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Together we can do so much more!

Representing our communities in the House of Representatives is a privilege of a lifetime. In this legislative term, I've been fighting to improve educational opportunities, create outlets for workforce development, preserve and develop open spaces, and protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Inside this newsletter, you'll find more details about the progress we made in this year's state budget, how government can work for you, and what I'm working toward in the upcoming months of our work in the House.

The highlight of this year for me has been the work to end human trafficking. Because of our proximity to major transportation hubs and highways, our region is an unfortunate hotspot for trafficking. That's why I created a bill that would mandate training for hotel and other lodging staff to recognize the warning signs of human trafficking and know how to report it. **It's**

especially crucial to act in 2026 as the Philadelphia region prepares for worldwide attention with America250 events, FIFA World Cup matches, the MLB All-Star Game, and more, which studies show can increase instances of human trafficking. I'm thankful to my colleagues in the House Tourism, Recreation & Economic Development Committee for hosting a public hearing on my bill in Essington in October 2025, where we heard from experts about the absolute need for this kind of training in the industry. In Harrisburg, finding bipartisan consensus on any issue is difficult, but I'm proud to say that my bill was approved unanimously in committee, and then again by a unanimous vote in the full House of Representatives, 203-0. **The bill is now awaiting action by the state Senate, and I'm hopeful that it will soon find approval in that chamber and go to the desk of Gov. Shapiro to become law.**

Scan the QR code here to read more about the bill and watch our event following the bill's passage in the House.



I always say that **"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work,"** and that's never been truer than in 2026, as we work together locally, across Pennsylvania, and around our region to thrive in the 185.

I am so honored to serve you.

WORKING FOR YOU!

As part of the 2025-26 state budget, I voted to give a tax break to nearly a million Pennsylvania families, including almost 200,000 in Philadelphia.

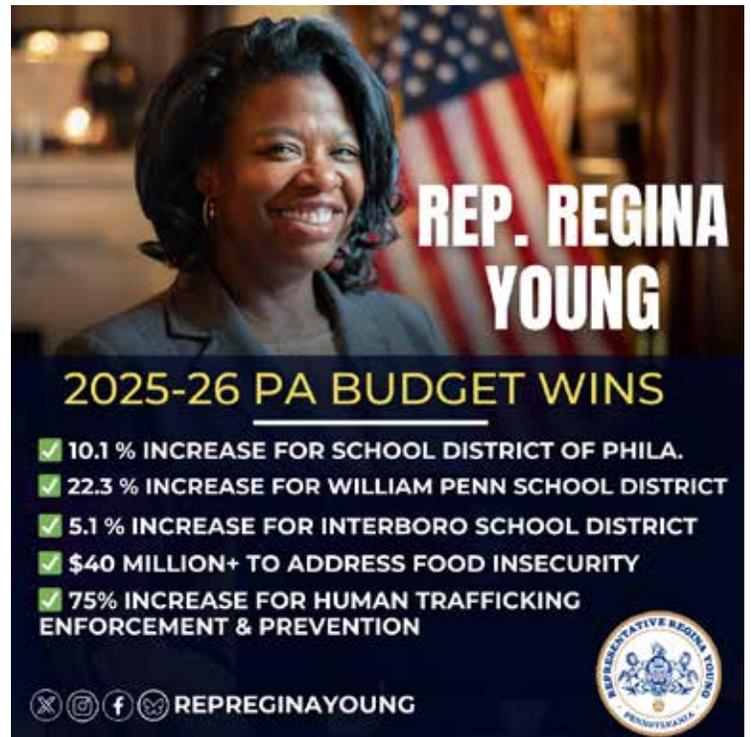
It is called the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit – because working people deserve a break! If you qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you automatically qualify for an additional 10% savings on your state taxes. That is money you can spend on groceries, childcare, or any other expense.



WORKING PENNSYLVANIANS TAX CREDIT Putting money back in **YOUR** pocket

Dependents	Income Limit (Single/Head of Household)	Income Limit (Joint)	Maximum Tax Cut Back in YOUR Pocket
Zero	\$19,104	\$26,214	\$65
One	\$50,434	\$57,554	\$433
Two	\$57,310	\$64,430	\$715
Three or More	\$61,555	\$68,675	\$805

* Returns filed jointly are counted as two individuals. Does not reflect qualifying children or dependents



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2025-26 PA BUDGET WINS

- ✓ 10.1 % INCREASE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILA.
- ✓ 22.3 % INCREASE FOR WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ✓ 5.1 % INCREASE FOR INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ✓ \$40 MILLION+ TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY
- ✓ 75% INCREASE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING ENFORCEMENT & PREVENTION

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It took us a little extra time, but the 2025–26 state budget delivered for working families, education, and so much more for South and Southwest Philadelphia and Delco. A 75% increase for Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prevention within the Attorney General’s Office was an amazing line item in funding for public safety that aligns with my efforts to fight human trafficking.



REPRESENTATIVE Regina Young

Legislative Year in Review

\$5.7 MILLION in State Grant Money Brought Back to the District

5,705 Constituent Issues Solved

147 Property Tax/ Rent Rebates Completed by our Office

269 Bills Passed by the House

24 Bills Co-Sponsored

30+ Events Held in the District

2025



Supporting Seniors

by Expanding PACENET Eligibility

Helping more seniors afford life-saving medications by raising income limits for the PACENET program

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I’m working to support our seniors who might be on fixed incomes and struggling the most during this affordability crisis. Seniors should not have to choose between food on the table and life-saving medications; that’s why I’ve created legislation that would help more seniors afford life-saving medications by raising income limits for the PACENET program. My bill, H.B. 654, is expected to be considered by the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee this spring, so be sure to watch for news on its progress and how it could help you and your family.

People helping people, that’s what you’ll get when you visit my office. Connecting you with services and resources that benefit you and your family is what we do. I’m always searching for and advocating for state funding to uplift our communities, and I’m proud to announce \$5.7 million in grants that were awarded to the 185th in 2025.

This winter has been unbearably cold and full of challenging weather. Thankfully, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application period for 2025–26 is now open! Whether you rent or own your home, you could receive a cash grant ranging from \$200 to \$1,000, based on your household size, income, and fuel type. Most importantly, this is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

To find out if you qualify and for help applying, contact my office to make an appointment with my knowledgeable staff, who can also determine if you qualify for any other state and local programs. You can also apply for LIHEAP online.

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$23,475
2	\$31,725
3	\$39,975
4	\$48,225
5	\$56,475
6	\$64,725
7	\$72,975
8	\$81,225

Each additional person \$8,250

DELIVERING FOR THE 185TH



While the majority of our legislative work occurs at the Capitol in Harrisburg, meeting you where you are—in our neighborhoods, with our organizations, and on our streets—is where the real work happens. Delivering grant checks, breaking ground for new construction, touring businesses, helping you understand how your government works for you, and letting you know about the services we provide—it's all part of the most rewarding part of the job: delivering for you.



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**RAISE
THE WAGE**

*Campaign Of the People,
By the People, For the People!*

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to sign the petition!

**It is way past time for Pennsylvania
to raise its minimum wage.**

We have been stuck at \$7.25 an hour since 2009; that is simply unacceptable! I was glad to hear Gov. Josh Shapiro address this directly in his 2026–27 budget speech and propose increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by January 1, 2027. I fully support this proposal. ***Hardworking Pennsylvanians deserve fair pay that reflects today's cost of living and the value of their work.***

YOU can #JoinTheConversation by adding your name to our petition to reach one million signatures in support of raising the wage. Visit RepReginaYoung.com or scan the QR code here to sign the online petition demanding action on a living wage for hardworking Pennsylvanians.