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### 53RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

WINTER 2024

# STATE REP. STEVE MALAGAR WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE

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# Dear Friends,

The new year is here, and spring is on the way! While I'm filled with excitement and optimism for what lies ahead. I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the accomplishments and moments I was most proud of in 2023. None of the things in this newsletter would have been possible without your support! There is, however, so much more to be done. I'm working to secure millions more for our local community, and I'm working on legislation to help more local businesses, consumers, school students, and parents alike. I'll be here working for you in 2024!

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Working to resolve state issues for residents

# **SERVICE TO YOU**

Last year my team provided more than 6,700 constituent services, including processing over 1,200 SEPTA Senior Key Cards and hundreds of Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications. We are ready to help more people this year, especially with the expanded rebate for the 2023 claim year. I'm so proud to have advocated for our seniors to get more money back from property taxes. With a higher income limit and more money coming back, this is a huge win for our neighbors.





### 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

Questions7 Contact my office for help receiving your refund-



# **Childcare Tax Credit**

Pennsylvania's Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit has expanded under new legislation signed by the Governor, offering substantial support to families with daycare expenses and those caring for relatives. This move brings significant relief to 210,000 families. The credit now mirrors the federal one, granting up to \$1,050 for one child or \$2,100 for two or more children, with variations based on income. Qualifying expenses cover care for dependent children under 13, incapacitated spouses, or other dependents meeting specific criteria. Notably, the credit is refundable, ensuring eligible taxpayers receive the full benefit, and utilizing the myPATH online system simplifies the claiming process when filing tax returns. This extension underscores Pennsylvania's commitment to bolstering families and addressing critical needs.

### **Property Tax/Rent Rebate**

For 2024, the income limit for PTRR increased for the first time in years, so more folks are eligible. I have been at the forefront of working to make this happen and my team is available to answer questions, and help you apply online so you can get your rebate as soon as possible. Call to make an appointment with my team to apply now!

If you have never applied before, please reach out to find out if you are now eligible.

And remember – if you live in North Penn School District, once you get your state rebate, my team can help get you more money back from your school taxes, too!

# **Bringing Money Back to Our District**

In 2023, I worked hard to bring millions of dollars back to the district for crucial infrastructure projects, to support veterans groups, and more. In 2024, I'm already meeting with local groups to discuss where I can help bring more money back, and I look forward to highlighting these needs to my colleagues in Harrisburg to make sure we get our fair share of funding.

- I was thrilled to announce a total of **\$5.4 million** for critical infrastructure upgrades to our local sewer and water systems in Lansdale, Franconia, Hatfield, Montgomery, and Telford. We have seen other local municipalities struggle to keep up with maintenance and repairs on their systems, and this funding is so vital to keeping our basic infrastructure working and keeping our utility bills low.
- I was also able to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars for safer streets, our arts and cultural centers and our local firefighters and EMTs.
- Senator Maria Collett and I worked together to secure **\$2.5 million** in funding for North Penn YMCA's new gym, and last year we had the honor of joining the ground-breaking. This is one of my favorite ground-breakings I've attended because it's one of my favorite projects that I've supported so far! I cannot wait to see the final product in January 2025.





## Improving road links for the local economy

Late last year, I welcomed Transportation Secretary Mike Carroll to witness the progress on the 309 Connector project, also known through the decades as the Piedmont Highway. Since I was first elected in 2018, I have advocated for funding to push the project forward, and this was a great opportunity to show Sec. Carroll the need for funding for the last stage of the project so that it can be completed as soon as possible.

# **LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS**

I had my first bill passed and signed into law by the Governor. HB1096 will help local restaurants with a hotel liquor license transfer. This bill was inspired by listening to local businesses and I'm proud to get them the help they need. In addition, I had multiple other bills pass the House and be sent to the Senate for consideration. I'm working on more legislation inspired by local businesses, residents, and even high school students to make life better in PA.

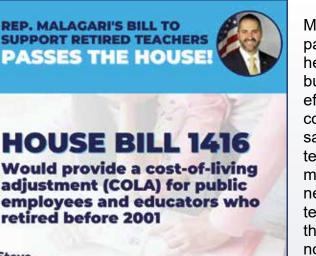
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This legislation provides a valuable opportunity for licensees to adapt to changing market conditions, while also addressing the shortage of restaurant licenses in our counties.

# Supporting PA's Economy

Rep. Malagari's H.B. 1096, aimed at supporting licensees and bolstering economic growth, has passed both chambers and awaits the governor's final seal of approval.





My four Housepassed bills would help small family businesses be more efficient, allow online consumers to shop safely, help retired teachers afford to meet their basic needs, and allow tenants to stay in their homes. These now await action in the Senate.

Steve Malagari

Throughout 2023, I worked closely with North Penn High School students to introduce a bill to reduce the burden of AP Exam costs. House Bill 1875 was reported out of the House Education Committee late last year, and now I look forward to working to get this and other bills moving through the rest of the process throughout 2024.



The House Education Committee passed Rep. Malagari's bill that would cut AP exam costs for students.

PA House Dems work for you. Senate Republicans work for special interests

# **SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE:**



SASD Support Our Troops Veterans Brunch.



Talking with attendees at our Senior Fair.



Telford tree lighting.



It was so much fun playing cricket at Clemens Park!



I got to try out a VR headset at North Penn High School.



Celebrating the funding we secured for the North Penn YMCA's new gym.



Visiting Peppe's Steaks in Souderton. So good!



Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade.



I had the opportunity to speak to some SASD teachers last September.

# **SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE:**



Constitution Week celebration with the Daughters of the American Revolution Towamencin Chapter.



This year's Summer Shred Event was a success!



Catching up with old friends at the Cannoneers Sportsmens Club Block Party in September.



Fantastic visit to El Limon, Lansdale!



Community Day at North Penn Mosque.



Diwali celebration at BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha Mandir in Hatfield.



Health screening at PEAK center.

Thank you, Skippack Pharmacy.

Speaking with retired teachers.



Previewing a new coaster design at Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters, Inc.



Congratulations to Aidan Bolte on his Eagle Scout Court of Honor!



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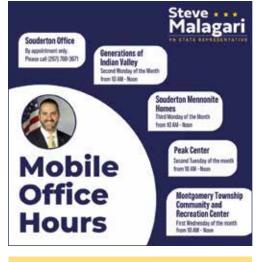
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# **Voting Info**

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024 ELECTIONS:**

April 8 – Last day to register to vote before the Primary
April 16 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for Primary
April 23 – Primary Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots
October 21 – Last day to register to vote before the General
October 29 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for General
November 5 – General Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots

To check your voter registration, register to vote, or any other voting information, go to vote.pa.gov.



# **Upcoming Events**

Expungement Event - February 29 Shred/E-Waste Event - June 1 Family Fair - Summer 2024 Senior Fair - Sept 2024

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