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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I hope that you are well!

From the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the many challenges that have come with it, to the journey toward real change in policing in Pennsylvania as a response to police brutality issues across the country, so much has happened since the spring.

I want to share with you some legislative updates, as well as information about services that I hope you will find useful.

If you have questions about anything you read here, or any questions about state government-related services or programs, please reach out to me and my staff and we will be happy to help however we can.

I want you to know that while much uncertainty with regard to COVID-19 remains, you are not facing the pandemic alone. My staff and I are here to help in every way possible, whether that's connecting you to a service you need or by simply showing you how important it is to maintain social distancing and wear a mask in public.

If you need our help, you can reach my district office at 215-724-2227 for help over the phone or to schedule an appointment if you need to see us in person for assistance. You're also welcome to reach out by email, RepRoebuck@pahouse.com.

Stay well, neighbor!

Sincerely,

Rep. Jim Roebuck

My mask

**Protects
you**



Your mask

**Protects
me**



Please, continue to mask up, Philly!

We all want to get back to the way life was before the COVID-19 pandemic. While life for many people, including those who have lost loved ones to this virus, will never be the same, we can defeat this virus by stopping its spread.

One of the easiest and most effective ways to stop COVID-19 is to wear a mask every time you're in public. Make sure your mask or face covering covers your entire mouth and nose. Doing so will dramatically lessen the spread of germs.

We can all get through this if everyone does their part.

Do you need help paying your rent, home heating bill, etc.?

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many state programs have been expanded or extended to help people in need. For example, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application deadline has been extended until the end of the year.

If you need help navigating which services might be helpful for you, please reach out to my district office at 215-724-2227.



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Progress on police reform

In July, I ventured to Harrisburg to watch Gov. Tom Wolf sign long-overdue police reform measures into law. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black men and women at the hands of police are tragic, but the reality is that for too long, policing has not been administered equitably, especially within the Black community.

The newly enacted reforms will move us in the right direction toward a better, more just justice system. Much work remains, but this is a strong beginning.



2020-21 State Budget Update

To help Pennsylvanians who are hurting the most because of COVID-19, we passed an interim state budget in May that will fund most obligations through November.

Our plan is to revisit the budget this fall to focus on the remaining obligations.

The interim budget we passed in May included billions in federal funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, to go toward coronavirus relief efforts, as well as to programs to help combat food insecurity and to provide grants to small businesses.



REAL ID deadline extended

Not everyone needs a REAL ID. But those who do now have more time to get one. If you have questions about REAL ID, you can learn more from the PennDOT website or by calling my office at 215-724-2227.

The federal REAL ID Act has been extended in Pennsylvania until October 1, 2021

The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together:

- ✓ Proof of identity
- ✓ Proof of Social Security number
- ✓ Two current, physical proofs of PA residency
- ✓ Proof of all legal name changes



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