



# State Representative **KYLE J. MULLINS**

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*Dear Friend and Neighbor,*

I hope this update finds you well as we wrap up summer and head toward the fall season. I'm proud to report on all that we've managed to accomplish over these last few months – working with Gov. Josh Shapiro and other state leaders to cut costs, put money back in people's pockets, and improve our quality of life. I'll also highlight the various programs offered by my office to serve you and your families.

In service,

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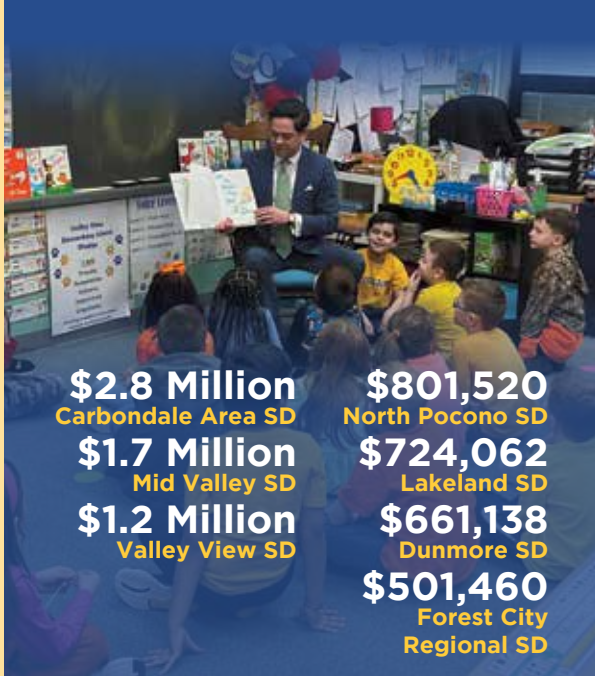
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# A STATE BUDGET THAT DELIVER

I was proud to fight for and pass a new state budget that invests in our people and cuts costs for working families, all without raising taxes. This bipartisan spending plan contains huge wins, starting with investing more than a billion new dollars in our kids and our schools. This is transformative change that makes sure we're investing money where it will do the most good for students and for taxpayers.

## FUNDING INCREASES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS



**\$2.8 Million**  
Carbondale Area SD

**\$1.7 Million**  
Mid Valley SD

**\$1.2 Million**  
Valley View SD

**\$801,520**  
North Pocono SD

**\$724,062**  
Lakeland SD

**\$661,138**  
Dunmore SD

**\$501,460**  
Forest City Regional SD

## HISTORIC FUNDING FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY SCHOOLS

- ✓ DOUBLING THE STUDENT TEACHER STIPEND PROGRAM TO GET MORE K-12 TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM
- ✓ MONEY FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, INCLUDING IMPROVING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS IN CRISIS
- ✓ REFORMING THE CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM TO ENSURE IT'S BASED ON THE REAL COSTS OF EDUCATING KIDS
- ✓ MORE RESOURCES AND FUNDING TO HELP STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
- ✓ FUNDING FOR MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS SO OUR DAUGHTERS CAN FOCUS ON LEARNING WITHOUT WORRY OR INSECURITY
- ✓ EASIER TRANSFERS FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO STATE SYSTEM SCHOOLS
- ✓ BUILDING A STUDENT-FIRST HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

## CHILD CARE

- ✦ Expanded the child care and dependent tax credit
- ✦ Increased wages for child care workers



## HEALTH CARE

- ✦ Increased services for those with intellectual disabilities and mental health challenges
- ✦ More in-home and long-term care support for seniors
- ✦ Historic investments in addressing maternal mortality crisis
- ✦ Expanded OB-GYN services



## VETERANS & MILITARY

- ✦ Increase of \$14.7 million for military and veterans services



# RS FOR YOU and YOUR FAMILY

## \$3 million in Research Funding for Alzheimer's, ALS, Parkinson's, and other Neurological Diseases:

We all know someone who bravely battles, cares for, loved, or lost someone to a neurodegenerative disease like Alzheimer's, ALS or "Lou Gehrig's Disease," Parkinson's, or Multiple Sclerosis. I'm proud to announce that my proposal to provide first-ever state funding for research and development of treatments for these illnesses was included in the state budget.



## Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing:

Gov. Shapiro recently signed my bill into law that would require insurance companies to provide coverage of biomarker testing. Biomarker testing is an evolving field in which health care providers use analysis of a patient's biospecimen to determine which medical treatments will work best for each patient. Guaranteeing insurance coverage would not only reduce the cost of health care by avoiding unnecessary or inefficient treatment and allowing medical professionals to focus on care that works, but it would most importantly improve and save lives.

## STOP TEXTING AND DRIVING:

Pennsylvania has finally joined the host of states with a ban on using a handheld device while driving, thanks to a new law worked on by Sen. Rosemary Brown and myself, along with many other lawmakers and advocates. This new deterrent will save lives and prevent the crushing heartbreak of losing a loved one at the hands of a distracted driver.



# SENIOR UPDATE:

## SENIOR EXPO SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, September 13**

**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**The Mall at Steamtown**

**300 Lackawanna Ave. | Scranton, PA 18503**



Please stop by our upcoming Senior Expo, where I will be joining other state and county elected officials, along with over 70 vendors, to share information on programs and services for aging residents.

## EXPANDED PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

We significantly expanded the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program that sends money back to income-eligible senior citizens and people with permanent disabilities. Stop by our office to fill out your rebate form today!



### Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380

Deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**



# FUNDING TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND GROWING

Since being sworn into my third term in 2023, I helped to secure nearly \$12.5 million to support police and other first responders; address major stormwater and erosion problems; honor area veterans; enhance our parks; assist community development; and much more.



## RECENT EVENTS

### DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND IDENTITY PROTECTION

We recently held two successful shredding events for residents to securely dispose of personal documents, and I'll let you know when our next one will be.



### YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

This year, 6th graders from Carbondale Area School District hosted a "First Responders Breakfast" as a way to give back and say thank you to the brave men and women in our communities who keep us safe.





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## My Office Can Help You With:

- \* EXPANDED Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application and questions.
- \* Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles, and driver's license applications.
- \* Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- \* Obtaining and completing state forms.
- \* Voter registration and absentee ballot applications.
- \* Unemployment compensation, disability, and workers' compensation.
- \* Birth and death certificates.
- \* Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical, and income assistance).
- \* Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems.
- \* Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information.
- \* Complaints and problems with insurance companies.
- \* Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones.
- \* Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission.
- \* Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- \* Problems or questions about the state lottery.
- \* PACE prescription drug cards for senior citizens.
- \* Consumer complaints.
- \* Liquor Control Board concerns or questions.
- \* Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups.
- \* Information about federal, state, and local government agencies.
- \* Unclaimed property.

**If you need help with any state or government-related services, please feel free to contact my office at 570-383-9795 for assistance.**

# REAL ID

The Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID deadline to May 7, 2025. Every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States. For more information on how to obtain a Pennsylvania State REAL ID, visit <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/default.aspx>.