event will feature performances by the Lincoln Charter School Chorus, Devers K-8 School musicians, the York County School of Technology's musical cast and York City Poet Laureate Vito Grippi.

You can also learn more about the various state programs and services that my office can help you navigate.

COMING SOON IN 2018

My staff and I are already planning exciting events for the coming year. Stay tuned for more details on the following events.

January: The House Democratic Policy Committee and I will host a public hearing on property taxes.

February: Lt. Gov. Mike Stack and I will host an event to help you learn more about the pardon process.

Follow me on social media – Facebook.com/RepHillEvans or Twitter @RepHillEvans – for updates on these and other events in the 95th District, or sign up for my emails at www.pahouse.com/Hill-Evans.

Seeking: District office interns, special event volunteers

Are you interested in helping your neighbors in the 95th District? We have opportunities for you!

My office is looking for interns as well as special event volunteers.

If you are interested, please call the office at 717-848-9595 or email bmartin@pahouse.net for more information.

My Office Can Help You With:

- 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 Departments of Health and Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Any problem with state government!