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Fighting for You

Burns continues 'No New Taxes' streak

"\$12 million more for Cambria County schools, \$74 million more for state police, while cutting taxes and costs. The new state budget addresses your concerns, without raising taxes." - Rep. Burns

Burns protects taxpayers - No New Taxes!

Rep. Burns prides himself on never voting for higher taxes – even resisting significant arm-twisting by governors and legislative leaders – and kept his streak unbroken when voting to approve the new state budget.

Hammered out by Republicans and Democrats in the state House and Senate, in conjunction with the governor, Rep. Burns said the spending plan had a

bipartisan, centrist appeal where no one got everything they wanted, but acceptable middle ground was found.

More importantly, Rep. Burns said the budget addressed many of your top concerns: investing more in students, making communities safer through added police protection, setting the stage for business growth, and helping people keep more money in their pockets.

Burns pushes Welfare-to-Work, not Welfare-for-Life

"The vast majority of people in my district feel as I do, which is that people who can work should be working, not living off of the system in perpetuity." - Rep. Burns



Rep. Burns once again sponsored a bill that would move welfare recipients to full-time jobs in one year, using a pilot program.

Rep. Burns did so because he shares the prevailing thought of his district – which is that able-bodied people shouldn't get to stay on welfare forever.

Rep. Burns' reform bill would create a public-private partnership that would let welfare recipients continue to collect benefits while gradually phasing in pay as they transition to full-time work.

Burns: End 'sanctuary cities' in Pennsylvania

"I think the top priority of any elected official in Pennsylvania should be taking care of the people who are already here." - Rep. Burns



Rep. Burns supported a bill that would keep illegal immigrants from flocking to Pennsylvania – by blocking local governments from declaring themselves "sanctuary cities."

Taking a firm stand on behalf of taxpayers, Rep. Burns opted to reduce the strain on public service budgets – from housing to health care to education – that is sure to happen without such action.

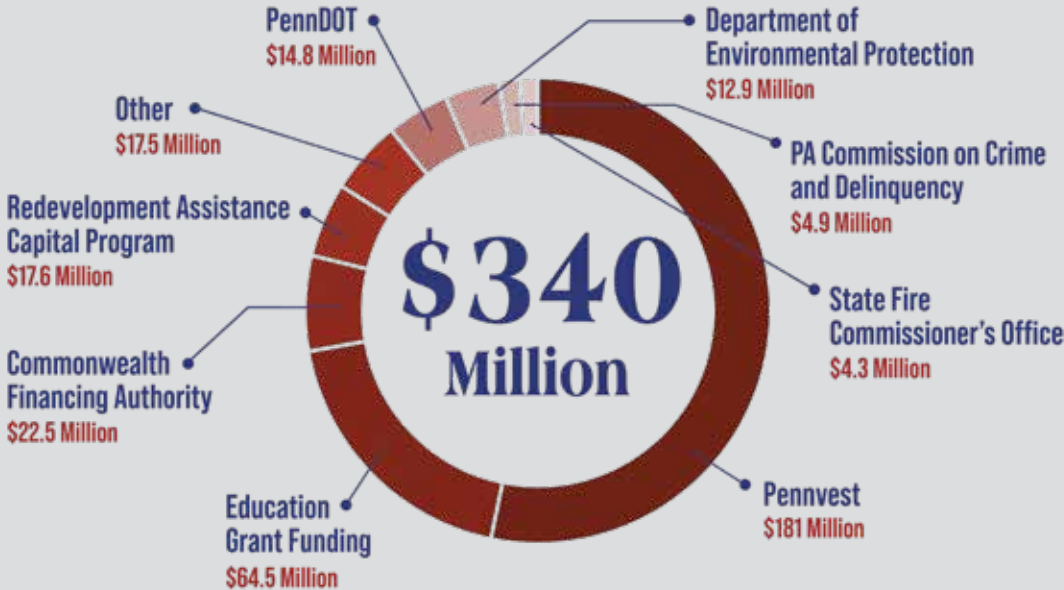
Ignoring potential political blowback and providing bipartisan support, Rep. Burns signed on as a sponsor of the legislation, which would significantly tighten state law in favor of legal immigration.

Burns brings **\$340 MILLION** to district – and counting!

As Rep. Burns has built up contacts and seniority in Harrisburg, his ability to bring money back home has grown exponentially – enabling him to deliver and oversee investment of \$340 million in state and federal funding to the 72nd Legislative District.

Every municipality, school district, fire or ambulance company, job-creating business and public library in Rep. Burns' district is well-positioned to benefit from the legislative know-how he has sharply honed through years of intense commitment to his job.

The numbers racked up by Rep. Burns speak for themselves – and here they are:



Bill Dunchuck, vice president of Nanty Glo Borough council



\$75,000

"Frank Burns was instrumental in getting us the grant. He's been very helpful to Nanty Glo... If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have what we have now."

Capt. Chad Miller, Johnstown Police Department



\$200,000

"Thankfully, with the help of Representative Burns and his determination to lowering crime in the area and assisting us, he was able to help us secure funding for this project."

William "Bill" Stasko, treasurer, Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission



\$250,000

"I've been around Westmont government for 20 years or more, and Frank Burns is the first state elected official who's ever got us a dime – for the recreation commission or the borough, believe it or not. He's been very helpful to get these projects going."

Frank Burns
State Representative

2023-24
Legislative Term

12,772
Constituent Services Provided



\$47.3 Million
in Grants, Loans, Tax Credits Brought Back to the District



BILL 24
Bipartisan Bills out of House Professional Licensure Committee
While Serving as Chairman



Authored Law to Preserve In-state Tuition Rate for Military Families



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Burns opposes pricey Central Park redo, urges reconsideration

Saying blight removal, a new police/fire station, and bringing a grocery store downtown to better serve community needs, Rep. Burns wrote letters urging Johnstown City Council to reconsider spending \$6 million to \$8 million to completely redesign Central Park.

While Rep. Burns supports downtown investment, he believes there are better, longer-lasting positive impacts to be had by spending the money elsewhere.

"We represent the same people and I assure you the majority of the people do not think Central Park should be the city's top priority," Burns wrote. "True leadership is showing the courage to change direction."

"Spending \$8 million when the city has so many other pressing needs seems ridiculous to the average person in Johnstown." – Rep. Burns



Rep. Burns discusses the costly Central Park plan with Joe Roc, near the existing park fountain.

BURNS: SHIP BUDGET SURPLUS BACK TO PEOPLE

If taxpayers are asked to pay more in bad times, Rep. Burns believes they should pay less during good times – and he's proposed legislation to provide immediate property tax relief using the state's recent budget surpluses.

Rep. Burns believes that using state surpluses to address one of your top concerns – escalating school property taxes – trumps further padding of the state's Rainy Day Fund, a stash legislative leaders of both parties can raid at any time for THEIR priorities.

If more legislators in Harrisburg believed as Rep. Burns does and took this stand, property owners like you would already have more money returned to your pockets.

Burns saves taxpayer money by:

Refusing state car!

Refusing state phone!

Using unpaid office volunteer to lower staff costs!

These cost-cutting efforts have saved **MORE THAN \$380,000** since 2009.

Burns' fight for Cambria's fair share = \$340 MILLION

Seniority and experience in Harrisburg matter – if you are a fighter who knows how to wield them wisely, like Rep. Burns.

Committed from Day 1 to making sure Cambria County gets its fair share and is NEVER forgotten, Rep. Burns has encouraged, overseen – and personally used his clout and know-how to bring home – more than \$340 million in state and federal grant funding.

That level of performance is no coincidence. It results from the hard work Rep. Burns puts in, from building positive rapport with local officials and learning their needs, to guiding them through the grant application process, to unrelenting lobbying for a fair slice of available funding.

FACTS DON'T LIE:
Don't believe anyone who says the House hasn't been working!

A graphic with a blue background. On the left is the PA House Democrats logo, which is a circular seal with a building and the text "PA HOUSE DEMOCRATS". To the right, the text "2023-24 Session House Bills" is written in white. Below that, "Passed the House" is written in yellow and "Passed the Senate" is written in white. In the center, the number "399" is displayed in large blue digits on white blocks. To the right of "399" is a small logo for "Frank Burns State Representative". To the right of the logo is the number "92" displayed in large blue digits on white blocks.

Burns halts Vision 2025 plan to recruit 100s of Afghans to take jobs

"I believe certain business leaders in the community were looking to exploit these refugees as a source of cheap labor, just to increase their profits." – Rep. Burns

Proving that the nonprofit corporation Vision 2025 was misleading the public, Rep. Burns pulled back the curtain on its Human Capital Plan, showing the Afghan refugee recruitment effort was far more advanced than advertised – including interactions with the White House and the Pittsburgh mayor's office, and extensive email communication with the state Department of Human Services.

Rep. Burns thinks "community leaders" on Vision 2025's board should be ashamed of themselves for promoting that only "five to 10" Aghan families would be imported to Cambria County to take unfilled jobs – when emails showed that it would be hundreds.

Vision 2025 might not be used to someone who stands up to its secrecy and slick public relations efforts, but Rep. Burns isn't afraid to poke holes in both, in the name of transparency and informing the public.

Burns: Stop making Johnstown a public housing magnet



Representing Johnstown for the first time, Rep. Burns has boldly and directly tackled long-simmering problems with the Johnstown Housing Authority.

Rep. Burns has called for a HUD audit of the Section 8 Program to help slam shut this revolving door. He's also called on the JHA to "right size" by tearing down excess public housing, instead of maintaining five times as many units as other cities Johnstown's size.

To get to the bottom of things, Rep. Burns has sought documents and emails from the JHA and HUD using the state Right-to-Know Law and federal Freedom of Information Act.

Rep. Burns also sought answers as to whether an "equity plan" pushed by the Biden administration would construct public housing outside of Johnstown, in places such as Richland, Westmont, Upper Yoder or Ebensburg.

"We must close the public housing loophole that incentivizes Section 8 seekers to make the 'Journey to Johnstown.'" – Rep. Burns

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

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Feb. 2, 2023

Dear Mr. President,

As a state representative seeking employment, I am asking that you employ me.

I realize we have been and are a generous and patient, but I do not want to see Pennsylvania, a state we both know and love, 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.

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. Mr. President, please consider that:

- ❖ In 2021, Pennsylvania had an estimated 220,000 unauthorized immigrants, and 2022 set a record with 2.2 million illegal U.S. border crossings.
- ❖ From January 2021 through December 2023, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection had 8.9 million encounters with illegal immigrants – an influx more than the population of 39 states.
- ❖ More than 302,000 undocumented immigrants entered the United States illegally in December 2023, which is mind-boggling not only to me, but to most of my constituents.

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.

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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 stands up for police, public safety

Everyone in Harrisburg knows that Rep. Burns has a sterling track record when it comes to backing law enforcement and ensuring the rights of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves.

The folks back home know it, too, as Rep. Burns receives overwhelmingly positive feedback and support for his legislative positions.

“NEVER defund the police!”

“Chairman of Second Amendment Caucus”

“Make assaulting law enforcement a hate crime”

“Founder of Blue Lives Matter Caucus”



Rep. Burns is the only elected official to call for Johnstown to use part of its \$30.7 million American Rescue Plan grant to hire more police.

Burns authors ‘American Made Jobs Plan’

Rep. Burns knows it takes more than “wishful thinking” to restore Cambria County’s economy.

To reverse years of job losses due to unfair trade deals and corporate production shifts to China, Rep. Burns authored an “American Made Jobs Plan” to bring back good-paying, family-sustaining 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.**
- ✓ **Providing a 2% bid discount on bids for public projects (such as those carried out by school districts, municipalities, and state agencies) when American-made materials are used in the price quote.**

“It’s time to bring manufacturing back to the United States and provide Americans with real family-sustaining jobs.”

– Rep. Burns

Burns: bring critical pharmaceutical industry back from China

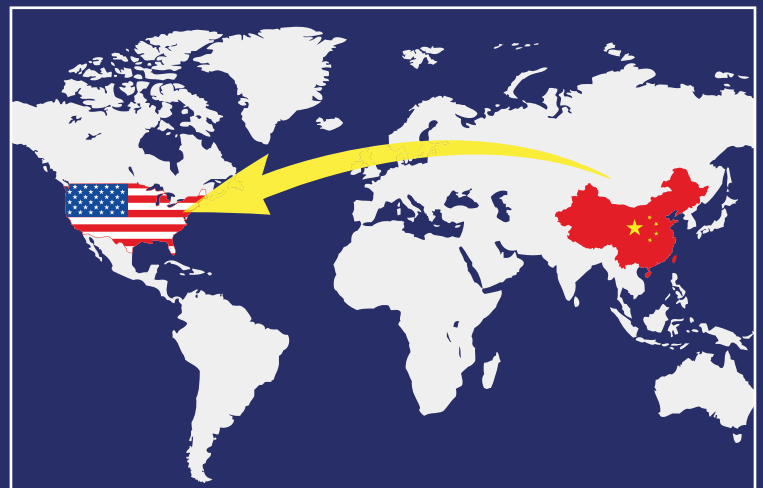
When the battle against COVID-19 revealed America’s heavy reliance on China to produce prescription drugs, Rep. Burns took action.

Just two weeks after Rep. Burns proposed it, the House unanimously approved his resolution calling for an end to U.S. reliance on foreign pill makers.

Rep. Burns believes it’s foolish to rely on any other country to produce many of our most important and life-saving drugs, because in times of overseas instability or worldwide crisis, it puts many of our own citizens at risk.

“We cannot allow something as critical as prescription medicine to be so heavily reliant on foreign production. This issue can be solved by bringing production back to the U.S.A.”

– Rep. Burns





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Burns: 40% poverty rate afflicts Johnstown school district

Imported public housing tenants fuel poor ranking

"It's time to stop blaming the teachers and school officials and start putting the blame on who actually created this problem and is unwilling to fix it – the Johnstown Housing Authority."

– Rep. Burns

DID YOU KNOW?

- Johnstown has **five times** as many public housing units as comparably sized cities.
- **80 families** per month migrate to Johnstown for public housing.
- **Half** of Johnstown's 1,504 public housing units are **occupied** by people who came from **outside Cambria County**.
- **\$12,500** is the average **household income** of those relocating to Cambria County for public housing migrants.

**Dr. Tricia Murin, Central Cambria School
District assistant superintendent**



"We are deeply grateful for Frank's dedication to our students shown by securing the funding that will allow us to continue this program."

**Chief Geoff Public, Cambria Twp.
Volunteer Fire Co.**



"Franks Burns' timing was phenomenal. When we reached out to him for help, he immediately replied 'Yes' and was meeting with us within two days. Within a week, he was able to reach out to his contacts and come back with positive news on finding some funding for this."