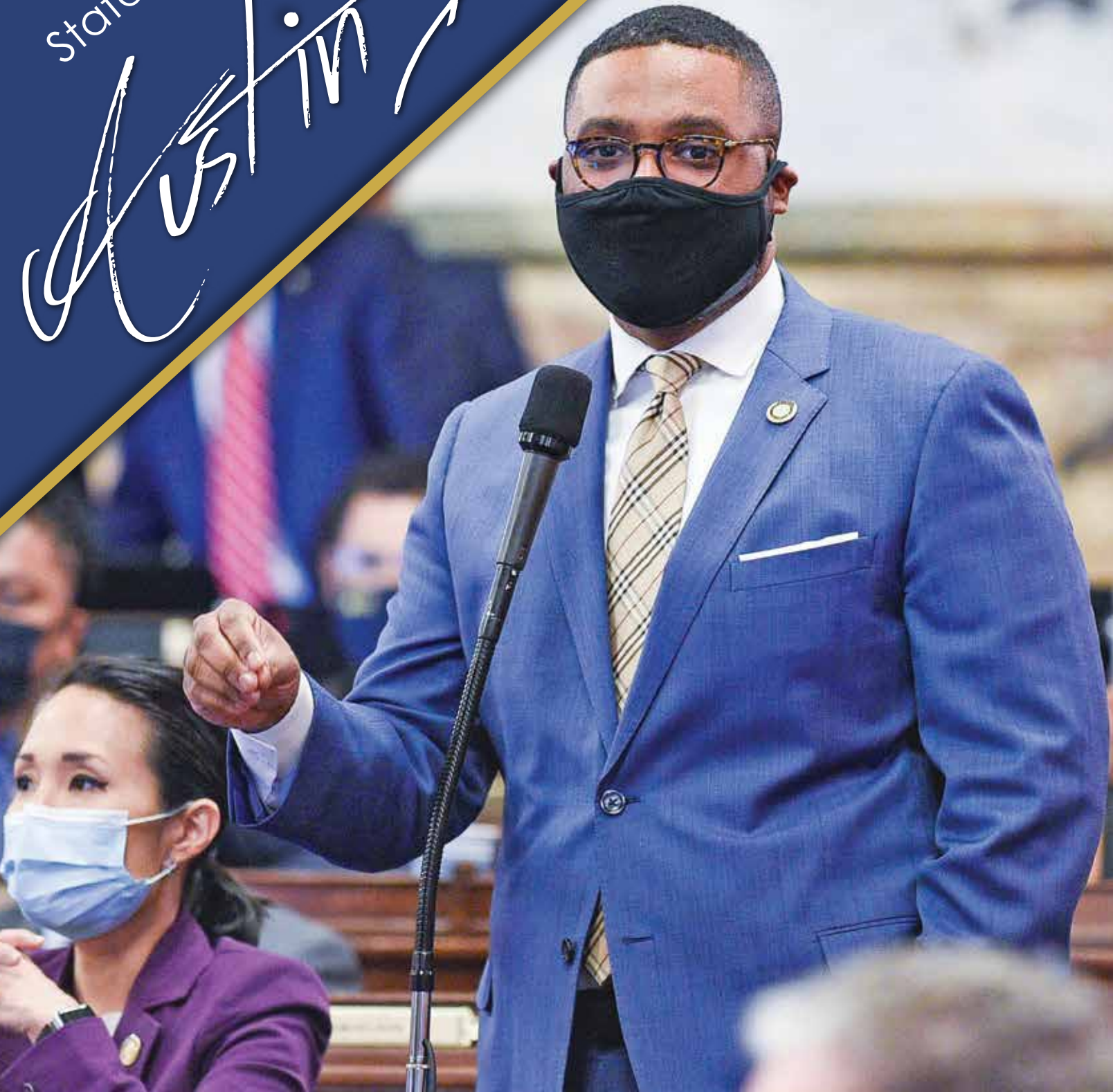


State Representative

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Dear Neighbor,

As January of the new year comes to an end, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well. 2021 was a year filled with overcoming hardships, making accomplishments, and preparing for all the work that lies ahead of us.

Throughout the year, my offices were able to continue to assist constituents with all their state-related matters, from unemployment compensation to Treasury issues. I was able to bring more than \$9.4 million in grant funding back into the 35th District to help combat blight and increase economic development in our region.

I know that there is still a lot to accomplish and I will continue to work diligently to represent you and your family both in Harrisburg and in the district. Please take this time to look through my latest newsletter to find updates on grants, redistricting, ways my office can help, and upcoming events.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent the 35th Legislative District, and always remember that my offices remain open and available to connect you with the assistance that you need.

Yours in Service,



Redistricting process: what you need to know

In December, the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted on a preliminary map of proposed legislative districts. Redistricting is the process by which the boundaries of elective districts are periodically redrawn to maintain equal representation based on population growth – to ensure that everyone's vote counts equally. Pennsylvania is divided into 50 state Senate and 203 state House of Representative seats.

Using information provided by Census data, the district maps are physically redrawn every 10 years. Both the state House of Representatives and the Senate districts are drawn by a Legislative Reapportionment Commission, as required by the Pennsylvania Constitution.

The Commission consists of five members: the four caucus floor leaders, or deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman to be selected by those members or, if they cannot reach agreement, by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The Pennsylvania Constitution requires that districts be composed of compact and contiguous territory of nearly equal population. It also stipulates that no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward should be divided unless absolutely necessary.

As of the writing of this newsletter, the district map plans are not yet final. There was an ongoing 30-day period for the public to review the plan, along with public hearings where the Commission considered feedback from Pennsylvania citizens on the proposed district map.

Learn more about the process on the Pennsylvania redistricting website at <https://www.redistricting.state.pa.us/>.



I joined my colleagues and the House Democratic Policy Committee at Kennywood over the summer to discuss the vital role that this amusement park plays in our region, along with how we can support the tourism industry in Pennsylvania.

Clairton Inn Project

In 2020, I worked with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to secure tax credits for the Clairton Inn Development in downtown Clairton. The project is a mixed-use redevelopment that restores the Historic Clairton Inn building, demolishes surrounding blighted buildings, and brings new storefronts to the area. Since securing these funds, I have watched this project come to fruition and am happy to share the following updates regarding this new housing opportunity from the Mon Valley Initiative:



Brand new apartments — available Summer 2022
49 units — 1-, 2-, and 3-bedrooms
Some units wheelchair accessible
Elevator and on-site laundry
Community room and other amenities
Housing choice vouchers accepted
Located on 55 Glassport-Clairton bus route
Convenient to: CCAC South Campus
AHN Jefferson Hospital
Route 51 & Route 837



Information
412-271-1300
www.clairtoninn.com



Davis delivers more than \$9.4 million for the Mon Valley in 2021

Part of my job as state representative is to ensure our community is getting the resources it needs from Harrisburg. I'm proud to have fought for these improvements for the Mon Valley.

REVITALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

A total of more than \$3.4 million to boost redevelopment and infrastructure projects that revitalize the Mon Valley and invest in a better future, including:

- Clairton redevelopment project
- repairs and renovations to preserve Mon Valley landmarks like the Penn McKee hotel, People's Bank Building and the Hays Mansion
- improving sidewalks and roads and alleviating flooding issues
- blight remediation in McKeesport and Versailles
- improvements for parks and opportunities for green infrastructure

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH AND VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

\$2.3 million in state funding awarded to programs aimed at reducing and preventing gun violence and substance abuse among young adults

\$2.5 million in tax credits to boost several Mon Valley projects that tackle food insecurity and support affordable and safe housing, medical care for vulnerable residents and tackle food insecurity

SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

\$164,448 in grants were awarded to 13 volunteer fire and emergency medical services companies in the Mon Valley to help rebuild following impacts to essential needs during the pandemic

EDUCATION

\$970,000 to expand access to STEM and computer science to students in underserved and underrepresented populations



It was an honor to dedicate the portion of state Route 837 in Duquesne and West Mifflin in honor of Mon Valley civil rights leader Clifton P. Pitts.



I teamed up with community partners to give away 400 free turkeys to Mon Valley families for Thanksgiving.



It was great to reconnect with folks who came out to my Drive-Thru Senior Fair in October. They were able to collect information on resources, drop off medications for safe disposal and take advantage of a flu shot provided by UPMC.

Water assistance program now open

Are you or someone you know at risk of losing water service at their home? Help is available for Pennsylvanians who need help with water bills or who may lose water service.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a new, temporary assistance program created by the American Rescue Plan Act. LIHWAP can help households that are in emergency situations maintain essential water access. Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills;
- Termination of water service; or,
- Threat of termination of water service in the next 60 days.

To qualify, applicants must meet income requirements and have a crisis situation with water service. Learn more about LIHWAP and find out if your water service is participating at www.dhs.pa.gov/waterhelp.

Apply for LIHWAP and other public assistance programs online through www.compass.state.pa.us.



Homeowner assistance fund

Pennsylvania is launching the PA Homeowner Assistance Fund. It is a housing-related program to assist homeowners facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program will provide financial assistance to homeowners for qualified mortgage and housing-related expenses to avoid delinquency, default, foreclosure, or displacement.

PAHAF will begin taking applications from eligible Pennsylvania homeowners February 1, 2022.

Visit <https://pahaf.org/> to learn more.

Are you at risk of having your water shut off?

Help is available. Learn if you qualify at:
dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp



I had the opportunity to connect the group Mothers of Murdered Sons out of Clairton with Gov. Tom Wolf to discuss the issue of gun violence and legislation that can support the families of victims.



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Ways my office can assist YOU!

- Provide COVID-19-related resources and information
- Process applications for birth and death certificates
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Notarize any state form for free
- Find unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasurer's Office
- Notarize and process applications for disability parking and placards
- Field questions or handle problems concerning PennDOT, including complaints about road conditions
- Explain the Real ID application process
- Unemployment compensation questions or problems
- Field questions or complaints about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Provide you with state forms or brochures
- Send state forms for you to the appropriate departments in Harrisburg to expedite their processing
- Answer questions about proposed legislation

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Save the date for my Spring shred event

This spring I'm hosting an event where you can safely shred old or unwanted personal documents to protect against identity theft.

April 23 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

McKeesport Area High School

1960 Eden Park Blvd. | McKeesport, PA 15132

For more information, please contact my District Office at 412-664-0035.