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Rep. Summer Lee

January 17 | Braddock

Wage Growth

Rep. Summer Lee hosted her public hearing at Unity Baptist Church to discuss wage growth in Pennsylvania. The committee and testifiers discussed increasing the minimum wage, establishing a living wage, and how wage boards can help create truly fair wages for all workers.



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Rep. Sara Innamorato

January 18 | Pittsburgh

Enhancing Neighborhoods

Rep. Sara Innamorato brought the committee to New Sun Rising for a discussion about how government and businesses can work together to enhance neighborhoods and ensure all residents benefit from development coming to their communities. Attendees heard about the needs of local entrepreneurs and nonprofits, Main Street businesses and community development organizations. There also was a focus on how to keep gentrification from pushing residents and business owners out of their homes and neighborhoods.



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Rep. Mary Isaacson
January 22 | Philadelphia
Childhood Blood Test Act

Rep. Mary Isaacson’s hearing at the National Constitution Center focused on her House Bill 79 (Childhood Blood Lead Test Act), which would require mandatory childhood blood lead testing at ages 1 and 2. Isaacson said the legislation is needed because Pennsylvania is the second-worst state in terms of childhood lead exposure. Early testing would identify and prevent harmful health and behavioral complications.



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Rep. Chris Rabb

January 23 | Philadelphia

100% Fair School Funding

Held at the Eleanor C. Emlen School, Rep. Chris Rabb's hearing covered the moral implications and practical solutions to addressing Pennsylvania's ranking as the worst state in the U.S. on public education funding equity. He was joined by state legislators from across the state, many of whom are advocates for a fair and equitable funding formula.



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Rep. Greg Vitali

January 24 | Haverford

Methane and Climate Change

Rep. Greg Vitali hosted a hearing at the Haverford Township Building to discuss the impact of methane leakage from Pennsylvania’s oil and gas industry on climate change. The hearing explored ways that methane affects climate change and how Pennsylvania can better monitor methane leakage from the oil and gas industry.



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Rep. Carol Hill-Evans

January 31 | York

Importance of Apprenticeship Partnerships

Rep. Carol Hill-Evans' hearing at the York City School District Administration Building focused on the importance of apprenticeship program partnerships with career technical education and workforce development.



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