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Message from Rep. Burns

Everyone knows that I rise above party politics in Harrisburg because my job is representing you, not kowtowing to special interests or political leaders. When you need help, I don't ask – nor do I care – if you're Republican, Democrat or Independent.

I fight for all of you, and for Cambria County values, every single day. In Harrisburg, that includes standing up for law-abiding gun owners and the Second Amendment over criminals and the "woke" agenda, supporting voter ID to ensure the integrity of elections, and NEVER voting for a tax increase so you keep more of your hard-earned money.

I'm not afraid to fight for you back home, either. That's why you'll see me front and center, exposing and opposing the elite's self-serving agenda – like Vision 2025's secret "Human Capital Plan" to recruit Afghan refugees, the Johnstown Housing Authority's overabundance of public housing filled by Philadelphia tenants, and Johnstown officials' desire to spend up to \$8 million for a lavish redo of Central Park.

I don't look at our area through rose-colored glasses, because ignoring our realities is just plain stupid. And my definition of being "positive" starts with the \$338 million in state funding I've brought back to the district to actually improve things and solve problems, not staging an endless series of ribbon-cuttings that end up as propagandist fluff.

Sincerely,

Rep. Frank Burns

Burns advances 'American Made Jobs Plan' to bring back USA manufacturing

Underscoring his commitment to U.S. workers, Rep. Burns' plan to boost the return of long-lost manufacturing and steel jobs to Cambria County and Pennsylvania has cleared a key legislative hurdle.

His "American Made Jobs Plan" – supported by the United Steelworkers and pushed by Rep. Burns as co-chairman of the House Steel Caucus – received swift approval from the House State Government Committee and now moves toward consideration by the full House.

Rep. Burns' legislation seeks to restore manufacturing jobs by:

- Requiring use of American-made steel in all construction and repair of underground pipelines.
- Requiring use of American-made steel in any construction or repair project done by a private entity that receives taxpayer funding.

Rep. Burns authored this package with two goals in mind:

Ending our economy's heavy reliance on China and other countries; and reversing decades of unfair trade policies, driven by corporate greed and special interests, that have helped wipe out the middle class in Pennsylvania and Cambria County.

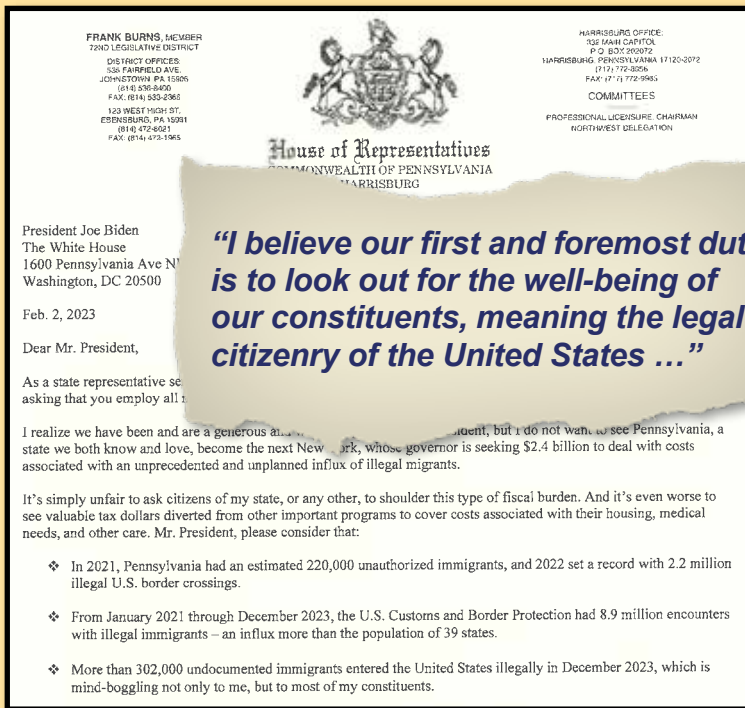
His legislation is proof that Rep. Burns isn't afraid to flex his legislative muscle in Harrisburg to level the playing field for hardworking people and key industries that were steamrolled by unfair competition.



"It's time to take bold, decisive action to bring those jobs back from China, to rebuild the middle class and make America an industrial powerhouse once again."

– Rep. Frank Burns

Burns calls on Biden to secure porous U.S. border



Not wanting to see Pennsylvania be the next state saddled with billions in migrant care costs, Rep. Burns has written President Joe Biden urging swift and effective federal action to secure the U.S.-Mexico border.

Urging Biden to “take meaningful action pronto,” Rep. Burns noted that Pennsylvania in 2021 had an estimated 220,000 unauthorized immigrants, and 2022 set a record with 2.2 million illegal U.S. border crossings.

“ I do not want to see Pennsylvania ... become the next New York, whose governor is seeking \$2.4 billion to deal with costs associated with an unprecedented and unplanned influx of illegal migrants. ”

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Staking out an independent position not popular with many Democrats, Burns wrote, “It’s simply unfair to ask citizens of my state, or any other, to shoulder this type of fiscal burden. And it’s even worse to see valuable tax dollars diverted from other important programs to cover costs associated with their housing, medical needs, and other care.”

Burns wants to END ‘sanctuary cities’ in Pennsylvania

With the nation facing an unprecedented and unrelenting tidal wave of southern border crossings and related negative fallout, Rep. Burns is sponsoring a bill that would block local governments in Pennsylvania from declaring themselves “sanctuary cities” – thus prohibiting municipalities from deciding they won’t enforce immigration laws.

“ Call me names if you want, but I think the top priority of any elected official in Pennsylvania should be taking care of the people who are already – and legally – here. ”

– Rep. Frank Burns

Rep. Burns’ move adds bipartisan weight to H.B. 1840 – legislation embraced by Burns because he doesn’t think it’s fair for Pennsylvania taxpayers, at all levels, to be saddled with sky-high costs related to undocumented immigrants.

The bill supported by Burns would essentially:

- Block local governments from acting to prevent enforcement of state or federal laws relating to immigrants or immigrations.
- Require law enforcement officers to immediately report to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office any arrested individual they have reasonable cause to believe is not legally in the United States.
- Allow any person injured to sue a local government that released someone with a detainer without making a good faith effort to contact the proper immigration authorities and arrange for a transfer of custody.



Working Together

Rep. Burns makes it his mission to bring as much money back home as possible, and one way he does that is by constantly making sure House leaders are aware of his district’s needs. To bolster that communication and teamwork, Rep. Burns arranged for a senior staffer from House Majority Leader Matt Bradford’s office to visit some local organizations and learn firsthand of their needs.



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Burns courts Concurrent Technologies Corp. for jobs downtown

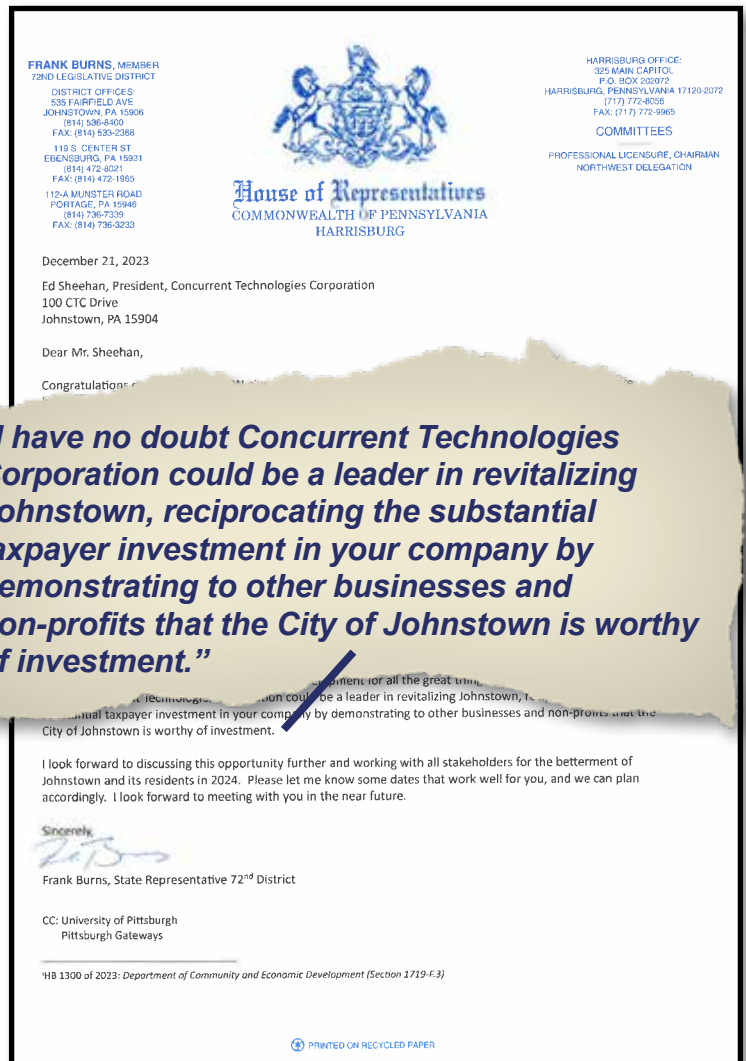
Urges Richland Twp. facility to broaden footprint, invest in city

Recruiting jobs for downtown Johnstown, Rep. Burns wrote three letters to the president of Concurrent Technologies Corp. – the recipient of a \$1.9 million state subsidy – asking for a one-hour meeting to discuss moving some of the firm’s workforce from Richland Township to downtown Johnstown.

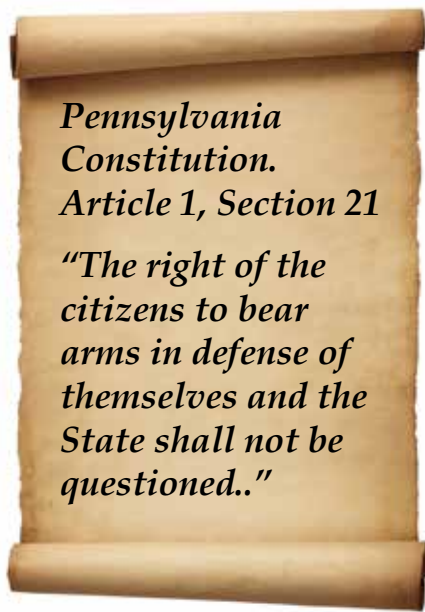
The theme of Rep. Burns’ outreach to Ed Sheehan, who is also a Vision Together 2025 board member, is the trend-setting, positive example that a CTC presence in the city can have in enticing other businesses to invest downtown.

As part of his pitch, Rep. Burns noted that it would help his efforts to secure a requested \$2 million in state funding to renovate the Jupiter Building if CTC were to join The University of Pittsburgh as a committed tenant.

Unfortunately, Mr. Sheehan doesn’t share the same vision, and after months finally responded, “We have an abundance of office space in our Richland locations and do not have any office needs at the present time.” However, that rejection won’t dissuade Rep. Burns from exploring every angle to bring jobs to the city.



Burns protects your Constitutional Right to Bear Arms



Rep. Burns proudly and consistently votes against gun control bills – efforts that he believes seek to punish the wrong people.

Instead of going after gun-toting criminals, many of whom are already prohibited from owning firearms because of prior convictions, Rep. Burns says these bills are wrongheadedly focused on law-abiding gun owners.

“ Make life difficult for the criminals, not law-abiding gun owners. ”

– Rep. Frank Burns

Rep. Burns, who serves as Democratic chairman of the 2nd Amendment Caucus, opposed bills that would have restricted the Constitutional rights of gun owners.

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Helping People

Rep. Burns sponsored a new law creating the largest tax cut in 20 years. Rep. Burns’ office helped 650 seniors apply for their Property Tax/ Rent Rebate – putting over \$247K back into their pockets.



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Burns DELIVERS for the district



Rep. Burns brought \$100,000 to Westmont Hilltop School District to give students better access and success in improved STEM education and AP classes.



Thanks to a \$121,125 state grant Rep. Burns delivered for East Conemaugh Borough, they'll be able to renovate Veterans Memorial Park.



Rep. Burns delivered a \$100,000 state grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to the Central Cambria School District.



This is the third grant Rep. Burns secured to assist Nanty Glo with their improvements.