



STATE REPRESENTATIVE SEAN M. DOUGHERTY

INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Sean Dougherty, and I am your State Representative. Our district, Pennsylvania's 172nd Legislative District, includes the Northeast Philly neighborhoods of Bustleton, Burholme, Fox Chase, Pine Valley and Rhawnhurst. As someone who grew up and still lives here, being able to serve our community in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is the honor of my lifetime!

The success of our community is my highest priority. In my first two months in Harrisburg, I am fighting to invest in community safety, ensuring adequate school funding, and creating good-paying, union jobs. I am working with my colleagues to secure funding for relief for business impacted by the tragic Med Jets plane crash, develop policy to expand access to Pre-K for everyone across Pennsylvania, and to fight online price gouging. We've already brought in \$15,000 to the district, investing in Burholme EMS's capacity to handle emergencies, and are fighting to make sure every business, community organization, and non-profit has the resources needed to succeed.

In addition to the work I do in Harrisburg, my office is here to assist you with state government-related resources, programs and concerns you may have. We are located at 7801-A Hasbrook Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111 and we can be contacted by phone at (215) 331-2600 or by email at RepDougherty@pahouse.net. You can follow me on Facebook, X, Instagram and Bluesky. If you want to stay updated on legislative news from Harrisburg, state programs, and news in the district, sign-up to receive emails from me at RepDougherty.com/emailsignup.

I am incredibly grateful to you for entrusting me with the opportunity to get to work on your behalf!

State Rep. Sean M. Dougherty



Rep. Dougherty being sworn-in at the state Capitol to begin his term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10 (6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.):

I am excited to host my first community town hall at St. Cecilia's Church, located at 535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111. I'll be there to share the policies I've been working on, funding brought into our community, and answer questions. Please sign up using the QR code. See you then!

April 28 (10 A.M. to 2 P.M.):

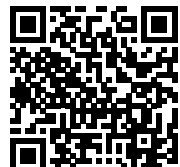
I am partnering with JCC KleinLife, located at 10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19116, to host a mobile office where anyone can come get their SEPTA Senior Key Card, Property Tax/Rent Rebate form completed, and help with city and state issues. I'll have language services in Russian, Ukrainian, and other languages, so join us!

May 2 (10 A.M. to 1 P.M.):

I am hosting my first Senior Expo at CORA, located at 8540 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111. I will have dozens of vendors and community resources at the event. I'll also be there to help you with SEPTA resources, state issues, and to learn more about how my office can help. Please sign up using the QR code or by calling my office.



Town Hall
Sign-Up



Senior Expo
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STATE GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

2025-26 PA House Majority
Committee Assignments

- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Communications & Technology
- Game & Fisheries
- Gaming Oversight
- Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations
- Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness



Representative
Sean Dougherty

I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve on each of these committees in the state house, where we have the chance to move meaningful legislation that can benefit our community and communities across Pennsylvania. Each committee will give me the chance to advocate for Northeast Philadelphia and put us on the map!

Gov. Josh Shapiro's state budget proposal for this year aims to invest in crucial areas such as education, mass transit, our workforce, working families, and much more. I'm in firm support of this proposed budget and look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure we provide our Northeast Philadelphia community and communities across the commonwealth with the necessary funding and resources to thrive.

Governor Shapiro's
BUDGET ADDRESS 2025

Last year, we made significant improvements in how your tax dollars fund schools.



We are committed to working with Governor Shapiro by focusing investment where the need is greatest by **delivering more than a half-billion dollars into our schools and communities.**

Governor Shapiro's
BUDGET ADDRESS 2025

This year's budget plan gives **more than one million working people their first pay raise in over 15 years.**

Raising the minimum wage in Pennsylvania will help grow the economy statewide, putting more money in the hands of working people to spend within their communities.



Governor Shapiro's
BUDGET ADDRESS 2025


More than one million Pennsylvanians ride transit every day.



Mass transit means jobs. This year's budget plan redirects nearly **\$300 million into the buses, trains, rideshares and other services** getting people to work, school and personal appointments in all 67 counties.

Governor Shapiro's
BUDGET ADDRESS 2025

Last year, we **tripled the Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit** to help Pennsylvania parents.



This year, we stand with Governor Shapiro in adding more than **\$50 million to help child care centers hire and pay the best teachers**, giving parents the peace of mind they need.

INVESTING IN OUR NURSES AND WORKFORCE



I had the honor and privilege of standing with Gov. Shapiro, colleagues, nurses, and members of the Temple Health community to support the strengthening of our workforce of nurses here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nurses are an integral part of our Northeast Philly neighborhood and throughout Pennsylvania. As a proud Northeast Philly resident, Temple Alum, and advocate for nurses, I cannot thank Gov. Shapiro enough for his leadership!



NORTHEAST PHILLY STRONG



On January 31, our community was hit with unimaginable tragedy as a plane crashed onto Cottman Avenue. My prayers are still with the families who lost loved ones and those who were injured or impacted.

While this tragedy shook Northeast Philly, we were able to persevere due to the bravery of our first responders, our Philadelphia Police Department, our Philadelphia Fire Department, and our PGW and PECO workers. I am also grateful for the impressive leadership of Mayor Chelle Parker and Gov. Josh Shapiro! In addition to all this, our community came together to support one another. Thank you to everybody who participated in some way

and showed that we are Northeast Philly strong!

While we continue to see progress following this plane crash, I know that there are still many of you who were greatly impacted by it. Just know that my office is here to connect you with state services that can help you recover. Don't hesitate to contact us or stop by!



I joined state Reps. Jared Solomon and Anthony Bellmon and members of the We Love You Group to clean up areas in neighborhoods affected by the plane crash on January 31, 2025.

MY FIRST SHREDDING EVENT



Over 100 of our neighbors came to the shredding and e-cycling event Rep. Jared Solomon and I held on March 22 at the PATH Building. It was great to meet folks from all around the Northeast and make sure their documents were safely and securely shredded. I'm excited for future events like this and am proud to work closely with other Northeast Philadelphia representatives to support our community.

TROUT STOCKING SEASON

The first round of trout stocking happened in Pennypack Park on Friday, March 21. As a member of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, I joined state Reps. Joe Hohenstein and Nancy Guenst in stocking Pennypack Creek with trout.

The next trout stocking will be on April 19 at 1:30 p.m., at 8600 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111. Dress for nature and to get wet and help fill Pennypack Creek with Pennsylvania-raised trout!



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS, POSTAL WORKERS, AND INVESTMENT IN OUR CITY WITH CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL PARTNERS

I am proud to collaborate with elected officials at the city, state, and federal level to fight for Northeast Philadelphia. It's important for all of us to work together to invest in our community, keep and increase our good, union-paying jobs, and fight for improvements to our roads and services.

Councilmember Rue Landau invited me as her guest to Mayor Parker's budget address, where we discussed efforts to invest in city and state road improvements, SEPTA funding, public safety, and working together on community events. We listened to Mayor Parker's promise to push for more public safety investment, a promise I will encourage for the Mayor to uphold.



State Sen. Joe Picozzi and I partnered for a "Find Your Pot of Gold" event at the Lafayette Redeemer and Villages at Pine Community. We met with residents and helped them find unclaimed property, sign up for SEPTA Senior cards, and assisted them with other state resources.



I joined Congressman Brendan Boyle at the Sgt. Christopher David Fitzgerald Bustleton Post Office to stand with our postal workers against privatizing the USPS. The USPS, which is older than the United States and written into our Constitution, serves every Zip code across the nation and costs the taxpayer zero dollars. I cannot stand for over 600,000 good, union paying jobs, many held by our veterans, being cut. The U.S. Mail is not for sale!

OUT & ABOUT IN THE DISTRICT



I always enjoy getting out in the district to interact with you and to see some of the amazing places we have to offer!

I have had the pleasure of visiting Kinder Academy, 451 Rhawn Gallery, and the Ryers Museum. At all four spaces I spoke with staff and learned about Northeast Philadelphia history, how their spaces contribute to the community, and their needs. I also got to see beautiful artifacts, art, and spent time hanging out with Northeast Philadelphia's youngest community members! All of these spaces prove how important it is to invest in our community spaces and the value they serve. I'm proud to fight for museums, art spaces, and childcare centers. We are lucky to have them in our district!

FIGHTING FOR INVESTMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS

I'm proud to represent hundreds of nurses, teachers, and students who deserve better working and learning conditions and increased investment from the state and federal governments.

I joined students, educators, city and state elected officials, and members of PFT at the Widener School to stand against cuts to our already underfunded schools. In meetings with school leaders in Northeast Philadelphia, I'm hearing about the need for expanding career-preparedness programs, resources to enhance education, and funding for staff, like counselors, librarians, and teachers. We cannot cut funding for special education classrooms, counseling staff, and resources when the demand continues to grow.

I will be working hard to ensure that our schools are properly funded and supported for our community's success!



It was awesome to be at the 27th annual Katie Kirlin Jr. Wheelchair Basketball Tournament! The Kirlin family established this fund to honor Katie's achievements in wheelchair athletics. The fund encourages Philadelphia-area youth to take part in wheelchair sports. It provides grants to:

- Sponsor wheelchair sporting events
- Buy specially designed wheelchairs for athletes
- Support wheelchair sports programs



I had a blast at the Fox Chase Farm's Maple Sugar Day! Fox Chase Farm is one of two farms in Philadelphia. Being on the PA House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee helps me advocate for such a vital community space. I appreciate the community events the farm hosts and enjoyed their delicious maple sugar-themed treats!



I had the opportunity to meet, speak with, and stand in solidarity with our technical specialists, professionals, and researchers from Jeanes – Temple University Hospital. These allied health professionals are trying to unionize, and I could not be happier to stand with them in support of their fight. These individuals served on the frontlines during the Covid-19 pandemic and are essential to maintaining the health and wellness of our community. We must make it a priority that these essential workers have safe working conditions for themselves and the patients they serve. Thank you to PASNAP for organizing this rally. We need to ensure our techs and pros are compensated fairly. I stand with PASNAP!



I had the privilege of meeting and touring the historic Pennepack Baptist Church and hear from Fred and Tim about the Church's needs.

Pennepack Baptist, located at 8732 Krewstown Road in Philadelphia, was founded in 1688 and is the oldest surviving Baptist Church in Pennsylvania. In fact, this church was founded and built before the commonwealth even existed.

Today, it sits in the district I represent and I am excited to advocate for investment in maintaining our history and sharing it with generations to come!



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I'm so proud of our beloved Eagles for winning the franchise's second Super Bowl! Let's do it again and Fly Eagles Fly!

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STATE PROGRAMS

District Office Services

I'm ready to work for you!

- Property tax/rent rebate
- PennDOT services
- Help with UC issues
- SEPTA Senior Key Cards
- LIHEAP

My office is open and ready to work for you! When you need assistance with state government-related services, feel free to stop in or give us a call, and we will be glad to help you. See the full list of services we provide on my website at RepDougherty.com.

Attention Folks 65 and Older! Ride SEPTA free of charge.

Apply for your Septa Key card



My office is here to help seniors sign up for a SEPTA Senior Key Card. If you are 65 or older, give us a call or stop by so we can help you get signed up.

NOW OPEN

Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications

Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,270	\$1,000
Up to \$15,510	\$770
Up to \$18,610	\$460
Up to \$46,520	\$380

You can apply now for a rebate on the property taxes or rent you paid in 2024. This year, the maximum annual income one can have and still be eligible is \$46,520, and the maximum rebate amount one can receive is \$1,000. This program is for seniors 65 and older; widows and widowers 50 and older; and people with disabilities 18 and older. For more information on this program, to see if you qualify, and to apply, contact my office at (215) 331-2600.

Applications due by **June 30, 2025**

Pennsylvania MONEY MATCH

- 1 in 10 Pennsylvanians have unclaimed property. The House helped pass a law to allow the PA Treasury to automatically return certain unclaimed property to YOU including:
- Dormant bank accounts
 - Uncashed checks
 - Rebates
 - Insurance Payments *and much more!*

Visit PATreasury.gov/unclaimed-property to search anytime, or contact my office if you need assistance!

The Pennsylvania Treasury is holding millions of dollars in unclaimed property and some of it could be yours! Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a bank, insurance company, business or organization without any activity for five years. Contact my office at (215) 331-2600 to see if some of it is yours.