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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family had a fantastic summer! My team and I have been keeping busy over the past several months, working every day to make southwestern PA a better place to live, work, and play.

In Harrisburg, the PA House has passed nearly 400 bills, working tirelessly to create better jobs, improve our schools, and ensure safer communities across the Commonwealth. I have made some fantastic progress this year on legislation to address inflation and hold big businesses accountable – like the new law that will help reduce the cost of medicine in PA. For too long, corporate giants have been using predatory practices to push out small businesses and increase costs for consumers. Ending these practices and bringing down the cost of living remains one of my top priorities at the state Capitol.

Here in Allegheny County, I've had the pleasure of joining residents at many events throughout our community to spread the word about all services my district office provides. I've also had meetings with local businesses and community stakeholders about the biggest issues facing our community, including some very productive discussions around revitalizing the Century III Mall.

Turn the page and keep reading to learn more about my legislative initiatives, the 2024-2025 state budget, how my office can help you, and more. What issues are important to you? Please let me know by contacting my district office by phone at 412-466-1940 or by email at RepPisciottano@pahouse.net.

Stay well,



A Budget That Works for Everyone Without Raising Taxes

I voted for the 2024-25 Pennsylvania budget because it makes our public schools a priority, supports aging Pennsylvanians, invests wisely in ways that will create jobs, and imposes no new taxes.

Protecting Working Families

- \$26.2 million to support childcare services for working parents.
- Over \$200 million for public transit and traffic infrastructure, creating jobs and getting more Pennsylvanians to wherever they need to be.
- \$20 million for the state's Main Street Matters program, providing grants to enhance local economies.

Supporting Our Seniors

- \$12.6 million funding increase for the Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program, helping more seniors stay in their homes.
- 17.5% Medicaid rate increase for nursing homes, translating to approximately \$35 more per resident everyday day.
- \$16 million investment to increase minimum monthly SNAP benefits for seniors and people with disabilities from \$23 to \$35.
- \$1 million for senior food boxes, helping low-income seniors access nutritious meals.
- \$354.8 million in federal and state funding to support home and community-based services.

Investing in Our Students

- \$100 million for school safety, including improving mental health resources for students.
- \$100 million to improve school facilities – including saving taxpayer dollars by investing in solar energy at schools.
- \$30 million increase for career and technical schools across PA.
- \$62 million increase for Allegheny County public schools, including a \$21 million increase for schools here in the 38th Legislative District.



More Money for More Seniors

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has delivered millions of dollars in rebates to thousands of seniors here in Allegheny County. I'm proud to say the program is bigger and better than ever because I fought to expand qualifying income limits to up to \$45,000 and the maximum rebate amount to \$1,000. Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians have already received their checks, but if you didn't apply yet, it's not too late!

My staff and I have already helped over 800 Pennsylvanians get a rebate this year, and we're eager to help more. Apply for PTRR before the Dec. 31 deadline.

Call my office today at 412-466-1940 to find out if you qualify for this and other state programs that can improve your life.



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

Deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**

Fighting for Pennsylvania Veterans

Critical funding increases for our veterans is a key reason I supported this year's state budget. While we may never fully repay veterans and their families for their incredible sacrifices, we must do everything we can to ensure they can live comfortably when they return home.

Increases in the 2024-25 State Budget For Pennsylvania Veterans:

- \$3.6 million for general operations.
- \$10.4 million to support state Veterans Homes.
- \$60,000 to help veterans' kids earn degrees.
- \$222,000 for the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension.
- \$424,000 for veterans outreach services.

Twice a month, my office is proud to host Steve Schott from the American Legion to help veterans and their families navigate the VA benefit process. Appointments are required for these outreach events. Please call my office 412-466-1940 to schedule an appointment.



Veterans Outreach

A Veterans Assistance Expert from the American Legion will be on-site to help veterans and their families access benefits

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Protecting Pennsylvanians From Corporate Greed

I'm working in Harrisburg to protect your wallet.

Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

House Bill 1993

I was proud to support legislation introduced by my colleague state Rep. Jessica Benham that will help our local pharmacies stay in business and lower the cost of prescription drugs by increasing transparency and accountability around pharmacy benefit managers, the corporate middlemen in the pharmaceutical supply chain. In July, Gov. Josh Shapiro signed this bill into law, and it's going to have an immensely positive impact on pharmacy owners and patients across PA.

Cracking Down on Monopolies

House Bill 2012

Did you know that PA is the only state in America without a state-level antitrust law?

Antitrust laws are essential in preventing companies from engaging in predatory business practices like monopolization, restricting trade, and limiting competition. Our lack of an antitrust law does serious economic damage to consumers, workers, and small business owners in PA. I introduced the Open Markets Act (H.B. 2012) to establish an antitrust law in PA, and it passed the state House by a bipartisan vote! I'm urging the Senate to pass the bill as soon as possible to ensure that Pennsylvanians are treated fairly at the grocery store, gas station, and everywhere in between.

Ending Junk Fees – Pay the Price You See

House Bill 636

Pennsylvanians are beyond frustrated with having to pay hidden fees that are not included in the listed price of a good or service online. A \$100 concert ticket can quickly turn into \$180 in just one click – and it happens just as often when ordering food delivery or booking hotels. I introduced the Pay the Price You See Act to end these junk fees once and for all. It passed the state House last fall and, if signed into law, would require companies to list the total price of any good or service upfront, including mandatory fees. Like the Open Markets Act, this bill must be passed by the state Senate before it heads to the governor's desk.



Making Progress on the Century III Mall

House Bill 1799 and Support from the State Budget

I was excited to vote yes on H.B. 1799, which would create tax credits for developers who take on the costly project of rehabilitating an old shopping mall, like the Century III Mall in West Mifflin. The state House passed this bill in April. Additionally, the 2024-25 state budget includes over \$15 million for redevelopment through the PA SITES program that will help rebuild sites like Century III across the Commonwealth.

In early June, I organized a meeting to discuss future developments of the Century III Mall with Shawl Pryor, chief operating officer of Moonbeam Capital Investments (current mall owners), local officials, and state government leaders. I've also given a personal tour of the site to Rick Siger, secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, to get his thoughts on rehabilitating the space.

Revitalizing this property has been a priority for me since my first day in office. While there is still a long way to go, I'm encouraged by the conversations we are having, and the progress made so far. By coordinating with all levels of government and the property owner, I know we can achieve a win-win solution that benefits everyone in our community.



WORKING FOR YOU



My dedicated staff and I have been working hard this year at my West Mifflin district office to help our community members with state-related issues. Remember that my team and I work for you, and we're happy to assist you, your friends, and your family however we can.

To learn more about the services my office provides, give us a call at 412-466-1940, email RepPisciottano@pahouse.net, or stop by and see us at 3563 Mountain View Drive in West Mifflin.

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CONTACT US FOR HELP WITH:

- Unemployment issues
- Property Tax / Rent Rebate
- Notarization (non-financial only)
- Senior Bus Passes
- PENNDOT Requests
- Birth + Death Certificates
- Unclaimed Property
- Veterans Assistance
- Disability Placards
- Professional License Questions and much more!

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Nippon Steel – U.S. Steel Merger

My office is very closely monitoring the Nippon Steel – U.S. Steel merger. We are in communication with the United Steelworkers and our partners in the federal government to ensure that any sale of U.S. Steel is in the best interest of the workers, our communities, and our national security. While the role state government plays in this area is limited, I remain committed to ensuring a fair deal for the Mon Valley.

In 2024, we've provided over **9,000 individual services** to Pennsylvanians across the state!

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Everything is better with ice cream! I love joining seniors around our community for ice cream socials focused on connecting them to state services to help them live their best lives.



It's critical that our future leaders understand how our government works! I always have a great time talking to our local Scout troops and answering their questions about government.

FUNDING FIRST RESPONDERS

More than \$231,000 awarded to:

Baldwin EMS	\$45,785	Homeville Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$15,590
Baldwin Independent Fire Co.	\$15,000	Option Independent Fire Co.	\$15,007
Citizens Hose Co.	\$20,720	Skyview Volunteer Fire Co.	\$15,007
Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire	\$31,368	South Baldwin Volunteer Fire Co.	\$15,007
Dravosburg Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$15,201	West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Co.	\$14,229
Duquesne Annex Volunteer Fire Co.	\$13,840	Whitehall Fire Co.	\$14,685

Earlier this year, I was proud to announce over \$231,000 in state grant money for our local fire and EMS companies. Throughout my time in office, I've helped secure millions of tax dollars through state grants for first responders here in the 38th Legislative District. These heroes put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe and I'll continue working in Harrisburg to make sure they get the funding they need.





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- Updates on the 2024-25 state budget.
- Protecting Pennsylvanians from corporate greed.
- How my office can help you and your loved ones.
- And much more!

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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH

- PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate
 - Notarization of non-financial documents
 - Senior bus passes
 - PennDOT requests (titles, disability placards, REAL ID, etc.)
 - Unclaimed property
- Unemployment compensation
- Utility issues

SAVE THE *Date*

MY OFFICE'S UPCOMING FREE EVENTS:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
 Damaged License Plate Replacement
 Allegheny County Airport
 10 a.m. to noon

SATURDAY, OCT. 12
 Document Shredding
 West Mifflin Fire Co. #3
 10 a.m. to noon