



State Representative KYLE J. MULLINS

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DEDICATED TO LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

Between the chaos in Washington D.C. and the costs of everyday living still on the rise, we could all use some good news, which I'm proud to include in this newsletter.

Since taking the House Majority, House Democrats cut taxes seven times while working with Gov. Josh Shapiro to create a better future for you and our children. This year's state budget will make a real difference—making life more affordable, investing in our children, and creating stronger and safer communities.

One key initiative is the **Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit**, which can put up to **\$800** back in your pocket. If you qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you automatically qualify **with no extra paperwork**. In **Lackawanna County**, **more than 18,744 people** will benefit from this tax cut.

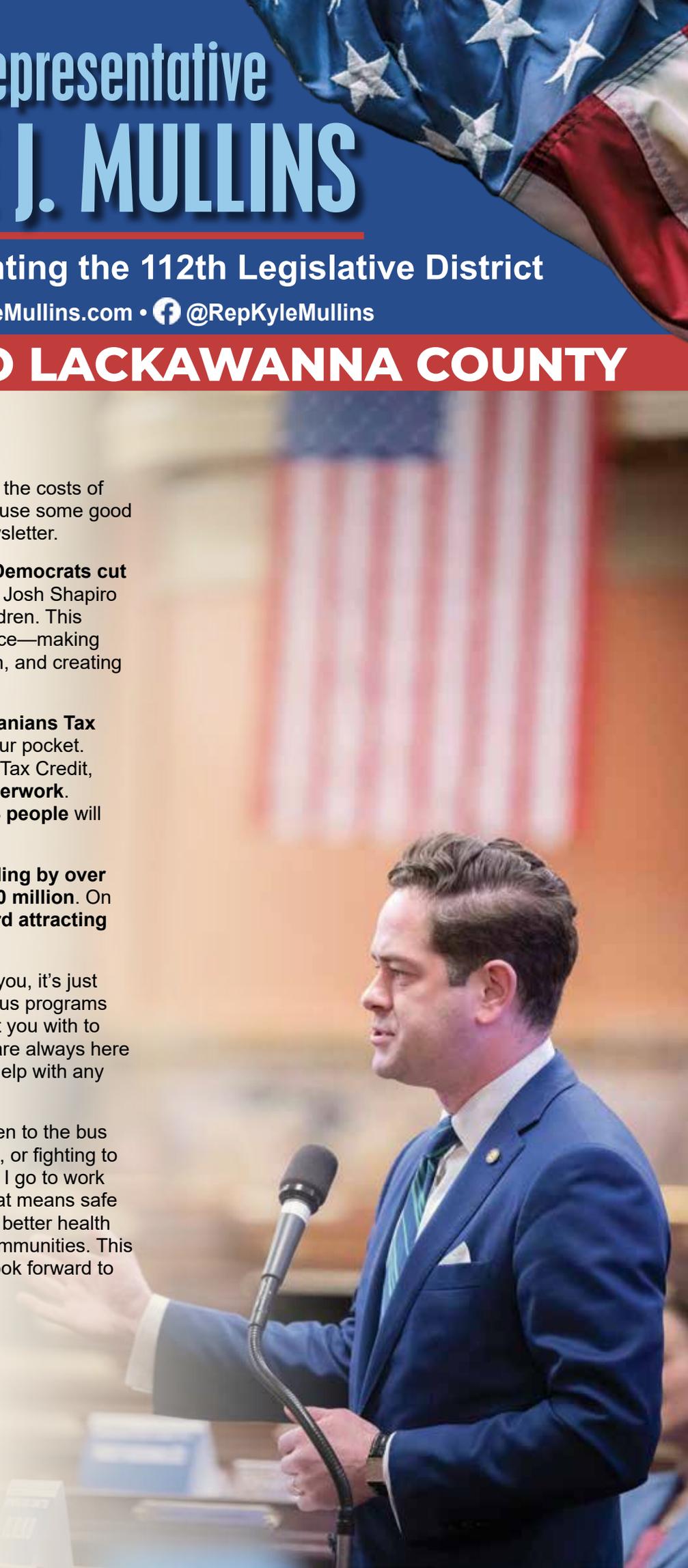
We're also **boosting basic education funding by over \$100 million** and **special education by \$40 million**. On top of that, we're **putting \$25 million toward attracting and retaining quality childcare workers**.

While I'm proud to share this progress with you, it's just as important to let you know about the various programs offered by the state that my office can assist you with to serve you and your families. My staff and I are always here to serve you, so please reach out to us for help with any state-related issue you might have.

Whether I'm rushing to get our young children to the bus stop, helping a constituent in our local office, or fighting to get our region's fair share out of Harrisburg, I go to work every day reminded of what's important. That means safe and strong schools, support for our seniors, better health care services, and investing in our home communities. This duty remains the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to building on our progress in this new year.

In service,

State Rep. Kyle J. Mullins



REAL PROGRESS

HOPE FOR A CURE: ALZHEIMER'S, ALS, and PARKINSON'S



We probably all know someone who's bravely battled a fatal neurodegenerative disease like Alzheimer's, ALS or "Lou Gehrig's Disease," or Parkinson's. As I watched my father decline from ALS, I learned that no state funding was dedicated to researching these devastating illnesses, so I fought to change that. With the help of Gov. Shapiro's unwavering support, this budget included, for the first time ever, \$5 million for our world-class research institutions across Pennsylvania.

REAL IMPACTS

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

Two years ago, we expanded the number of seniors eligible for a rebate and increased the amount the state can put back in your pocket. Older adults and people with disabilities in Pennsylvania may now receive up to \$1,000 for property tax or rent payments. For assistance, you can contact my office at (570)-383-9795.

CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CUT

Did you know Pennsylvania offers a state tax cut that can help working families with child and dependent care costs? We tripled the payout. Eligible Pennsylvanians can claim it when filing their Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Return, with amounts ranging from \$600 to \$2,100, depending on income and the number of dependents.

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

As you know, our winters can be brutal. If you need help keeping your home warm, you can apply for assistance through the state. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time cash grants. For more information, contact my office for help.

BRINGING YOUR TAX DOLLARS BACK HOME



Over the last year, I helped secure nearly \$6 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.

DATA CENTERS

Proposed data centers in our backyards or next to our schools and playgrounds are one of the biggest concerns for area residents. It's a topic discussed at dinner tables and emotionally debated at borough council meetings in our area.

I share the concerns of residents who look at the map of proposed data center locations and feel overwhelmed and surrounded. If any nearby projects are ever approved, these centers should be confined to locations away from residential communities. I'm working with other lawmakers to protect communities and put guardrails on this emerging industry.

I'm opposed to any data center that would:

- X Embed in close proximity to residential neighborhoods**
- X Compromise community water or energy needs**
- X Jeopardize local health, safety, or quality of life**

Some policies being discussed in Harrisburg are:

- Establishment of community standards for water usage, acceptable distance from residents, noise levels, and host agreements.
- Require developers to disclose water and power usage.
- Moratorium/pause on any large-scale data center development until municipalities and the state can update regulations.
- Ensure transparency and community input in local data center decisions.
- Protect taxpayers from bearing the costs of data center build-out.

Mullins, D-112, Blakely, acknowledged that data centers are "part of our new world," but that there are appropriate, acceptable places for them. He said he opposes any data center that encroaches on neighborhoods or parks, harms the environment, negatively impacts water or power, or jeopardizes residents' health, safety or quality of life.

"Let me be abundantly clear: This Wildcat Data Center proposal is inappropriate and unacceptable, from its sheer size to its proposed water and power usage, to the deforestation it would involve, to the unknown runoff of stormwater," Mullins said. "This is why I oppose it and why people feel overwhelmed."

Data centers should be confined to locations that have as minimal community impact as possible, Mullins said. As a result, he said he is working with other state representatives on a package of proposed laws to protect communities and put up guardrails on the industry.

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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 or RepMullins@pahouse.net for assistance.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Document Shredding Event Saturday, April 25th 10am-Noon

Former Mid Valley Hospital Parking Lot
1400 Main St., Peckville, PA 18452

Our "Bark in
the Park" Pet
Resource Fair will
be returning to AC
Field in Archbald
this summer.



Stay tuned!

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