

DAN WILLIAMS

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

The last half of 2021 was challenging for our district, and I was there fighting with you and for you all along the way.

The second half of 2021 saw a devastating hurricane pummel our district. As during the pandemic, neighbor reached out to neighbor in their hour of need. I am grateful for the state and federal support for our residents to help them put their lives back together in Hurricane Ida's wake.

When the COVID variant, Omicron, arrived, our health care workers once again rose to meet the challenge, vaccinating people and caring for the sick.

Though we have certainly been tested in the second half of 2021, there's been a lot to celebrate, too, from Downingtown High's participation in the Rose Bowl, to high school student-driven food drives, and the 150th anniversary of a great local university, West Chester.

As your state representative, I've brought \$3,578,428 in state money for projects that will foster economic growth, improve our quality of life and preserve our environment.

On the legislative front, I've supported bills to extend internet connectivity in PA and support our substitute teachers and our health care workers.

In the wake of local hospital closures prompted by corporate greed and mismanagement, I've recently introduced a bill to that aims to ensure sure this never happens again, by making sure approval from the Department of Health is granted before hospitals or hospital systems can be purchased.

I've got your back—here in the district and in the halls of the Capitol in Harrisburg.



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MY APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE

Since I was elected to the House in 2018, I have made economic development a priority as it is the primary way to uplift our communities. As a member of the powerful House Professional Licensure Committee, I am able to advocate for bills that will foster job development and business growth in our district and throughout Pennsylvania. As a bridge builder, I am working across the aisle to ensure that bills that would help our businesses and workers thrive will come up for a vote on the House floor.

ATTACK ON OUR RIGHT TO VOTE

At this moment, the fundamental American right to vote is under attack in state legislatures across the country. In August, I was one of over 100 state legislators from the PA House of Representatives and from across the country who joined congressional lawmakers in a rally in Washington, DC in support of #ForthePeopleAct and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act which would expand and protect voting rights.

I will never stop fighting to protect our sacred right to vote!



BRANDYWINE HOSPITAL'S CLOSURE AND HEALTH CARE IN OUR DISTRICT

Brandywine Hospital closed on Jan. 31, following Jennersville Hospital's closure on Dec. 31, due to the company's disregard and betrayal of the public's trust. These closures will negatively impact the lives of more than 100,000 Chester County residents – including all who live in the 74th Legislative District.

As a member of the community, the losses I truly fear are those that will be endured by people in our community with the greatest health care needs and financial needs – the poor, Black and Brown and Latinx individuals.

With the closure of these hospitals, our local businesses will suffer, too, translating into loss of sales tax revenues and price increases at a time when too many people are struggling.

Most troubling is that this horrible situation has been caused by unfettered corporate greed incompetently administering a vital community asset.

In January, I held a virtual town hall to discuss the closure and the need for decent health care for our residents. You can find the town hall here: <https://bit.ly/3IPVvSu>

To make sure this situation never happens again, I, along with state Reps. Shusterman and Howard, have introduced legislation that would require approval from the Department of Health (DOH) before hospitals or hospital systems can be purchased. DOH would be required to review applications, hold public hearings, and prepare impact statements on the effect of the buying and selling of health care services that the hospital or hospital system is providing.

GRANTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

I have secured **\$3,578,428** in state money for projects that will improve people's quality of life and preserve our environment:

- **\$60,000** to prepare a countywide trail plan.
- **\$80,000** to prepare an update to the 2002 River Conservation Plan for multiple watersheds in Chester County.
- **\$333,991** to construct approximately 60 acres of riparian forest buffers along waterways in the Lower Susquehanna River and Lower Delaware River.
- **\$2 million** to construct the multimodal commuter parking facility adjacent to Coatesville's new train station.
- **\$1 million** to construct a new Toddler Center in Caln Township.
- **\$80,000** to revitalize Coatesville's downtown commercial district.
- **\$11,250** to build affordable housing in Coatesville.
- **\$13,185** to Thorndale's Treehouse Childcare Services, LLC, to implement the Color Me Health curriculum, expand the school garden and procure healthy food from Volmecke Orchards.

IT'S TAX SEASON!

Federal and state income taxes can be filed through April 18.

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue is encouraging Pennsylvanians to file their PA tax returns online through myPATH, a free option allowing most taxpayers to file and make income tax payments, along with other services.

Find tax forms and instructions on the state Department of Revenue website at revenue.pa.gov or contact my office.



A graphic with a dark blue background and a yellow border. At the top is an icon of a tax form and a calculator. Below it, the text reads: "2022 TAX FILING DEADLINE", "FEDERAL, STATE + LOCAL TAXES ARE DUE", and "MONDAY, APRIL 18" in large, bold, yellow letters. The graphic is framed by a yellow border.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BIPARTISAN VOTE FOR BROADBAND INTERNET EXPANSION BECOMES LAW

In Pennsylvania, 800,000 people are without internet connectivity. The one thing that the pandemic has made clear – you can't live – or govern – without the internet.

I was proud to vote for a bill, now law, to set up the independent PA Broadband Development Authority. The authority will act as a central point to coordinate \$100 million in federal grant money that Pennsylvania is expected to receive to expand broadband in the state as part of President Biden's infrastructure bill.

SUPPORTING OUR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

As a proud supporter of legislation that improves our educational system, I was glad to vote for HB 412, now Act 91. This law will address substitute teacher shortages by providing school entities with day-to-day substitute teacher flexibility.

BILL SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE WORKERS PASSED

I was proud to support H.B. 253, now Act 2, which will provide critical support to Pennsylvania workers who have fought on the front lines of a pandemic for almost two years by delivering \$225 million in federal money set aside by the American Rescue Plan.

NO SURPRISES ACT NOW IN EFFECT

The federal No Surprises Act is now in effect. This legislation protects patients from receiving surprise medical bills, which is an unexpected medical bill that a patient receives when they unknowingly receive health care from a provider that is not in their health insurance plan's network.

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department encourages patients who believe they have received a surprise medical bill to contact the department and submit a review request online here: <https://bit.ly/3AQ1WSW>. The department can also be reached at 1-877-881-6388.

\$225 MILLION
to help battle COVID-19



Better pay for nurses

MEANS



More nurses on the job

MEANS



Better outcomes for patients today + long term



SUPERSTAR INTERN

This summer, Kristian Williamson, a Villanova political science major, supplemented his academic studies with real world experience by serving as an intern in my district office. Our entire team appreciated the passion he brought to serving the people of the 74th District and wish him the best of luck as he continues his college studies. Best wishes to you, Kristian, and thank you!

Order your
**FREE at-home
COVID tests!**

COVIDTests.gov



Each home in the U.S. is eligible to receive 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders typically ship in 7-12 days



FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

Every household in the U.S. can now order 4 free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests online at COVIDTests.gov. The website will take you to the U.S. Postal Service website, where you enter your name and address for shipping. The tests are completely free, with no shipping costs or credit card number needed. Each household is allowed to order four tests. Once ordered, the tests will take 7-12 days to ship.

AFFORDABLE RX FOR SENIORS

Older Pennsylvanians living on fixed incomes should never have to choose between affording medicine and affording food or rent or heat. Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older.

In the fall I voted to help 100,000 more of our wisest friends and neighbors qualify for PACENET by raising the income limits to \$33,500 for a single person and to \$41,500 for a married couple.

My office is ready to assist with applications and answer any questions you may have about the program.

To find out more visit www.aging.pa.gov or call my office.



REAL ID ENFORCEMENT POSTPONED UNTIL 2023



REAL ID enforcement has been postponed until May 3, 2023, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting that date, 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.

REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvanians. Additional details are available at penndot.gov/REALID.

Are you at risk
of having your
water shut off?

Help is available. Learn if you qualify at
dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp



HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps families pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat may also qualify for crisis grants.

You can apply online using COMPASS, or my office can provide a paper application and help filling it out.

For more information, please visit www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx.

LIHEAP

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$19,320
2	\$26,130
3	\$32,940
4	\$39,750
5	\$46,560
6	\$53,370
7	\$60,180
8	\$66,990
Each additional person	+\$6,810

COMMUNITY EVENTS



WEST CHESTER U'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

In September, I was proud to join in the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of West Chester University. This regional university has guided and molded generations of Pennsylvanians by providing them with a high-quality education. Their graduates have in turn given back to our communities and to the nation at large. One can only imagine to what heights West Chester University and its graduates will reach in the years to come! From the left, Sen. Robert "Tommy" Tomlinson, myself, Rammy (WCU's mascot), Sen. Carolyn Comitta, Chester County Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Rep. Christina Sappey and West Chester Mayor Jordan Norley.

DIWALI FOOD DRIVE 2021 A SUCCESS!

Our Downingtown students' Diwali Food Drive 2021 collected and donated more than 10 cases of canned goods, pounds of pasta and rice, soup and other items to the Chester County Food Bank. Their work was truly inspirational! Thank you!



As a pastor, I know from experience that faith leaders play a major role in ensuring their community members have access to resources — whether financial, medical, or housing, to name a few — in their time of need. To assist them in their service work, I hosted a group of local faith leaders in December for a day-long seminar where representatives from state government agencies provided information on the wide variety of services and grants available. It was a wonderful day, and I will continue to work with these organizations and any others to help them help you. If your organization would like to plan a trip to the Capitol, please contact my office.



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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!**

