

FALL 2024

BIZZ REPORT



NEWS FROM HOUSE MAJORITY POLICY CHAIRMAN, REP. RYAN BIZZARRO

HONORED TO REPRESENT YOU

Working for you!

There's no reason politics should determine how you are treated. It doesn't matter who you vote for or what your personal politics are, **my team and I will treat you with the same respect as our closest neighbors and friends.**

You don't have to take my word for it. Talk to the thousands of people who have been helped by my team. **I run one of the highest performing offices in the state in delivering rebates, solving PennDOT problems, and helping with unemployment compensation or other state paperwork that the people in Fairview and Millcreek need.** We get referrals from all over the state from people looking for a team that gets the job done. We expect to handle more than 40,000 pieces of casework this session.

This year, I continued to reach across the aisle to pass measures that help the working people and working families in our region. **I have received support from members of the other party, because at the end of the day they also believe that what truly matters is being able to help people** – regardless of who wrote the bill.

Since day one, I made it my mission to be the **biggest advocate and fighter for this region.** The greatest responsibility in my life is being given the opportunity to represent the people of this region, so you better believe I fight for you and your causes as if you were one of my family members – because in a way, many of you are.



Jim [redacted]

This is NOT a political post! Any comments like that will be deleted. I have friends of all political persuasions. Focus on what joins us, not what separates us and see what happens to your world ...

I just want to honor the work that **P.J. Monella** and **Ryan Bizarro's** office does and has done for those of us in the business world. Several of my clients have run into roadblocks with the state government recently, and this office has taken up the charge for them. While not always able to get the results desired, they do act quickly and represent/advocate for their constituents to the utmost of their ability.

Like Reply 18

Jerry [redacted]

You and your office takes good care of us. Keep up the amazing work. We are proud of you.

Like Reply 25

Pat [redacted]

Ryan Bizarro, always doing a good job, promoting our area. Thank you for making sure we get the needed funds and recognition.

Like Reply 12



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FIGHTING FOR WORKERS

I forever support workers and the middle class, because they are the backbone of this region and our nation. I always stand for the rights of workers to be able to put food on the table. Billionaires aren't making our region great, workers like you are, and that's why I support:

- ✔ Collective bargaining,
- ✔ Demanding the prevailing wage,
- ✔ Safer working conditions, and
- ✔ Fair wages for an honest day's work.



IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

Protecting lives and property across our region is always a hallmark of what we do in Harrisburg. Right now, the U.S. has its lowest crime rate in 40 years, but I'm not content. We must be vigilant at safeguarding residents and protecting our hometowns. I continue to demand fully funding local law enforcement, providing the state dollars they need because it's the best pathway to keeping crime at a generational low.

- ✔ That's why I passed a budget that puts **almost 400 new PA state troopers** on our streets.
- ✔ That's why I passed a budget that delivers **millions of dollars to fund crime prevention programs**, to help deter people from ever turning to a life of crime.
- ✔ And that's why I passed a budget that delivers millions of dollars in **violence intervention programs**, to help our communities heal.



ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT

PA can no longer afford to sit idle. During the last 15 years, almost all of them under GOP control, we have been passed by our neighboring states. I've introduced a pair of bills that will position PA to attract better jobs, better companies and a better future – for all of us.

- ✔ **Keystone Investstructure Fund:** Improves PA's roads, bridges, housing and real estate through partnerships with investment firms, requiring their double match on state dollars. **We can't attract top-flight businesses and jobs, if we don't have the best infrastructure in place.** Piecemeal, fix-it-as-we-go is the way of the past. PA needs to plan for its future, and that means more than just looking at what we need 24 hours from now.
- ✔ **Impact Pennsylvania:** Allows low-interest loans to qualified buyers, so the people who want to make Pennsylvania better, have the means to make it happen. **That means local projects that never received the green light before, can finally deliver better jobs and better opportunities for our hometowns.**



KEEPING SENIORS IN THEIR HOMES

For 2024, I voted to increase Property Tax/Rent Rebates. I also voted to expand the program, making rebates available for an estimated 175,000+ people. These rebates allow seniors, widows and widowers the ability to receive money back on the property taxes and rent they paid the year before.

We went a step further in 2024, creating the LIFE Program, because seniors have spent a lifetime making their homes and our hometowns better – **seniors should be afforded the opportunity to stay in their homes longer.** The LIFE Program delivers medical and support services to keep seniors in their homes.

Seniors deserve that right, and studies show it is less expensive to provide home-based care than relocating patients to long-term care.



PASSING BILLS, SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS

I'm committed to reaching across the aisle to find sensible solutions that have received overwhelming bipartisan support:

- ✓ My anti-SLAPP legislation was signed into law, it **ends frivolous lawsuits** and took years of work to pass.
- ✓ My Modernize the Treasury bill passed the House unanimously, and it would **cut red tape so you receive what's rightfully yours.**
- ✓ My first-time homebuyers savings account passed the House, and it would **create saving options for new homebuyers.**



WORKING FOR YOU

When political elites lie about what has been happening in Harrisburg the last two years, they are removing themselves from any serious conversation. Here are the facts: Since taking control of the House with only a one-seat majority, I have served on the Leadership team that helped bring about **real change for everyday people in our region and across the state.**

We are on our way to passing well over 400 bills this session.

We passed bills that had sat unmoved for years. We ended the Harrisburg gridlock in the House. **And we are just getting started.**



BUDGET WINS FOR OUR REGION

Here's how we delivered for YOU

Since regaining control of the House for the first time in more than a decade, **House Democrats have never passed a budget that raises taxes.** Here's what we passed in this year's budget:

✔ Money in Your Pocket

NO NEW TAXES.

Harrisburg delivered more money for PA public schools, so **local communities can lessen property tax burden.**

Cyber charter school reform, **making certain taxpayers only pay for real education costs** – saving tens of millions of dollars every year in the process.

✔ Seniors

Secured more money for home health care employees, so seniors can rely on these workers to help stay in their homes even when they have unexpected health challenges. Expanded medication coverage to **stop wild increases on drug prices.**

Saved local family-owned pharmacies, with 100+ closing in 2024, by cutting out tactics of greedy middlemen.

Created new LIFE Program to help keep seniors in their homes.

✔ Education

Record \$1.3 billion invested in public schools, **providing Millcreek Township and Fairview school districts with the tools they need** to continue performing at high levels.

We blocked any new voucher system that would privatize education and **kill our high-performing local public schools.**

Tabbed \$100 million for improving school safety to keep kids safe.

✔ Keep Kids in PA

Make college more affordable, improving access to higher ed loans.

Boost investments in community college, career and technical education to provide more options for kids.

Sent **\$30 million to student teacher stipend** program, it's not enough – but it's start.

Created college scholarship program that awards **\$5K grants for students in approved course of study,** like nursing or teaching.

Offer nonresident students the PASSHE in-state tuition rate if they **commit to work in PA after graduation.**

More than **doubled Ready To Succeed Scholarships** for high academic achievers.

✔ Safer Communities

We **put more cops on the streets,** money to hire about 400 more PA State Troopers.

Invested **\$56.5 million in prevention/intervention** programs.

Spent **\$20.7 million for School Safety and Security Fund.**



Your voice is your vote.

It's never too early to make a plan to

VOTE!

Apply for your no excuse mail ballot at:
vote.pa.gov/mailballot

OR scan the QR Code



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH POLICY

Serving as the House Majority Policy Chairman, I am a member of House Leadership. In my role as the head of the committee, we travel the state to hear directly from the people asking for policy changes and directly affected by state laws.

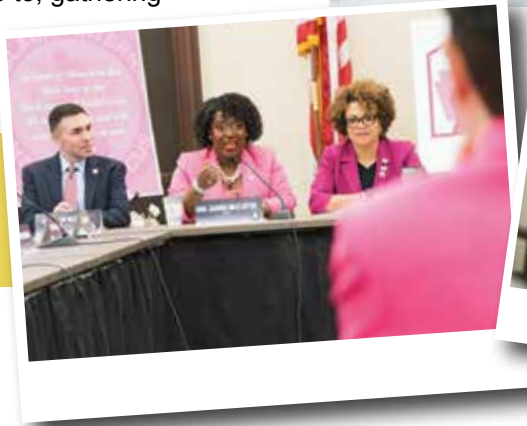
We will surpass 50 Policy Committee hearings this year, **taking testimony and working in roundtables to find out how we can improve PA.**

So far, the Policy Committee has hosted 34 hearings across 23 ZIP codes, with a trip planned to Erie later this year. We are covering all those miles, so you don't have to, gathering insight and educated opinions to help make the changes we need to improve our region and the state.



POLICY WINS IN 2023-24:

- ✔ Providing our schools with the funding they need; improving the teacher pipeline through measures like the **student teacher stipend** and **Grow Your Own Educators** bill.
- ✔ Passing the **first minimum wage hike in more than a decade.**
- ✔ Improving **worker protections** to help keep you safe on the job.
- ✔ Passing the **first cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers in their 80s and 90s** who have never received one.
- ✔ House passage of the **Patient Safety Act** to ensure patients have adequate care and nurses aren't overburdened with an overwhelming number of patients.
- ✔ Providing **oversight and reforms to end lavish spending** by cyber charter schools, which have used taxpayer dollars to purchase TV ads and take children to professional sporting events under the guise of education.
- ✔ Passing **Keystone Saves Retirement Accounts** to remove a major burden off small business owners and allow employees to create their own retirement plans at no cost to taxpayers.



\$450,000 FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In late August, I delivered **\$450,000 in state funding for Fairview Fire & Rescue.** This money will go to purchase a new vehicle that will protect lives and help keep us safe.

Our volunteer first responders answer our calls for help without hesitation - when they came to me for help, I didn't hesitate to do my part to help them protect our community. It is a top priority of mine to make sure our first responders have everything they need to save lives and protect property in our region.





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WE'RE HERE TO HELP

My dedicated office staff is waiting to help you navigate state services and programs! Here's how you can get in touch with my team.

Millcreek Office:

Peninsula Plaza
1101 Peninsula Drive, Suite 213
Erie, PA 16505-4169
814-835-2880
Mon. – Fri.
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Hours:

Fairview Township Building
7471 McCray Road
Fairview, PA 16415-2401
Every Wednesday
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

License Plate Replacement Event

THURSDAY, SEPT 26TH | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

📍 Old K-Mart Plaza at West 26th and Sterrettania Road

Bring your license & current registration!



GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Partnering with LECOM Institute for Successful Living

Friday, October 18
9 AM - 12 PM

Peninsula Plaza
1101 Peninsula Dr., Suite 213



Other vaccines will be available. Call 814-835-2880 for details.



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