



State Representative

Rob Mercuri

28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania

District 28 Progress Report
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Representative Rob Mercuri 2021 By the Numbers

1,678
Constituent Cases
Filed

96%
Bi-Partisan Voting
Record

193
Unemployment
Cases Closed

421
Votes Taken

4
Bills Introduced

249
Citations Given

43
Days in Session

49
Co-Sponsored Bills

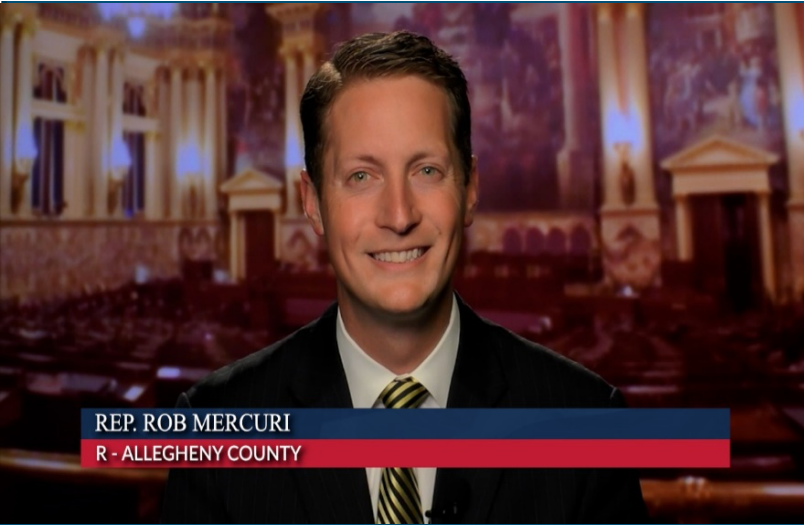
2
Tele-Townhalls

12
Veterans Assisted

8
Co-Sponsored
Resolutions

85
Votes Signed into
Law

Success in Harrisburg



REP. ROB MERCURI
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Rob is working to make progress across a number of legislative priorities including improving the openness of government, expanding educational opportunities while respecting taxpayers, reducing the cost of health care, developing programs to keep our communities safe, prioritizing the upkeep of critical infrastructure and harnessing the potential of advanced energy economy for the benefit of residents and the future of our economy.

Rep. Mercuri in his first 6 months led the charge on four bipartisan bills:

HB-1588, Allows for remote mortgage origination to continue and allow PA's mortgage brokers to continue working as they are now, whether remotely or in a licensed location.

HB-799, Deposit of Increases in Non-Withholding Personal Income Tax Collections

House Bill 799 will require a portion of the annual increase in non-withholding personal income tax collections be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund. This is an unpredictable revenue source that is very sensitive to turns in the economy, making it a not-so-wise revenue source to dedicate to critical line items, but a great revenue source to pump into our savings during times of economic boom.

HB-800, Deposit of Proceeds from the Sale of Commonwealth Assets

House Bill 800 will direct all money received from the sale of Commonwealth assets, which would otherwise be deposited in the General Fund, into the Rainy Day Fund. This would include the sale of real property and surplus property.

HB-801, Deposit of Increases of Inheritance Tax Collections

House Bill 801 will require the deposit of any increase in inheritance tax collections from the previous fiscal year into the Rainy Day Fund. Similar to non-withholding personal income tax collections, the inheritance tax can be a volatile revenue source, and as such, the legislature cannot count on each year's growth continuing into the next fiscal year. The additional deposits can serve as a hedge against a reduction in collections in future years.

Bills Passed & Legislative Priorities

Pandemic Relief

Rep. Mercuri co-sponsored House Bill 326 which allowed the Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) to assist in both the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in all 67 counties in the Commonwealth.

This legislation helped accelerate the number of vaccinations administered across the Commonwealth and helped Pennsylvania return to normal.



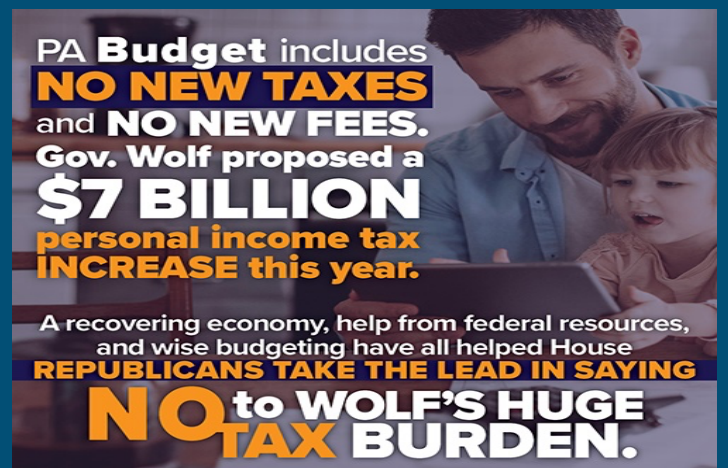
Election Integrity Reform

Rep. Mercuri voted in favor of The Voting Rights Protection Act (*House Bill 1300*) which will bring much needed changes to PA's Election Code and will provide enhanced access and security for all voters. It's important that we take this opportunity to shore up and modernize our election law in order to assure all Pennsylvanians that they can trust the counting of their votes and that they will have full and fair access to the polls whether by mail or in person.



Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Growth

Rep. Mercuri voted in favor of the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania Budget, which supports core government services, makes historic investments in education, and prioritizes our most vulnerable citizens – all while saving for our future. This budget will also deposit over \$2.60 billion into the Rainy Day Fund, growing the fund total to a historic \$2.82 Billion.



District Initiatives

North Hills Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force

To raise awareness and find solutions to issues plaguing the Commonwealth, Rep. Mercuri created the North Hills Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force. It is comprised of local and regional health and human services experts.

In the midst of the global pandemic, we've seen the number of overdoses and cases of mental illness rise dramatically. Not to mention, Pennsylvania falls within the top 10 states with the highest number of overdoses, so there's certainly great needs to be addressed. The Task Force will present innovative solutions to combat the social and financial costs of drug addiction and mental illness.



Wexford Business Roundtable

Rep. Mercuri recently established and invited local businesses to join the Wexford Business Roundtable, which will serve a vital role in helping to develop pro-small business policies. The Roundtable will also provide a forum for local businesses to come together to help identify opportunities for building a healthier, stronger, and more innovative business climate. This group of experienced business people will provide cross-functional expertise and guidance to increase jobs, reduce red tape, better steward state resources and increase economic mobility.

Rep. Mercuri in the District



Protecting Our EMS Programs

Rep. Mercuri and other elected officials held a joint press conference and discussion about the critical needs facing ambulance companies in Pennsylvania. The event, which took place at the McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority, highlighted the need for the public's involvement to ensure the EMS programs are sustainable, support is predictable and that EMS organizations continue to be there to serve all of our communities in the future.

Earth Day Cleanup

For Earth Day Rep. Mercuri joined the Township of McCandless for their community cleanup. More than 100 volunteers helped clean litter from the streets on a sunny Saturday morning. They collected tires, signs, bottles, cans, hundreds of cigarettes, and more!

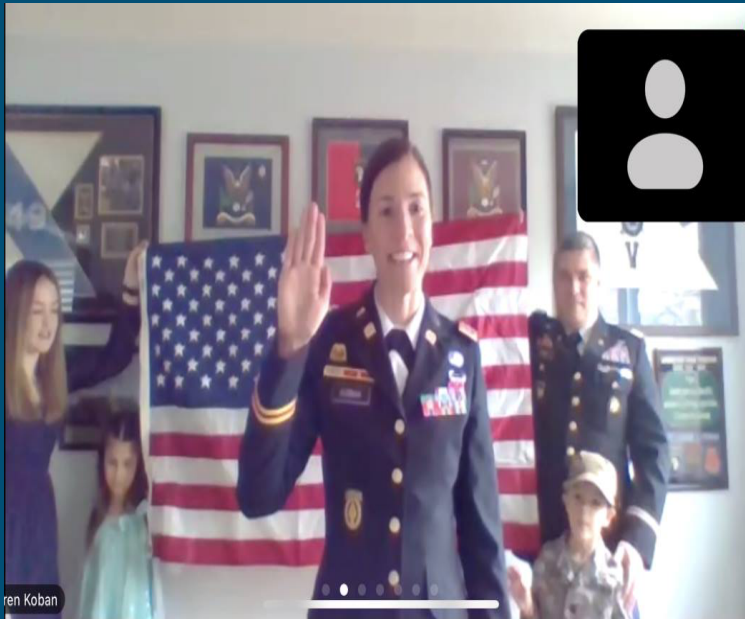


Eagle Scout Honors

Rep. Mercuri was very proud to stand with these incredible young men during their Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Societies that aim for high achievement and progress need stakeholders such as these to carry the flame of progress and goodness from one generation to the next.

Serving Our Veterans

At just 17, Mr. David Russel Tyson answered the call to serve when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, even though it meant leaving West View High School. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy in WWII from 1944-1948, but he was never able to pick up his high school diploma...until now. For his 95th birthday we were pleased to request a copy of Mr. Tyson's high school diploma from West View (now North Hills High School) and presented him with a citation from the State House.



In honor of Women's History Month, Rep. Mercuri was proud to celebrate the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Lauren Koban! A fellow West Point classmate of Rep. Mercuri and Pennsylvanian native. Lauren is a model US Army Officer, military spouse and mother of two.

Need help with Veteran services?

Call our office to make an appointment during our veteran outreach hours. First Tuesday of each month, 10am-2:30pm.



Here to Serve You!

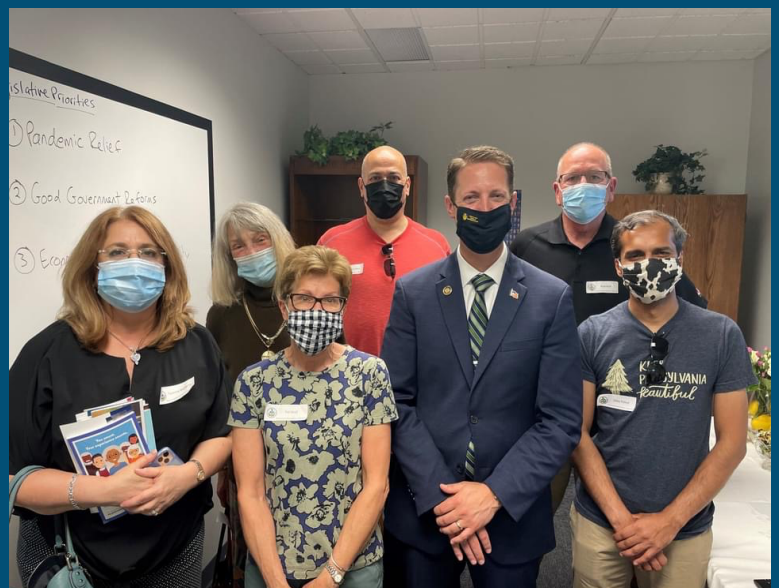


In May of this year our district office hosted an open house. We had the opportunity to speak to our constituents and help answer their questions.

As Your Representative I Can:

- Obtain **COPIES** of Birth and Death certificates.
- Distribute applications for **HIGHER EDUCATION** grants.
- Secure applications for **CIVIL SERVICE** jobs.
- Obtain copies of House and Senate **LEGISLATION**
- Arrange **TOURS** of the Capitol Building and **MEETINGS** with state officials.
- Aid with **PennDOT** Forms.
- Assist in arranging **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT** programs through state assistance.
- Provide information to **SENIOR CITIZENS** regarding benefits & services available.
- Help to cut **RED TAPE** in all state programs.

Together we can make state government work for you.





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