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Thank you to Don Cairns for showing us around the Cairns Family Farm on Earth Day to demonstrate the efforts you're taking to produce our agricultural needs in a sustainable way.

School funding will increase for the four school districts in House District 74

- Coatesville Area SD - 13.6%**
- Downingtown Area SD - 8.4%**
- Octorara Area SD - 6.4%**
- Twin Valley SD - 8.1%**



BUDGET UPDATE

The state House of Representatives finally met on common ground in early July to get a state budget passed and to the desk of Gov. Tom Wolf. The budget didn't address all our requests, but it did address some, most notably, the historic funding for K-12 education. Our school districts benefited from this funding, as will other schools across the commonwealth. The more our Commonwealth fulfills its funding obligations for public schools, the less of a burden you will need to bear in property taxes. Most importantly, I want you to know that I kept your concerns, requests and values in mind while I worked with my colleagues to negotiate a state budget that met the standard of the 74th Legislative District.

As I noted, we didn't have the opportunity to address all our concerns. However, I will say that I'm encouraged by what the budget brings to the table, and I'm confident it puts the commonwealth in a position for future success. As always, my office is open to address all state-related needs you may have. Please feel free to visit my district office at 3496 E. Lincoln Highway, Thorndale, Pa., 19372 or call 484-200-8256 to schedule an appointment.

YOU DESERVE STABILITY IN YOUR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE COVERAGE

Access to stable healthcare and related services isn't a want – it's a need. Unfortunately, our community has suffered continued loss when it comes to having access to essential medical services.

As you know, parts of our community are losing advanced life support coverage starting in September. This has caused a lot of panic, and rightfully so. Consolidation efforts across the board have resulted in numerous budget cuts and cost-saving initiatives that leave residents on the outside looking in.

This, coupled with the recent closure of Brandywine Hospital, is a clear indication that something must be done at the state level in order to prevent sudden closures from happening in the future.

With this in mind, I want you to know that I recently introduced legislation that would prevent something like this from happening again.

House Bill 2704, if enacted into law, would require state Department of Health approval for future hospital closures, public hearings and community impact studies, as well as introduce price transparency requirements.

This, in my opinion, is commonsense legislation that would – at the very least – ensure stability in residents' healthcare infrastructure coverage.

Most importantly, I want you to know that your concerns regarding our community's recent loss in healthcare-related services has not fallen upon deaf ears.

My office is working with state and local officials to do whatever is necessary to make sure residents have access to quality healthcare. If you or someone you know is struggling to find the services needed, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

We're in this together.



SOLIDIFYING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN'S LEGACY IN THE COMMONWEALTH

In June, my legislation, House Bill 2586, passed the state House and designated March 29 as Tuskegee Airman Commemoration Day in Pennsylvania.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first group of Black military fighter pilots and were among the most accomplished aviators in World War II. These were brave, brave men, many of whom hailed from Pennsylvania. Their contribution to the war effort has not and will not be forgotten, especially in our commonwealth.

More than 900 pilots who graduated from Tuskegee Airfield flew 1,578 missions throughout the war and earned more than 850 medals. The airmen of the 332nd Fighter Group and 477th Bombardment Group fought in North Africa, Italy and Germany. The 332nd's distinguished combat record and red markings painted on the tails of their P-47 Mustangs earned them the well-known title of "Red-Tail Angels."

It was an honor to take part in getting this bill across the finish line and to give credit where it's due to the men from one of our greatest generations.

CONTINUED INVESTMENTS IN THE 74TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

\$1 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR COATESVILLE TRAIN STATION PARKING FACILITY

In April, the Coatesville Train Station was notified of an influx of \$1 million in state funding.

This funding, awarded to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville via the Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program, is the second substantial grant my office helped secure for this project in two years. A year prior, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville was awarded \$2 million for the same project.

I was excited by this funding not because of the dollar amount but due to the project's likeliness to positively affect residents in and around Coatesville. Moreover, this is a clear example of what state dollars should be going toward.

Coatesville will use the funding to build a multimodal commuter parking facility adjacent to the new train station that will support access to the existing rail system and allow for expanded commuter service. The facility will have bus transportation integration, covered waiting shelters, bike racks, lighting, wayfinding signage and 324 parking spaces.



MORE THAN \$500K AWARDED FOR LOCAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

In June, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency awarded \$538,740 in state funding to support local justice programs in Chester County.

The grants awarded in our district include:

Communities That Care of Greater Downingtown, \$148,336 to support establishing the Parent to Parent Peer Support Groups for parents of youth in grades K-12 in the Downingtown Area School District.

The Crime Victims' Center of Chester County Inc., \$390,404 to support a new pilot prevention program that will serve upwards of 8,000 second graders. The program teaches children about the importance of having healthy boundaries, like when to say "no," and how to get help from adults.

Programs like this provide the needed support to foster a positive learning environment for local youth and their families. It's important we highlight this funding, but it's even more important to highlight the significant impact these organizations can have on families when funding like this is advocated for and awarded in our district.

UPWARDS OF \$400,000 IN STATE FUNDING AWARDED TO LOCAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FREE REPAIR ASSISTANCE TO HOMEOWNERS

The Movement Community Development Corp., located in Coatesville, recently was awarded \$400,000 in state funding. The grant money, awarded through the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund, was earmarked to support MCDC's Coatesville Housing Rehabilitation Program.

This essential program helps residents and property owners in our community who are at risk of losing their homes because they have to pay for costly repairs.

I was happy to announce this funding, due to MCDC's community-first, results-driven local initiative that has helped many across the 74th Legislative District. It's critical that we continue to advocate for funding like this in order to ensure residents have some sort of safety net when it comes to unexpected home repairs.

MY OFFICE CAN HELP: RENT REBATES!

The state is now accepting applications for eligible senior citizens and others to apply for a rebate on their 2021 property taxes or rent.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open to residents 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with a disability 18 or older. To qualify, homeowners must have a household income of \$35,000 or less; renters qualify if their household income is \$15,000 or less. Applicants only have to count half of their Social Security, Supplemental Security, or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I benefits toward the income limit.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The supplemental rebate is automatically calculated by the state.

If you received a rebate last year, you should have received an application form in the mail. If not, applications are available online at www.revenue.state.pa.us or by calling 1-888-222-9190. My staff is also available to process your application and answer any questions.

We help hundreds of folks each year with this process, so please, reach out if you have questions. The application period closes at the end of the year, so please do not delay!

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE UPDATE

As part of the state budget passed in July, folks who receive a 2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate will receive a one-time bonus payment! My colleagues and I fought hard to include this funding in state budget, because we know how hard things are for older folks on a fixed income.



REAL ID DEADLINE APPROACHING

Beginning May 3, 2023, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID. Contact my office for information and assistance.



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

One-in-ten Pennsylvanians have unclaimed property waiting for them. The Pennsylvania Treasury has an easy-to-use online search tool to find unclaimed property under a resident's name and address- it only takes a few seconds! Go to patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property or follow the QR code below. Please contact my office if you discover any property in your name and aren't sure what to do, as we are happy to help you claim it.

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN HARRISBURG

Find me on social media or visit my website at www.RepDanWilliams.com to sign up for my email updates about programs, services, events and news involving our district!



DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Congrats to Cadets Jason Rust, Curtis Smith, Gissella Lopez-Suero, and Kevin Barker on your awards at the 2022 Coatesville Area HS Air Force JROTC Awards Banquet and best wishes as you pursue your future service!



This past spring, we welcomed Ivy Rhymes to our District Office staff as a Constituent Services Advisor! Many of you have already had the chance to chat with Ivy, and we look forward to having her assist you with your needs.



Congrats to the Coatesville Area HS Boys Track team on their state championships! We hosted them at the Capitol on June 8.



Thank you to all who came out (and braved the nor'easter elements) to attend my May Shredding event! The event was so well attended that we filled the truck in record time!



Congrats to the Downingtown STEM Academy & Bishop Shanahan HS STEM teams on winning the 2021-22 Governor's STEM Competition. We were honored to host both teams at the Capitol in June.





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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistant)
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Consumer complaints
- Complaints about road conditions
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability plates and placards
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies
- Notary services
- **Any problem with state government!**

