

State Representative

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Serving PA's 28th Legislative District

## HONORING OUR VETERANS

### HELP FOR VETERANS AT WEXFORD OFFICE

In a partnership with the Pennsylvania American Legion, I offer veterans affairs outreach hours at our office at 5500 Brooktree Road, Suite 100, Wexford. Assistance is typically available on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; however, November's date is moved to Wednesday, Nov. 8, due to election day. Please call my district office at 412-369-2230 to schedule an appointment. Day-of appointments may also be available.

#### Dear Neighbor,

As we prepare to mark Veterans Day on Nov. 11, let us remember how much we all benefit from the service and sacrifice of our veterans each and every day. This year, I hope you will join me in acknowledging them and thanking them for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

As your state legislator and a military veteran myself, I support policies that help our veterans and their families. We have enacted laws to help make it easier for our military men and women to find good jobs as they transition from military to civilian life, support veterans who were medically discharged, recognize women veterans, increase the stipend paid to Honor Guard members and more. They have earned our support.

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs offers a wealth of information and programs to support our veterans and their families. To learn more, visit [www.DMVA.pa.gov](http://www.DMVA.pa.gov) or stop by our office any time. If you qualify, or know a veteran or who does, I encourage you to sign up for the department's Veterans Registry to ensure you receive important information on a timely basis.

In service,

Rob

## PRIORITIES TO IMPROVE THE STRUGGLING ECONOMY

### A quarter of the way through the state's fiscal year, and the financial news is challenging.

General Fund revenue for the month of September came in below the official estimate, leaving us \$167 million short for the fiscal year so far. Of specific concern were third-quarter estimated payments received for both Corporate Net Income Tax (CNIT) and Personal Income Tax (PIT), which are down 15% and 21%, respectively, compared to last year. This could be a warning sign of an economic slowdown in the future. Knowing this, it is prudent for the government to watch spending.

National overspending, however, continues to degrade our economy and drive inflation. The nationwide inflation rate sits at 3.7%, and energy prices remain high, though both gasoline and natural gas costs are down slightly compared to this time last year.

While inflation issues are largely driven by federal government decisions, there are things we can do here as state policymakers to help bring costs under control and expand business and job opportunities in the Commonwealth. Fiscal responsibility, energy jobs and business tax reform are priorities.

The governor also needs to urgently withdraw the Commonwealth from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which places a tax on our energy and discourages investment and growth in our energy industry. High energy costs drive up consumer product costs across the board and don't enable the energy industry to continue to innovate its way to clean fuel sources.

We also need to make the state more job friendly by adopting a competitive tax structure and improving the regulatory environment.

Finally, we need to listen to the business leaders in our communities, like those who serve on my North Hills Business Roundtable. These are visionary men and women who know what it takes to build and grow a business in the Commonwealth. I will continue to work with them and my fellow lawmakers in Harrisburg to improve our economic climate.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

*Co-Hosting with West Deer William Fish*

*American Legion Post 593*

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. to Noon**

We are humbled to join the American Legion in saluting the veterans who have so honorably served our communities and our country. Veterans are invited to bring one guest, and all will enjoy a breakfast of delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverage.

**The cost is \$5 per person to help the American Legion offset the cost of the food.**

### TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING

**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m.**

This is a great way to talk about the issues in Harrisburg and here at home that matter most to you...all from the comfort of your own home.

Calls to invite your participation will start going out just prior to 4 p.m.

**You are welcome to dial in to the call at 877-229-8493 and entire ID Code 120601.**

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