



State Representative
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My Legislative Priorities



In Harrisburg, I am dedicated to working every day on behalf of my constituents. I am focusing on many opportunities and key issues facing the Commonwealth, including:

Fiscal Responsibility — We must lower taxes and spend responsibly - making targeted investments in our economy, schools, and other vital programs and services. As Pennsylvanians face unprecedented inflation and financial pressures, we must drive growth and hold agencies accountable.

Responsible Energy Expansion — In order for Pennsylvania to remain a top energy producer and exporter, we must establish energy independence by investing in the abundant resources we have and licensing new pipeline opportunities. We must end our reliance on foreign adversaries for oil and gas, as well as end our involvement in the job-killing Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and instead innovate the future energy economy for our region.

Educational Choices — We must fund students first, so every child can have access to the highest quality education the Commonwealth has to offer, regardless of ZIP code. Establishing the Lifeline Scholarship Program, investing in our great teachers and fully funding education programs are essential.

Effective and Efficient Government — The best version of the government is one that works in the best interests of Pennsylvanians first and does not overstep its bounds. This includes advancing voter identification and election integrity reform, limiting the duration of executive orders, ending invasive medical mandates and holding ineffective bureaucracies accountable.



Representative Rob Mercuri

2022 By the Numbers

1,562

**Constituent Cases
Handled**

92%

**Bi-Partisan Voting
Record**

144

**Unemployment
Cases Closed**

332

Votes Taken

3

Bills Introduced

125

**Citations &
Certificates Given**

32

Days in Session

12

Co-Sponsored Bills

3

**Town Halls
(2-Tele; 1-In-person)**

31

Veterans Assisted

1

**Co-Sponsored
Resolutions**

30

**Votes Signed
Into Law**

Legislative Progress in the Capitol

Urging Congress to Oppose Changes to IRS Reporting (HR-150) | PASSED

House Resolution 150 urges Congress to oppose the Treasury Department's proposal to change the Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements. The proposal, which is a massive overreach, would require financial institutions to report the total dollar amount of incoming and outgoing transactions from each customer account that has inflows and outflows of a certain threshold in a tax year.

Remote Mortgage Banking (HR-1588) | SIGNED INTO LAW as ACT 8

House Bill 1588 will permit mortgage originators to work remotely and to originate mortgages in remote locations. With many Pennsylvanians' working virtually, among them were licensed mortgage brokers who are required to "work out of a licensed location." Under the Governor's emergency orders, this requirement was waived, so business could resume. This legislation allows these workers to continue working as they are currently, whether remotely or in a licensed location, helping to modernize our economy.

Lifeline Scholarship (HB-2169) | PASSED

The Lifeline Scholarship gives students and parents, residing within the attendance areas of the lowest-achieving public schools, resources to pursue a high-quality education that meets their needs.

Based on performance metrics, families with students in K-12 would be eligible to receive a scholarship to offset costs associated with choosing an alternative academic setting that meets their child's individual learning needs.

Consumer Data Privacy (HB-2202) | PROPOSED; HEARING HELD

House Bill 2202 would require larger companies and personal information aggregators to share more information with constituents about what data of theirs is gathered, tracked and sold. When constituents' information, such as their names, addresses, geolocation, Social Security number, driver's license number, biometric information or email address, is harvested, bought and sold, Rep. Mercuri believes that you have a right to understand that information and to access it and opt out of data collection, if you so choose.

Highly Automated Vehicles Deployment (HB-2398) | PASSED

House Bill 2398 will modernize the PA Vehicle Code to enable driverless testing and deployment of highly autonomous vehicles (AV) across the Commonwealth. This bill would save lives and boost our economy in the fast-growing automated vehicles technology sector.

Spring Survey Results Are In

As your state representative, it is an honor to be your voice in Harrisburg. I take great pride in learning from you how I can represent you in the best way possible.

I am pleased to report that my staff tallied the results of my Spring 2022 Survey, which are now available to share. I asked you which of the following issues most concerns you right now. The choices were gas prices, inflation, government spending, elections, health care, education and other. If you selected other, I requested that you specify.

Below is a breakdown of how you weighed in, which highlights percentages of choices selected and issues indicated when picking other.

Thank you for participating and helping me work towards affecting change on the issues that are important to you! As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my district office, if you need assistance or want to speak to me about issues.



District Initiatives

Wexford Business Roundtable



Mission:

Local business owners helping to develop pro-small business policies, as well as provide a forum to come together to help identify opportunities for building a healthier, stronger and more innovative business climate within the district.

On March 24th, in partnership with the Wexford Business Roundtable and North Pittsburgh Regional Chamber, Rep. Mercuri hosted the North Hills Community Job Fair.

Roundtable membership includes representatives from Accipter Systems, At Home Senior Services, Baierl Acura, Giant Eagle/Pine, Holsinger, Jerry's Car Wash, Keller Williams, Krassenstein & Associates P.C., Main Street Consulting, Manufacturer & Business Assoc., PGT Trucking, Pittsburgh Business Exchange, Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber of Commerce, RICD, Sir Pizza, Sky Devil Capital, Soergel's Orchard, The Oven, Walnut Group.

North Hills Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force

Vision:

Improve the quality of life for North Hills residents affected by substance use and mental health challenges by increasing awareness, promoting prevention strategies, increasing access to care and eliminating overdoses.

A special segment of Mental Health in Youth was presented during the May 24th Tele-Town Hall. It was hosted by Anchorpoint Counseling.



Taskforce membership includes representatives from AHN, Anchorpoint Counseling, Franklin Park Police Department, Gateway Rehabilitation, Greenbriar Treatment Center, iRise, Jade Wellness, North Hills Community Outreach, RCPA, Spenser's Voice, University of Pittsburgh/PERU, UPMC Connect Community Paramedic Program, Wesley Family Services.

District Initiatives in Action

Community Breakfast: Bridging the Cultural Divide

Representative Mercuri invited constituents to a community breakfast on January 13. Saleem Ghurbril, executive director of The Pittsburgh Promise, was the guest speaker for the event entitled Bridging the Cultural Divide. Many in-person and post-event feedback encouraged listening, offering mutual respect, being open to dialogue, offering understanding and kindness.



Mark your calendars for the next Community Breakfast: Civility in our Political Discourse to be held Thursday, September 1, 7:30 a.m., Pine Community Center.



Town Halls

Tele-Town Halls were held Feb. 8th and May 24. An in-person Town Hall was held Apr. 7th. Many constituents participated in each event.

At the May Tele-Town Hall, there was a special presentation about Mental Health in Youth presented by Anchorpoint Counseling.

North Hills Community Job Fair

On March 24, Representative Mercuri hosted a job fair at RLA Learning and Conference Center in Marshall Twp. 44 businesses hosted tables and offered more than 600 job openings of varying levels of experience and compensation. More than 50 people attended the event with multiple job offers being extended.



Around the Community

Offered Tax Prep for Seniors in partnership with AARP

From February to mid-April, Representative Mercuri invited senior citizens to his office for free tax preparation. In partnership with AARP, volunteer tax preparers assisted over 200 constituents file their federal, state and local taxes. The Representative's office also assisted in filing the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program applications for low-income constituents.



Paper Shredding Event

On April 2, Representative Mercuri held a paper shredding event at North Allegheny Intermediate High School (NAIHS) inviting constituents to destroy any old documents, which can help protect themselves from potential identity theft.

The next Paper Shredding Event is planned for September 17th at NAIHS.



Litter Clean Up

On April 9, Representative Mercuri and his staff participated with the Town of McCandless community clean-up day, collecting many bags of trash: old signs, drink bottles, various food wrappers, hub caps and clothing items.



Around the Community

North Allegheny High School Girls' Volleyball Team visits the Capitol

Team members and coaches sat in the gallery and were recognized from the House floor. Representative Mercuri presented a citation for capturing first place during the 2021 PIAA State Class 4A Girls' Volleyball Championships.



Pine Richland Air Force JROTC

Representative Mercuri had the honor of presenting certificates and awards to the cadets of Pine Richland Air Force JROTC.

North Allegheny Air Force JROTC

Representative Mercuri congratulated the Marksmanship and Flying Tigers teams for their successes at the Regional Spotter Air Rifle Championships and the StellarXplorers competition, respectively.



Here to Serve You!



Need help with Veterans' services?

Call my office
to make an appointment with a Veterans Affairs Officer.

Veteran Outreach Hours:
first Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

A representative of the American Legion is available to answer
veteran-related questions.

Duncan Avenue Cemetery

Assisting with clean-up to refurbish
and update an abandoned military
cemetery.



How My Office Staff Can Help You:

Provide assistance with all PA state government forms.

Assist with PennDOT paperwork.

(driver's license, vehicle registration applications renewals, lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates and temporary placards for disabled persons)

Obtain birth and death certificates.

Help with PACE & PACENET applications for seniors.

Provide copies of state legislation.

Help access all Pennsylvania state tax forms.

Provide information on hunting and fishing in PA.

Assist with Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications.

Coordinate tours of the State Capitol.

Provide state maps and publications.

Assist with information on unemployment claims.

Offer Veterans' Affairs assistance.

Provide Notary Services.





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