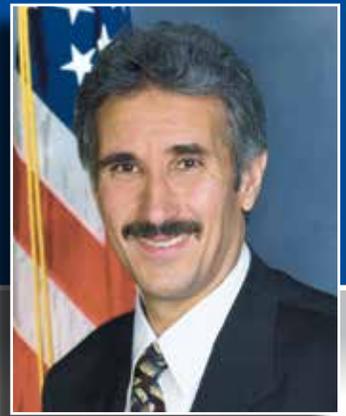


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New Construction Means More Jobs and Stronger Economic Growth



Ellwood Quality Steels groundbreaking for their expansion in New Castle.

Ellwood Quality Steels on the Rise!

Spring brought very exciting times to Lawrence County with the prospects of new jobs and economic development! On April 27 alone, I was on hand to participate in two major groundbreaking projects at Ellwood Quality Steels and Steelite International USA Inc.

Ellwood Quality Steels began construction on a \$60 million, 110,000-square-foot expansion to its New Castle plant. The expansion is bringing over two dozen hourly jobs and nearly a dozen upper managerial and engineering positions. The new facility will be utilized to store equipment such as a remelting furnace used to produce steel for the aerospace and defense industries.

Ellwood Quality Steels' continuous development should assure that the growth of the steel industry will remain strong in Lawrence County!

Steelite International Expands its Innovative Facility!

Steelite International USA Inc. of Neshannock Township continues to lead the global market with the manufacturing of its top-of-the-line tableware. That's why I was extremely pleased that my colleagues and I were able to secure \$1.5 million in state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant funding toward its multi-million-dollar expansion.

The 52,000-square-foot expansion to Steelite's distribution facility will double its current warehouse space, expand loading/shipping docks, and allow for continued growth at the Millennium Industrial Park facility. Steelite and its over 100 employees are renowned worldwide for their products!



Steelite groundbreaking ceremony for their expansion in Neshannock Township.

Putting People First in Response to the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

The heroin and opioid epidemic has affected Pennsylvanians from every walk of life, regardless of income level, ethnicity or age. The extent of the crisis isn't confined to just the people who fall victim to addiction or overdose, but to the family members, neighbors, colleagues and friends who witness the devastation.

Every day in Pennsylvania, at least 10 citizens die from a heroin or opioid overdose. The PA Department of Health has found that more Pennsylvanians die from opioid overdoses than from fatal vehicle accidents.

There's no doubt Pennsylvania has a heroin and opioid epidemic. The current budget includes funding designated to put people first in combating the opioid epidemic, including:

- An additional \$4.5 million to provide home visiting services to approximately 800 families affected by substance use disorder.
- A \$26.5 million federal funding grant to support existing efforts and expand access to treatment services.
- PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs funding to continue to provide grants to county authorities across the state to implement and expand access to substance use disorder treatment, prevention and education programs.

If you or someone you know is battling a prescription drug or heroin addiction, call the state's 24/7 helpline, 1-800-662-HELP (4357), for information about treatment resources. Your call will be completely confidential. You can also visit www.dhs.pa.gov for more information about available treatment services.



At Bessemer Fireman's Festival.



It was great catching up at the Union Band Alumni Reunion.



I was honored to participate in Mahoningtown Community Day.

Sign Up for Email Updates

I want to alert you of a House rule that limits when I can contact you leading up to an election. Unless you specifically opt in to continue receiving my emails, I'm prohibited from sending you legislative email updates for 60 days before the 2018 general election.

Opting in will allow you to continue to receive notices about important issues that matter to you, including:

- Updates on legislation;
- News and events in the district; and
- Other relevant government-related information.

You can sign up to receive my email alerts – and opt in to continue to receive them around elections – by visiting my website at www.pahouse.com/Sainato, clicking the “Stay up to date” box on the right side of the page, filling out the form and leaving the box checked.

Investing in School Safety

Ensuring the safety of our community's children and the security of our schools remain ever-important issues for me. Far too many families across our nation continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones because of senseless school violence.

A new law establishes the School Security and Safety Program, a \$60 million grant funding program to provide assistance to school districts across the commonwealth as they assess safety procedures and work on areas of improvement in their schools.

As schools across the commonwealth construct effective safety strategies this grant program provides flexibility for how schools will use their allotted grant money. The options are wide ranging, including metal detectors, school counselors, entranceway security improvements, school resource officers and many more. Any school that applies for this grant program is guaranteed to receive a minimum \$25,000 for safety efforts. **More details will be forthcoming; visit www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety to learn more.** I look forward to working with district officials in our area to ensure our schools receive appropriate funding to keep our students, teachers and faculty members safe each and every day.

Safe 2 Say Program

The law also establishes an anonymous tip line known as the Safe 2 Say Program. The program will allow students, teachers and others to anonymously report any concerns or suspicious activity they see without any fear of retaliation. The tip line will then work with local and state police departments to address these concerns. States across the country have similar programs in place, so I am glad to see Pennsylvania is getting on board.

We must continue to work diligently to help prevent any future losses in our school communities. The funding and programs put in place are a step in the right direction.

Protect Your Identity

Nine million Americans have their identity stolen each year and the problem continues to grow. Protect yourself by using these tips to help prevent identity theft:

- Keep your credit card in sight when it's being charged.
- Report all lost or stolen cards immediately to the credit card company, the three credit bureaus and your local police department.
- Save and match credit card receipts with monthly statements. Check online accounts daily if possible.
- Shred unwanted documents with personal information, including pre-approvals for credit cards received in the mail and bills with account numbers.
- Cancel unused credit cards and charge accounts. Destroy all old cards you no longer use. Cut them so that the number is unrecognizable.
- Don't leave receipts behind at ATMs, on counters, at financial institutions, in trash receptacles, or at gasoline pumps.
- Memorize PIN numbers and cover the keypad with your free hand to prevent shoulder surfing. Use different PIN numbers for each account if possible.
- Beware of mail, telephone or email solicitations offering prizes, especially if personal information is requested.
- Do not provide information in response to emails requesting updated account information. Financial institutions will never request personal information via email.
- Install and keep anti-virus and spyware software updated.
- When Internet shopping, make sure the company is reputable and displays an approved security symbol. Log out of the site when finished.



Good food and fun were enjoyed by those who attended the Duca Deli Abruzzi Picnic.



I spent time visiting with those who organized the Festival of the Trees at Neshannock Elementary School.



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It was a great event and gathering at the Shenango Community Education Foundation's annual 5k Fundraiser.



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- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
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- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
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- Consumer complaints
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