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POLICY **RECAP**

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings



REP. MARTY FLYNN FEBRUARY 18 | SCRANTON MUNICIPAL TAX BURDEN

Rep. Marty Flynn hosted a public hearing on municipal tax burden at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. City and county officials discussed how the increased tax burden is at a critical level that is affecting all residents, especially senior citizens.





REP. BRIDGET KOSIEROWSKI
FEBRUARY 19 | DICKSON CITY
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
SHORTAGES IN

Rep. Bridget Kosierowski hosted a hearing on mental health professional shortages in schools at Dickson City Borough. She is working on legislation that would establish a loan forgiveness program for mental health school professionals. The Pa. Department of Health and local psychologists talked about the importance of having mental health services available to students.





REP. EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI FEBRUARY 20 | NANTICOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

State Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski hosted a public hearing on community college affordability at Luzerne County Community College. He has introduced a legislative package to allow students at any of Pennsylvania's 14 state community colleges to complete their two-year degree and land a steady job before having to repay their tuition. Community colleges and students testified about their financial challenges.

REP. KRISTINE HOWARD FEBRUARY 24 | EXTON OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Rep. Kristine Howard hosted a hearing on the opioid epidemic at West Whiteland Township Building. Testifiers included local officials from the court system, drug and alcohol services, and people affected by addiction.



REP. CHRIS RABB FEBRUARY 25 | PHILADELPHIA VOTING AND ELECTIONS

Rep. Chris Rabb hosted a public hearing on voting and elections at the United Lutheran Seminary. State and local officials, ACLU, Committee of Seventy, and POWER talked about the recent changes to the state's voting laws, which includes early voting, mail-in voting, and extended deadlines for voter registration and absentee balloting.



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