

MANDY STEELE

SUMMER 2023

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

As I continue in my first term as your state representative, I wanted to take this time to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me and provide a glimpse into some of the ways I am working both here at home and in Harrisburg to improve our community.

I am deeply honored to represent our newly reshaped 33rd Legislative District, which includes East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Harmar, Harrison, Indiana, O'Hara and Springdale Townships and Aspinwall, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Cheswick, Fox Chapel, Sharpsburg, Springdale and Tarentum Boroughs. In the month ahead, I'll be working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation and promote policies that improve life for working families and seniors, boost resources for our first responders, strengthen our public schools, support our small businesses and protect our environment.

I'll also be working on one of my central legislative priorities – shaping the policies that will propel the commonwealth to the forefront of energy production and position us as a worldwide energy leader.

Here at home, my talented staff can help you with a wide range of state-related matters. Please contact us by emailing RepSteele@pahouse.net, calling (724) 826-5151, or visiting us at our district office in Cheswick to learn more about the services we provide.

Keep reading to learn about my work since taking office!

Since taking office, I've helped secure nearly \$2.5 million in state funding for our community!

State Representative Mandy Steele

District Office Services

I'm ready to work for you!

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- PennDOT services
- Information on hunting, trapping, fishing, and more
- Pennsylvania Treasury's Unclaimed Property Database
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
- Unemployment Compensation



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SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

MY BILL TO BOOST FIREFIGHTER ENROLLMENT

In the 1970s, Pennsylvania had more than 300,000 volunteer firefighters but today, that number has dwindled to fewer than 38,000. To help address the problem, I have introduced legislation that would encourage more people to serve by providing them with tuition assistance for a higher education.

H.B. 1165 would establish the Active Volunteer First Responder Education Tax Credit Program, which would provide a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to each active volunteer first responder who attends a Pennsylvania institution of higher education on a full-time basis. The program would provide a helpful tool in critical recruitment and retention efforts.

Police radar

In addition to my firefighter recruitment bill, I am also co-sponsoring legislation that would allow local police to use radar. Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of speed-related traffic deaths in the country and with more than 85% of speed-related fatalities occurring on local roads, H.B. 1368 would work to save lives.

INVESTING IN OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Investing in our first responders is vital as they work to protect our communities. Since taking office in January 2023, I am proud to have helped secure \$183,500 in funding for our first responders, including grants to the following departments:

- \$30,000 to Harmar Township Police Department to acquire cameras for police cars.
- \$23,500 to Hilltop Hose Company No. 3 to replace the building roof.
- \$20,000 to Tarentum Borough to enhance communication across municipalities.
- \$20,000 to Brackenridge Borough to provide for an emergency alert communications system.
- \$7,500 to Fawn Township Police Department to acquire wireless cameras.
- \$7,500 to Aspinwall Police Department to purchase new firearms.



In March, I attended the Hometown Heroes event in Harrison with state Sen. Lindsey Williams to celebrate our local first responders. We honored with a House of Representatives citation Tarentum Police Officer Jordan Schrecengost – who was injured when he and Brackenridge Police Chief Justin McIntire tried to apprehend a suspect. Tragically, Chief McIntire suffered fatal injuries.



I was proud to help secure funding for a new roof for Hilltop Hose Company #3.



I met with Foxwall Emergency Medical Services to learn more about their work! In addition to supporting the communities they serve, they offer educational courses, such as the popular course for babysitters.



Chief McIntire was raised on Third Avenue in Brackenridge, and he died on the same street, protecting the town he loved. In May, I joined Chief McIntire's family, friends, and neighbors as Third Avenue was formally renamed to McIntire Way.



Delivering snacks to various police departments during Police Week provided us a chance to thank some of our district's finest, including Harmar Township Police Officer Alan "A.J." Yonek.

MOVING TOWARD A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE BY MAKING PENNSYLVANIA AN ENERGY LEADER



It was an honor to co-host the recent policy roundtable at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, the most energy efficient conservatory in the world. Phipps is an incredible place with important implications for how we design moving forward. Buildings contribute a large portion of the carbon that is fueling climate change and if we don't pivot, our buildings will be a big part of what will make the planet uninhabitable.



My first resolution, H.R. 131, was adopted in the House! The resolution provides for an audit of Pennsylvania's impact fee in the oil and natural gas industry. Thanks to collaboration with industry members in the Marcellus Shale Coalition, members of the labor force, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, we can begin to act collaboratively to decarbonize our economy. We have an opportunity to set Pennsylvania up as a worldwide energy leader in the coming carbon-neutral economy, and that path begins with gathering as much information as we can about the current lay of the land.

MY BILLS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Coal tar and other asphalt sealants containing a high amount of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are commonly used to maintain driveways, parking lots, and playgrounds. The chemical, which is often spread where our children play, poses a cancer risk and other known dangers to human health and the environment. For me, this issue is personal as one of my children experienced health issues, likely due to high-PAH based sealants used in our driveway.

To address the issue, I have introduced H.B. 1166 – the Safer Sealant Act – which would ban the supply, sale, or application of high-PAH sealants – those containing more than 0.1% polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons by weight.

Sustainable green roofing

I have also introduced legislation that would establish a tax credit for “green roofing,” a practice that helps residents and businesses – particularly those in urban areas – conserve natural resources and improve the environment.

Green roofs are additions to roofs that support living vegetation by incorporating a synthetic, high-quality waterproof membrane, a drainage layer, a soil layer and lightweight medium plants. My H.B. 1248 would make green roofs more accessible by establishing a tax credit for 25% of costs initially incurred by residents or business owners to install and maintain these structures.



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Our District Office Open House was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who visited. We would also like to thank Sharpsburg community organizer Corey Ochai and artist Marlin Gist, who partnered with us to showcase several incredible pieces of art!



In May, I co-hosted a tour of the Center for Organ Recovery & Education with Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation Chair Rep. Nick Pisciotano. CORE partners with more than 150 hospitals and health care facilities to deliver the gift of life by coordinating the surgical recovery of organs, tissues and corneas for transplantation.



I joined fellow members of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and Sen. Lindsey Williams for an exciting tour of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company.



When trout season started, I had my kids help me with stocking the trout! Thanks to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for hosting us!

During a tour of the new Allegheny Shores Development in Sharpsburg, our delegation heard about progress on work that will transform a major brownfield site into mixed use commercial and residential development, reconnecting the Allegheny Riverfront to economic opportunity right here in our community!



WORKING FOR YOU

Following the demolition of two smokestacks at the decommissioned Cheswick Generating Station in Springdale Borough, I heard from constituents about their concerns and quickly began working with the Department of Environmental Protection to address safety concerns.



ABOUT ME

Before I was elected to represent the 33rd Legislative District, I led bipartisan actions to address environmental safety issues across 20 southwestern counties in Pennsylvania. As state representative, I hope to restore the Allegheny Valley as an economic hub and address environmental issues across the state to promote clean energy, create jobs, and save taxpayer dollars.

Keep in contact with me by subscribing to my e-newsletter and following me on Facebook and Twitter @RepSteele.



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Environmental Resources & Energy
- Consumer Protection & Utilities
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Fish & Game



With more than \$202.95 million in funding for DEP, \$80.26 million in funding for public schools within Allegheny County, and \$8 million in the Workforce Development Program,

we can begin to work to address environmental issues such as the climate crisis, reform Pennsylvania's public school funding system and continue to recruit and retain workers by keeping Pennsylvania open for business.



A ny budget is a compromise, but I cast a yes vote for this year's \$45 billion budget plan because it invests wisely to strengthen our public schools, promote workforce development, and support important environmental programs – all without raising taxes. State funding for DEP, public schools in Allegheny County, and the Workforce Development Program increased by 10.9%, 8.6%, and 60%, respectively. Those investments – together with funding for key programs that help working families and seniors – will keep us moving forward.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

We have three events approaching! My staff and I hope to see you there.

AUGUST 14
2 PM - 4 PM
237 Commercial Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Aspinwall Borough
Meet & Greet

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AUGUST 17
3 PM - 5 PM
3710 Saxon Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Indiana Township
Meet & Greet

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SAVE THE DATE

Outdoor Expo

SEPTEMBER 15

More information to come

Email RepSteele@pahouse.net or call (724) 826-5151
if you're interested in attending.

We'll also have information to come on the outdoor expo we're planning September 15, so email me at RepSteele@pahouse.net or call me at (724) 826-5151 if you're interested in attending.

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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Applying for state programs such as Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE
- Birth and death certificates
- Senior ConnectCards for seniors 65+
- Disability parking placards/plates
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) information
- Problems or questions about PennDOT, including car registrations, titles and license applications
- Public benefit applications or issues, including SNAP and Medical Assistance
- Unemployment compensation questions
- Questions about utilities or the PUC
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Problems with Pennsylvania income taxes
- College grant and loan (PHEAA) information

