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Fighting for You



Burns a champion for seniors on fixed incomes, **CONSISTENTLY** voted against tax hikes

Seniors living on fixed incomes are especially vulnerable when Harrisburg starts angling for more money; Rep. Burns always spares them financial agony by voting against higher taxes.

Rep. Burns has an indisputable track record of staunchly saying “No” to power brokers from both parties every time they’ve tried to strong-arm him into a vote for higher taxes:

- ✓ He **refused** to vote for Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf’s **higher sales and income taxes**.
- ✓ He **refused** to vote for Republican Gov. Tom Corbett’s **higher gasoline taxes**.
- ✓ He **refused** to vote for **back-door tax hikes** on tobacco products, income tax on lottery winnings, and downloaded internet data and apps.
- ✓ And he **refused** to saddle taxpayers with **\$1.29 billion in debt** for capital projects, because he knows borrowed money must be repaid through taxes.

Burns helps seniors with property taxes, votes for 70% boost in rebate program

Rep. Burns knows that many seniors struggle to pay property taxes, so he voted for this year’s state budget largely because it contained a one-time, 70-percent boost in payments from the state’s popular Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.



The program is open to Pennsylvanians living with a disability, Widows and widowers aged 50 or older, and all residents 65 or older. The program has annual income limits – excluding half of Social Security income – that are under \$35,000 for homeowners and under \$15,000 for renters.

Rep. Burns encourages anyone who meets those thresholds to contact one of his offices if they need help applying.

“I know how tough it is for our seniors, many of whom are on fixed incomes, which is why I voted to support this rebate increase.” – Rep. Frank Burns

Burns recognized for bipartisan efforts

A recent PA publication took note of Rep. Burns' efforts to work across the aisle – labeling him “The man in the middle” and giving him the title “Mr. Centrality.”

Rep. Burns has carved out a reputation in Harrisburg for avoiding the extremes and embracing good ideas no matter who proposes them, and he's now being recognized statewide for that stance.

Most of all, Rep. Burns believes his votes in Harrisburg reflect the values of the people he is elected to represent. These social media comments praising his centrist, sensible approach show he's on the right track.



Richard McGeary

A party is just a party. Mr. Frank Burns works for the people he represents regardless of what his party does. He truly is for the people and by the people. That's not called being a Democrat or Republican, that's called being an American.
Great job.



Richard Huff

What, a Democrat who is a centrist agreeing with conservatives? He's a rare duck.

Like Reply 12h



Maggie Johnson

It's people like you that our government needs more of

13h Like Reply

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Theresa Terrie Engbert Rován
You are working for the people and the people appreciate what you do!

Like Reply 2d



John Mardis

Thank you for the work you do

13h Like Reply

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Top fan

Mary Paahana

The important thing is you get the job done ! Your a worker not a politician .

Like Reply 2d

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Mr. Centrality: State Rep. Frank Burns



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Who says bipartisanship is dead? Burns, a Democrat serving a largely conservative Cambria County constituency, has worked with and voted alongside the Republican majority in Harrisburg on many occasions. A self-described “pro-life, pro-Second Amendment Democrat,” Burns recently introduced two bills – one expediting public records requests for elected officials, and another using surplus funds to reduce property taxes – that have gained bipartisan sponsors.



People before politics

Committed to working together

The political divide in Washington shouldn't influence how the public judges local representatives. Rep. Burns doesn't let Washington politics influence him. That's why he has forged a working relationship with Republican Rep. Jim Rigby based on civility and mutual respect.

These two hometown guys won't agree 100% of the time, but for Rep. Burns, working together for the public good is just common sense.

"State Rep. Jim Rigby and I are committed to working together, to do what's best for the people of our area." – Rep. Burns

Burns out to save health care in rural counties

"We can't afford to lose access to the treatments and services that sick people need." – Rep. Burns

The state Department of Health has labeled 62 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties as "health professional shortage areas" – and Rep. Burns wants to start now to make sure Cambria County residents don't end up having to travel hundreds of miles to get the health care they need.

Rep. Burns has authored legislation that would direct the Center for Rural Pennsylvania to study the current level of health care access in rural counties, determine challenges faced by the health care industry, and include recommendations on how we can better support rural communities wrestling with those challenges.

This study would help Rep. Burns in his ongoing efforts to make sure rural areas receive their fair share of attention and funding in Harrisburg.



Burns votes to reduce health insurance cost

Saves money for 400,000 people, and saves the state \$59 million

Seniors are suffering under skyrocketing medical costs, while insurance companies make huge profits. Rep. Burns understands this and looked for a way to help. He voted for a bill passed by a Republican-controlled legislature and signed into law by a Democratic governor that changed the way the state's health insurance exchange operated. With that single effort, 400,000 people saw their health insurance premiums lowered and the state saved \$59 million. Rep. Burns supports good ideas, no matter who proposes them because he knows that neither party has a monopoly on workable solutions.

Rep. Burns has dedicated himself to protecting, providing for and taking care of those who have taken care of us.



Burns fights for seniors, year in and year out

Played critical role in getting bus service restored

When upset seniors sought Rep. Burns' help after the Cambria County Transit Authority cut out their favorite shared-ride bus trips a few years ago, it didn't take him long to get that decision reversed.

Rep. Burns quickly got on the issue, collecting 1,425 signatures on a petition supporting the seniors and accompanying 65 seniors to a Cambria County commissioners' meeting to make their feelings known.

Rep. Burns also got PennDOT involved, and after a meeting in his Harrisburg office, bus service was restored to seniors' most popular destinations.

Burns saves taxpayers over \$300,000

Spends LESS than allotted on office expenses

Rep. Burns was taught the value of a dollar growing up, and as the son of small business owners, he learned the importance of budgeting to save money wherever possible.

Seniors who need to stretch their dollars as far as they go should know that Rep. Burns does the same with state money.

Rep. Burns has saved taxpayers more than \$300,000 during his time in office by:

- ✓ Refusing a state car and cell phone (he uses his own, just like you).
- ✓ Relying on volunteer staff.
- ✓ Pinching pennies on office expenses.



Rep. Burns congratulated Erma Gray of Johnstown on her 90th birthday, joined by her family members Michael Regan, Bernadette Regan, and Michael "MJ" Regan.

Burns offers seniors help applying for heating assistance

With prices on the rise and many seniors on fixed incomes, Rep. Burns knows they will be looking even harder to save money where they can.



One source that could help is the state's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which assists homeowners and renters with paying heating bills and related emergency repairs.

Rep. Burns' offices are always ready to determine if you are eligible – and will even help you apply.

“Everyone is looking to save money, so give us a call or stop in to see if you qualify for this program.” – Rep. Burns

Burns helps speed Property Tax/Rent Rebates to seniors

Noting its strong bipartisan support, Rep. Burns voted for a bill that helped seniors by automatically sending them their property tax or rent rebates.

Rep. Burns then urged Governor Wolf to sign the measure into law as quickly as possible, so the rebates from the popular state program could be processed immediately.

The bill also allowed school districts to set up programs whereby senior citizens could perform volunteer work to receive a partial credit against their school property taxes.

Burns seeks Property Tax reduction, ways to ease seniors' burden

From introducing legislation that would freeze property taxes for those 65 or older, to advocating that a portion of this year's record state budget surplus be used for additional property tax relief, Rep. Burns has proposed, supported and voted for every viable avenue to lower that burden and keep people from being taxed out of their homes.

Spanning every year of his time in Harrisburg, Rep. Burns' efforts include ensuring that revenue from casino gambling went toward property tax relief – and making sure the current state budget had increased funding for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for seniors and disabled individuals.



“Seniors living on fixed incomes should not be taxed out of their homes.” – Rep. Burns



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BURNS TO HOST ANNUAL SENIOR FAIR

As a way to provide Cambria County's senior population with a wealth of information about their health and well-being, Rep. Burns hosts an annual Senior Fair, which this year will be held:

Friday, Sept. 23 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Bottle Works

411 3rd Ave. | Johnstown, PA 15906

Attendees can learn about a variety of senior services, including the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program and the PACE/PACENET program to help with prescription drug costs.

Rep. Burns and his staff look forward to answering your questions and providing direction on a host of government-related programs and services.

Call Rep. Burns' office at (814) 472-8021 for more information.

This FREE event includes:

- ▶ Information on senior services and state programs!
 - PACE/PACENET
 - Property Tax/Rent Rebates
- ▶ Food
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Prizes
- ▶ 30+ vendors

