



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**MIKE ZABEL**  
163<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
SPRING 2019

## *DEAR NEIGHBOR,*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state representative and your voice in Harrisburg. Since this is the first edition of my newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I grew up right here in Delaware County as the oldest of six children. After attending St. Denis School and St. Joseph's Prep, I continued my education at the College of Holy Cross for my undergraduate degree, the University of Indiana for my master's degree, and Temple Law School.

Before my election to the General Assembly, I served as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia and as a teacher at the middle school, high school and college levels. I have also worked as an attorney in private practice. I now live in Drexel Hill with my wife, Lauren,

My office sends weekly e-newsletters containing legislative updates, highlighting local events and providing you with valuable information. In an effort to conserve paper and reduce cost, we will be limiting the amount of paper newsletters that we send.

Please sign up to receive e-newsletters on my website:

**[www.pahouse.com/Zabel](http://www.pahouse.com/Zabel)**

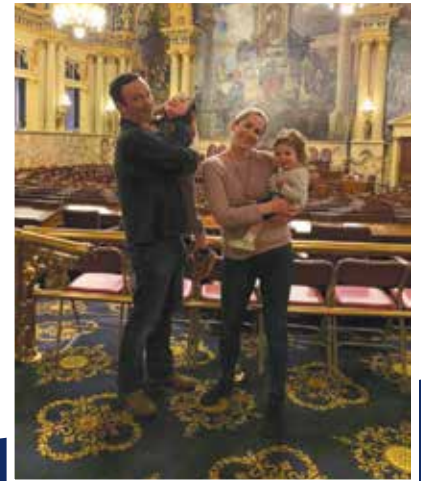
and our two children. I ran for office because I believe that Pennsylvania is a great place to live, work and raise a family but that there is still room to grow. I am committed to fighting for full and fair education funding, protecting our environment and green spaces, supporting common sense gun safety reform and ensuring justice for all.

I am working hard for you in Harrisburg to make sure that your voice is heard in our state government. My district office staff is available to answer your questions and help you access state resources and support. I hope you'll join us at our upcoming events to learn about what we're doing.

I am honored to serve you and I look forward to seeing you in the district!

Sincerely,

Mike Zabel



**District Office:** 5248 Township Line Rd. • Drexel Hill, PA 19026 • P: (484) 200-8262 • F: (484) 200-8273 • Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Mobile Office:** Aldan American Legion Memorial Post 1000 • 106 Bonsall Ave. Aldan, PA 19018

*Every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (No Appointment Necessary)*

**Capitol Office:** 117 B East Wing • P.O. Box 202163 • Harrisburg, PA 17120-2163 • P: (717) 783-8099 • F: (717) 772-9947

RepZabel@pahouse.net • [www.pahouse.com/Zabel](http://www.pahouse.com/Zabel) • [www.facebook.com/RepZabel](https://www.facebook.com/RepZabel) • @RepZabel

# MIKE IN THE COMMUNITY



*I visited Saint Andrew's School in Drexel Hill for their first MLK Day of Service. Students worked on projects that benefited their favorite causes. We were also joined by the Upper Darby Police Department.*



*As part of Read Across America Day in March, it was my privilege to read some Dr. Seuss with the wonderful students of Manoa Elementary School.*



*I visited the Lansdowne YMCA in Upper Darby to learn about their multitude of high quality, community-oriented programs.*

*We discussed the importance of funding early childhood education, pre-school, childcare programs, and summer day camps for school-age children, as well as supporting seniors and families with a focus on community health and diversity/inclusion efforts.*

## Constituent Services



My office has mobile office hours at American Legion Memorial Post 1000 in Aldan between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. every Wednesday. We will be happy to help you with any state government-related matter. Please stop by!



*I had the honor of standing on the steps of the Delaware County Courthouse with Second Time Around Parents. STAP is a group of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren due to the effects of the opioid crisis.*



*Thanks to everyone who came up to our table at Clifton Heights PAL's annual Community Day. I was honored to throw the first pitch to kickoff Opening Day.*



*I joined Aldan Elementary School for the kickoff of their MLK, Jr. used book/indoor game drive.*





Our office now offers  
**FREE Apprise Counseling**  
for individuals:

- New to Medicare
- During Open Enrollment
- During Medicare's Annual Disenrollment
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D)
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap)
- Medicaid

To schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor:

Phone: 484-200-8262

or

Email: RepZabel@PAHouse.net



## APPRISE Appointments

Pennsylvania offers a free health insurance counseling program (APPRISE) designed to help older Pennsylvanians with Medicare. Counselors are specially trained staff and volunteers who can answer your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicaid, and Long-Term Care Insurance. Call (484) 200-8262 to schedule an appointment in my office with an APPRISE volunteer.

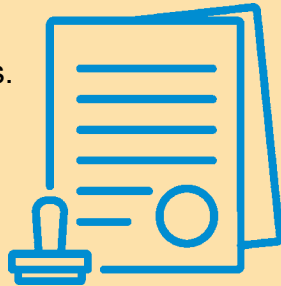
## Property Tax/ Rent Rebate

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits Pennsylvanians 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities 18 older. Income limits apply. The maximum standard rebate is \$650 but supplemental rebates can boost that amount to \$975. Visit my office to fill out the necessary applications or for any questions about the program.



## Free Notary Services

My office is now offering free notary services for state related documents. Please call us if you have questions about what documents can be notarized in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer you this service!

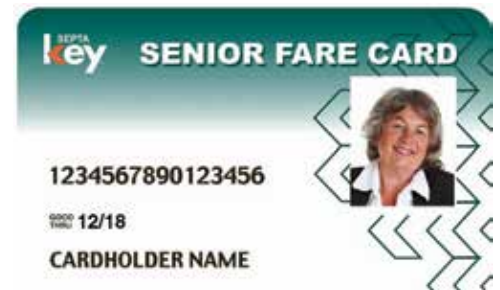


## SEPTA Key Card Information

Skip the line and visit my office for your FREE SEPTA Key Senior ID Card.

Seniors 65 and older are eligible to travel for free on all SEPTA services lines within PA. My district office can process applications and take photos for the SEPTA Key Senior ID Card. Applicants must present a form of valid ID with a date of birth on it, such as a Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver ID, U.S. Passport, or birth certificate.

Seniors must obtain a SEPTA Key Senior ID Card to ride for free – paper reduced transit fare cards and Medicare cards are no longer accepted. However, Valid PA driver's licenses issued before July 2017 will be accepted until they need be renewed.



More information about the SEPTA Key Senior ID Card is available on SEPTA's website.

# Caring For The Community

Darby Creek runs through the heart of the 163rd District, and I am committed to protecting it. In April, I attended the Darby Creek Valley Association's annual cleanup event where I was inspired to jump in feet first (literally) and help retrieve a door that someone had dumped into a deep part of the creek.



Left: My office held a Darby Creek Clean-Up event in March to beautify one of the most natural sites in the 163rd District.



Above: I teamed up with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to help stock over 3500 trout in Darby Creek. Happy fishing to all the anglers!

Left: I participated in a clean-up at Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, along with residents of Delaware County. Thanks to everyone who braved the rain and joined us!

## REAL IDs in Pennsylvania

Beginning October 1, 2020, a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card, or a U.S. Passport or Military ID, will be necessary to board a domestic flight or enter a federal facility. A REAL ID license has enhanced security features required by federal law. REAL IDs are now available from PennDOT.

My district office can help obtain a certified copy of a Pennsylvania birth certificate. Sending an application through my office is the fastest way to apply for a birth certificate.

More information about REAL ID can be found at <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID/>.



Thanks to everyone who attended my REAL ID town hall in April! If you missed it but would like to learn more about REAL ID, please contact my office.

**To get a REAL ID in Pennsylvania**

**You Will Need:**

**Choose 1 Proof of Identity:**

- Certificate of Birth
- Valid Passport

**+ Your Social Security Card**

**+ Choose 2 Acceptable Proofs of PA Residency:**

- Current PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Current PA Vehicle Registration
- Proof of Insurance
- Bank Statement (no more than 90 days old)
- W-2 Form or Pay Stub
- Tax Returns
- Lease Agreement or Mortgage Documents

AND Proof of all Legal Name Changes (if applicable)

- Certified Marriage Certificate



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

*I want to provide you with updates on legislation that I'm working on in Harrisburg.*

**Restore Pennsylvania:** I'm proud to support Governor Wolf's major new infrastructure initiative. It will be funded by a long overdue, commonsense severance tax on natural gas drilling, and will invest \$4.5 billion over the next four years in significant, high-impact projects throughout the commonwealth to help catapult Pennsylvania ahead of every state in the country in terms of technology, development, and infrastructure.

**Electronic Recycling:** Everyone is excited to get the latest cell phone or flat-screen TV, but we don't often think about how our old electronics are filling our landfills with dangerous chemicals and metals. I am introducing legislation that will make it easier to recycle our electronics and reduce the toxicity in our waste stream. It's part of a package of bills called "Zero Waste PA" that my colleagues and I are working on to address waste, litter, and the various environmental harms caused by a "throwaway" society.

**Justice for Crime Victims:** Court-ordered restitution helps a crime victim regain any financial losses they suffered due to the crime and work towards a sense of closure. I am introducing legislation that will eliminate gaps in the law that negatively affect crime victims' likelihood of receiving the restitution owed to them.

## **Banning "Ghost Gun"**

**Parts:** I'm introducing legislation that would close the loopholes that allow the purchase, sale, and production of untraceable gun parts. Nearly 20% of guns used by mass shooters and 40-60% of those used in other crimes are illegally acquired. Firearms such as the AR-15 can be made using parts that do not require a background check or the paperwork to identify the purchaser or firearm. These ghost guns need to be kept out the hands of the wrong people.

**Ending Illegal Handgun Trafficking:** Every year, hundreds of thousands of guns are trafficked throughout the country by way of the Iron Pipeline, a system of states with weak gun laws that allow people to amass enough guns through straw purchases. I've introduced legislation that will make it much more difficult for handgun traffickers to make straw purchases in Pennsylvania.

# Committees

I sit on three House committees:

- **Judiciary**
- **Commerce**
- **Environmental Resources & Energy**

These committees allow me to work on issues that matter to residents of the 163rd District.



## Upcoming Events in the District

### Information Session

about the upcoming referendum on a potential liquor license at Aldan Giant

**Thursday, May 16  
6 p.m.**

Aldan Elementary School

*Come learn about what a liquor license for the Aldan Giant means for our community.*

### Job Fair

**Thursday, May 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Clifton Heights Fire Company Hall

*Bring copies of your resume and talk with employers about open positions within their companies.*

### Car Seat Safety Check

**Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Drexel Hill Middle School Parking Lot

*Make sure your car seats are safe and ready for your summer road trip.*

### Veterans Luncheon

**Thursday, June 6, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Clifton Heights Fire Company Hall

*All veterans are invited to join us for lunch as a thank you for their sacrifice and bravery.*

*Please call (484) 200-8262 to RSVP.*

### Property Tax/Rent Rebate application assistance

**June 13 & 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Clifton Heights Municipal Building

**June 20 & 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Haverford YMCA

*Assistance from staff filling out your property tax/rent rebate forms.*



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**MIKE ZABEL**  
163<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

5248 Township Line Rd.  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

(484) 200-8262

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
HARRISBURG, PA  
PERMIT NO. 529

lpo.km.0519

## *Stay up to date with Rep. Zabel*

Join my email list to receive weekly updates from me, including legislation updates, event announcements, state and local programs and services and more. You can sign up on my website at:

**[www.pahouse.com/Zabel](http://www.pahouse.com/Zabel)**

You can also follow me on social media. I provide regular updates on what's going on in Harrisburg and right here in Delaware County.

**[www.facebook.com/RepZabel](http://www.facebook.com/RepZabel)**



**[RepZabel@pahouse.net](mailto:RepZabel@pahouse.net)**

 **[@RepZabel](https://twitter.com/RepZabel)**

## Ways my district office can serve you:

- Process applications for birth and death certificates
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Print out federal tax forms whenever possible
- Provide you with and help you fill out Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- Process SEPTA Key Senior ID card applications for those 65 and older
- Help you find and claim unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasury
- Notarize and process applications for Disability Parking Plates and Placards
- Field questions or complaints about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Explain the REAL ID application process
- Field questions or handle problems concerning PennDOT, including complaints about road conditions
- Notarize any state form for free
- Assist you with unemployment compensation questions or problems
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Provide you with any state form or brochure
- Send state forms for you to their appropriate departments in Harrisburg to expedite their processing
- Schedule tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Answer questions about proposed legislation