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SERVING THE COMMUNITY



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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful fall season. I am writing to update you on the great things happening in Harrisburg and around the 191st Legislative District. As your state representative, I am both humbled and grateful to serve you and keep you well informed on state matters.

In this newsletter, you will find a recap of how hard we have been working on your behalf. This includes securing funding for the Cobbs Creek playground; partnering with Governor Tom Wolf to combat the epidemic of gun violence in our community; as well as hosting numerous legislative events to celebrate with and provide direct services to our constituents. As you may know, my legislative office relocated to 52 South 60th Street (60th and Chestnut). Please visit our office to see how my staff and I can serve you!

Sincerely,

Joanna E. McClinton
State Representative
191st Legislative District

WORKING TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES

It breaks my heart that mass shootings have become a daily occurrence in our communities and across the nation. As a legislator, protecting vulnerable Pennsylvanians is my top priority, so I was glad to support Governor Wolf's executive order on combatting gun violence. The order calls for (1) new oversight and data sharing, (2) reducing community gun violence, (3) combatting mass shootings, and (4) addressing the rising number of gun-related domestic incidents and self-inflicted shootings, including suicides by gun. This executive order is a big step in our fight against gun violence, but it can only accomplish so much. My colleagues in the House and our counterparts in the Senate must work to pass commonsense gun legislation.



191ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL

At the beginning of the year, I made a renewed commitment to the youth in our community. I hosted town hall meetings with every high school in the district (Penn Wood, Motivation, Sayre, and Bartram High School). The only item on the agenda was to listen to our youth and connect them with mentorship opportunities. Pictured to the right are youth from the N.O.M.O. Summer Camp at a STEM Summit.



Reform Probation Now!

There are so many people who have served their time and are now working to become upstanding citizens for their families and their communities, but they're one small step away from landing back in jail.

People trying to change for the good deserve better. Therefore, I am proud to support House Bill 1555, a probation reform bill being considered in the House. This bill will ensure people are not trapped perpetually in endless supervision, wasting resources and impeding on freedom.



\$250,000 to Cobbs Creek

On Sept. 17, I was pleased to announce a \$250,000 state grant to provide needed updates and create a safer environment at the Cobbs Creek playground. The grant was approved through the state's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program.

The grant funding will be used to install six new lights and eight cameras to provide a safer experience for park visitors. There are also plans to install new play and exercise equipment, as well as develop a new nature play space in the park's surrounding wooded area.

The Cobbs Creek playground provides a fun multigenerational space for visitors and residents to play, exercise and congregate, which is crucial in maintaining a robust community. This funding will help build on that strong foundation by creating a safer recreational environment that everyone can enjoy, day or evening, in the years to come.

End Prison Gerrymandering!

With the 2020 census around the corner, everyone must be counted fairly, regardless of their race, gender, socioeconomic status or residence. We cannot let prison gerrymandering strip our communities of critical resources they need to move forward.

That is why I am advocating for House Bill 940, which would require Pennsylvania to count incarcerated individuals at their last residential address for the purpose of congressional and legislative redistricting, instead of using the address of the prison location.



\$50,000 to Bartram's Garden Sankofa Community Farm

I am so proud that John Bartram's Garden Association was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the state's first ever Urban Agriculture Grants program.

The grant funding will be used to purchase raised beds, tools and refrigeration equipment for the Sankofa Community Farm. For 10 years, Sankofa Community Farm has been helping the community by providing fresh produce that is locally cultivated by Southwest Philly teens. Sankofa's values of teaching local youth self-sustainability through agriculture aligns with the grant program's purpose of providing opportunities for entrepreneurship and community-building.

In October, I hosted Governor Wolf on an exclusive tour of the Sankofa Community Farm to celebrate the importance of supporting agriculture in urban communities and demonstrate how beneficial these inaugural grants are in supporting agricultural initiatives in urban areas like Southwest Philly, where some neighborhoods are food deserts.



60th Street Community Summer Jam

We were thrilled to host over 1,200 neighbors and provide family friendly activities while promoting healthy lifestyles to our neighbors in West Philly. Thanks to Philadelphia area entertainers for joining us, as well as more than 50 exhibitors that were present. I was also able to express appreciation to some of our most active community leaders including Billy Smith, Kayzaar Abdul, Doris Robinson, Siddiq Moore and Marla Oliver.



SENIOR APPRECIATION FAIR

I was glad to welcome more than 400 of my wisest neighbors at our annual Healthy from Head-to-Toe Senior Appreciation Fair. Together, we danced, sang, exercised and enjoyed high-quality health and wellness resources from various organizations.



Fall Festival

It was such a joy partnering with The Common Place, Rep. Jordan Harris, and the 12th Police District to celebrate the fall season with children and families in Southwest Philly. Children dressed up in their favorite costumes and were treated to candy, family-friendly activities, food and refreshments.



DELCO Back to School

I was thrilled to provide more than 350 children with supplies and book bags to start the school year strong. Students also received free haircuts and styles from local businesses. Pictured here are Darby Borough Council Members Jennifer Parks, Darren Burrell and Tax Collector Jillian Theorgood. With our young people in line to become the next generation of leaders, I was pleased to host this event as an opportunity to ensure they had the resources to become successful in their educational journey.



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VISIT TO SCI CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS

In August, I traveled 400 miles to speak to incarcerated women at SCI Cambridge in northwestern Pennsylvania about how my colleagues and I can ensure they are treated with dignity, have access to justice and are included in our criminal justice reform efforts.



HOOKED ON HEALTH

Proud to co-sponsor Neighborhoods United Against Drugs Community Health Fair at the beautiful Bartram's Garden!



CENSUS TOWNHALL WITH CONGRESSWOMAN MARY GAY SCANLON AND DELTA SIGMA THETA, INC.



A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION



SOUTHWEST PRIDE DAY HOSTED BY 12TH DISTRICT POLICE OF PHILADELPHIA



YOUTH VISIT TO THE CAPITOL



HONORING OUR VETERANS AT MY ANNUAL VETERANS EXPO!

How do you say thank you to people who were willing to sacrifice their lives for your freedom? Words aren't enough. That's why I host an annual Veterans Expo to show our veterans that no matter how many years have passed since they returned home or since they last wore their service uniform, I will never forget what they gave. This year, I was proud to honor 37 veterans, including a World War II veteran, a Korean War veteran and veterans who served in the Vietnam, Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Thanks to this year's event sponsors and local partners, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Minority Veterans and others, veterans received information about their benefits and key health and wellness resources.



"ONE JOB SHOULD BE ENOUGH" MINIMUM WAGE RALLY

As of this writing, the Senate has passed a minimum wage bill out of committee. Like I did back in July when I marched through Philadelphia with my colleagues in support of a minimum wage hike, I'm still standing firm in urging my colleagues in the Senate and the House to raise the minimum wage! We must empower Pennsylvanians – especially those who are working but impoverished because the wage they earn doesn't reflect their worth – to invest in themselves without being forced to work multiple jobs to make ends meet.



END PERIOD POVERTY

Too many women and girls across PA don't have access to menstrual products – especially those who are incarcerated. I proudly rallied for legislation that would provide no-cost tampons and pads in public spaces, schools and universities. We must work to end period poverty and stop punishing women for being women.



MUSLIM CAPITOL DAY

Proud to introduce the first Muslim woman elected to the General Assembly, Representative Movita Johnson-Harrell - and leadership from the Council of American Islamic Relations, Salima Suswell.



PROUD TO WELCOME MY INTERNS TO HARRISBURG!

I wholeheartedly believe that we must invest in our young people and provide them pathways to realize their potential so they can become effective leaders for their generation. For that reason, I was proud and excited to bring my interns to Harrisburg and to invite them to stand on the House floor alongside me. If you know a student looking for an internship, please contact me at RepMcClinton@pahouse.net.



From left to right, Kaminah Oakes, attending Temple University; Rouguiatou Sall, attending University of Pennsylvania; Taylor Adams, attending Community College of Philadelphia; and Sybria Deveaux, attending John Bartram High School.



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Home Heating Assistance Available

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is accepting applications from those who need help heating their homes this winter. Applications will be accepted now through April 10, 2020.

LIHEAP offers cash grants to help with home heating bills and crisis grants to help in emergency situations like a broken furnace or unexpected fuel shortage.

For questions or to apply, contact my office.



**2019-2020
INCOME GUIDELINES**
for homeowners and renters

Apply Online
Today

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145
9	\$71,775
10	\$78,405

EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON: ADD \$6,630

Celebrate the Season with Seniors:
**HOLIDAY HEALTH &
FITNESS EXPO**

**Thursday, Dec. 19
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Motivation High School
5900 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia**
(Entrance through the school yard on the
59th Street side)

- ▶ Holiday lunch will be served
- ▶ Health and Wellness Vendors
- ▶ Exercise Class, line dancing and door prizes
- ▶ Health Screenings
- ▶ Entertainment

