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LEADING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Burns votes to end shutdown

Supporting the hardworking people of Cambria County, Rep. Frank Burns voted to reopen businesses and restart the economy by terminating the governor's disaster declaration.

"I hear every day from workers and business owners who just want to be able to get back to work so they can provide for their families. These are not large box stores, but the mom and pop businesses that are the backbone of our communities," Burns said. "Recently, the governor felt it was safe enough to march with a large crowd of protestors – but it's not okay to visit a locally owned barber? He himself has admitted his own policies are inconsistent with his actions. It's time to end this shutdown and let people get back to work before it's too late."

"We cannot wait for a vaccine in order to allow Pennsylvanians to get on with their lives," Burns said. "Pennsylvania's coronavirus cases peaked three months ago. And while we need to remain cautious and safe, we have to allow local business owners and their employees to be able to provide for their families."

Burns voted 28 times to reopen businesses

Experiencing firsthand how local small-business owners are suffering under the heavy hand of the governor, Rep. Burns joined a bipartisan coalition voting to allow numerous industries to reopen, including vehicle dealers, lawn and garden centers, cosmetologists, salons, barber shops, messenger and agent services, animal grooming services, manufacturing operations and the real estate industry.

"The governor's policies, while well intended, have had a disastrous effect on many of our local businesses," Burns said. "Our local business owners don't want to spread the coronavirus – they simply want to put food on the table and let their employees do the same."

"As the son of small-business owners, I was raised to always stand up for the little guy, and I haven't forgotten where I come from or who I represent," Burns said. "This wasn't about politics; it's about doing what's right."



Burns even voted to override Wolf's veto

Continuing to stand up for Cambria County residents, Rep. Frank Burns voted to override Gov. Wolf's veto of a bill that would have allowed numerous industries to reopen in a safe manner. "We have flattened the curve. We have slowed the spread of the virus. Now we have to act before we destroy our economy," Burns said.

"We need to make sure families can put food on the table, and we need to stop pretending that big-box retailers like Walmart are somehow safer than our local family-owned local businesses. We can be safe, and we can allow family-sustaining businesses to voluntarily reopen if they choose to do so. It's time to move forward and to restore the American Dream – before it's too late."

Burns votes to stop stimulus checks from being taxed

Continuing his efforts to protect the taxpayers of Cambria County, Rep. Frank Burns co-sponsored a bill to keep state and local governments out of people's pockets by prohibiting the state and local taxation of federal stimulus checks AND Paycheck Protection Program loans. Burns also voted for the measure when it came up for a vote.

"At a time when so many people are hurting and every dollar counts, it boggles my mind that federal stimulus checks would be subject to state and local taxation," Burns said. "This money is critical to help families support themselves through this crisis and I will not allow a bureaucrat to dip their hands even further into our families' pockets. It's time for the state to do the right thing – and exempt these payments from taxes".



"As a fiscally conservative lawmaker, I believe we need to do more to protect the taxpayers during these difficult times."

- Rep. Frank Burns



Cambria County nets more than \$16.6 million in COVID grants

Thanks to bills Rep. Burns voted to pass, more than \$16.6 million in federal funding is coming to Cambria County. Burns was also instrumental in expanding and enacting a new law to provide fire and EMS companies statewide with more than \$30 million in one-time emergency grants to help them during the pandemic.

Other grants coming to Cambria:

- \$11.75 million from the federal COVID Relief County Block Grant to offset costs of responding to the virus, to help small businesses and to expand broadband access.
- \$4.4 million to county school districts from the U.S. Department of Education to help schools respond to COVID impacts.
- \$400,000 in emergency funding to the county and several municipalities under the CARES Act.
- \$96,000 in federal funding to help police respond to the coronavirus crisis.

These grants are in addition to the more than \$200 million Burns has brought back to the district since he took office.

Burns calls out Gov. Wolf's double standard

Rep. Frank Burns called on Gov. Tom Wolf to allow all businesses – regardless of size – to offer curbside pickup and delivery following established safety protocols.

“It’s audacious for this administration to say it’s OK for state-owned liquor stores to open for curbside pickup, but it’s still too dangerous for mom-and-pop businesses to do the same,” Burns said. “If it’s safe enough for liquor stores, it should be safe enough for every other business to offer curbside pickup.”



Burns said transparency was key to addressing crisis

Calling out the governor to make sure Cambria County wasn’t ignored or cheated was just one action Rep. Frank Burns took during the early days of the coronavirus pandemic.

Burns was one of the early advocates for releasing critical details about the state’s response to the pandemic – details that the governor and Department of Health eventually began to offer as the media and public clamored for more information.

“The governor thinks we should follow the lead of surrounding states when it comes to raising the minimum

wage, but not when it comes to informing the public of the spread and containment success of a health pandemic that threatens the lives of Pennsylvanians?” Burns said. “If this isn’t a public health concern, what is?”

Burns pointed to other states where health officials released details about the evolving crisis. People look to state government for leadership in times of crisis – and leadership includes full transparency on the scope of the problem. That’s why transparency and honesty are so important, he said.





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"The governor opened private campgrounds and golf clubs, but inexplicably excluded outdoor clubs and shooting ranges," Burns said. "If golf clubs and driving ranges can operate safely, so can sportsmen clubs and shooting ranges, where it's easy to maintain social distancing measures."

Under the bill, sportsmen's clubs, hunting facilities, shooting ranges, and firearms and ammunition dealers and sellers would be classified as essential businesses, thereby precluding them from being shuttered during a disaster or emergency.

This bill would prevent any governor from using an emergency declaration to stop the sale of firearms and ammunition.

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**“I will NEVER
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