



State Representative
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District 28 Progress Report January 2023



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Beginning a New Legislative Term



Grateful for your Trust: I was honored to be sworn into Pennsylvania's General Assembly on January 3rd to begin serving my second term as state representative of the 28th District. I was proud to be joined by my wife, Kelsey, daughters Mackenzie and Delaney, and son Kieran.

Time to Get to Work: Following the Swearing-In Ceremony, my colleagues and I voted for the next speaker of the house. We are getting right to work on defending your values and accomplishing your priorities.

I would like to congratulate Rep. Mark Rozzi (Berks) on becoming the newest speaker of the house!

In his remarks after swearing in, he said, "The Commonwealth that is home to Independence Hall will now be home to the Commonwealth's first independent speaker." I look forward to working with him and all my colleagues on advancing measures that benefit Pennsylvanians.

History in the Making: The House of Representatives was not the only body that made history. In the state Senate, Senator Kim Ward was officially sworn in to become the first female president pro tempore!

President Pro Tempore Ward will do a wonderful job in this capacity! I look forward to seeing her leadership on full display as she continues to serve the best interests of Pennsylvanians. Congratulations, Senator Ward!

Much work lies ahead in the coming legislative session, and I look forward to working hard every day for the people of Pennsylvania.



Representative Rob Mercuri

2022 By the Numbers

2,250

**Constituent Cases
Handled**

107

**AARP Partnered
Tax Returns Filed**

159

**Unemployment
Cases Closed**

642

Votes Taken

6

Bills Introduced

497

**Citations &
Certificates Given**

53

Days in Session

41

Co-Sponsored Bills

4

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

42

Veterans Assisted

3

**Prime Sponsored
Bills Signed Into Law**

179

**Votes Signed
Into Law**

Legislative Update

It was an incredible honor to be sworn in for the start of my second term as state representative for District 28. While we were able to elect a speaker of the house on swearing-in day, the usual excitement around this time was clouded by the organizational chaos surrounding the inability of the state legislature to organize and accomplish the business of the people.

Until we are able to get over this hurdle, unfortunately our legislative efforts will continue to stall, and there is so much important work to do.

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.

Each of these important policy objectives directly affects the lives of all communities that I represent across District 28. With your cooperation and through the courage of my colleagues, I know that we can form an effective legislature in Harrisburg that will operate effectively again for the people. Throughout the process, I will keep you updated and work hard every day towards this objective. You have my word. please don't hesitate to contact our office as we love hearing from each of you any day of the week!

Protecting Our Community



In Hampton Township, a registered sexually violent predator recently moved into a residence located immediately adjacent to an elementary school's playground that is used by children at recess.

After meeting with concerned parents, I plan on introducing legislation that would close a loophole in Megan's Law by limiting the residency of these individuals from moving within a certain distance of schools and daycare center locations.

While anyone convicted of a sexually violent offense in Pennsylvania is required to undergo an assessment conducted by the Sexual Offender Assessment Board prior to sentencing, a fraction of these offenders is deemed to have a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes them unable to control sexually violent impulses and behavior.

Current law requires lifetime sex offender registration; mandatory, monthly sex offender counseling; and active community notification of any change in residence or employment. While residency restrictions can be imposed on sexually violent predators at sentencing, none can be enforced when the sentence concludes.

We must be able to prevent these dangerous behaviors from our communities and children, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on this issue.

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.

Thank you to the business leaders who committed time and energy to making this policy initiative a success! I look forward to further collaboration as we launch another term, on how we can better Pennsylvania.

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.

On October 15th, the North Hills Mental Health & Substance Use Task Force participated in a Community Health Fair hosted by Rep. Mercuri, in partnership with AHN. We look forward to continuing this work for another term.



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

Educating the Future Council



Mission:

Innovate education policies across K-12 and higher education formats to establish and refine world class affordable and accessible educational opportunities for all aspiring students in the Commonwealth, rooted in Pennsylvania values.

Formation of the Education Council — As the State Representative of Pennsylvania House District 28, one of my highest priorities is a high-quality education for all Pennsylvania students. Education at its best should be an inspiring lifelong journey, should involve parents, offer choices for students, and demand curriculum transparency and fiscal responsibility.

In order to best serve my constituents, I am excited to establish the Educating the Future Council that will serve a vital role in revitalizing the educational system.

This Council will be made of professionals with experience in different facets of education, including but not limited to, educators, administrators, and public/private/home school affiliates. My hope is that this group will provide insight, thoughtful solutions, and proposed actions on how to improve our educational system, not only locally, but across the Commonwealth.

Around the Community

Veterans Appreciation Drive-Thru Luncheon

Representative Mercuri joined with Representative Bob Brooks' office and Deer Creek Diner to pass out meals to the wonderful veterans in West Deer Township through the Veterans Appreciation Drive-Thru Luncheon. The event was a great way to honor our local vets who have given so much for us.



Hard to Read License Plate Event

On Aug. 18, Representative Mercuri's district office welcomed more than 50 constituents for a damaged license plate event, supported by two outstanding police officers from the Town of McCandless Police Department and the Northern Regional Police Department.

The event helped process PennDOT paperwork to get these constituents new, legible license plates.

Community Breakfast

On September 8, Representative Mercuri hosted his third Community Breakfast with the theme "Civility in Our Public Discourse." Lots of great ideas generated on how to engage in civil dialogue to identify the best policy ideas and collaborate effectively to move our society forward together.



Around the Community

Identity Theft Paper Shredding Event

On September 17th, Representative Mercuri held an identity theft paper shredding event at Pine Richland High school, inviting constituents to destroy any old documents, which can help protect themselves from potential identity theft.



Serving Our Seniors

On Saturday, October 15, Rep. Mercuri and AHN Wexford teamed up to host the Community Health Fair at the AHN Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion to give senior citizens and families access to valuable information about safety tips, health care, nutrition and various other state programs available to them.



Honoring Our Local Heroes

Rep. Mercuri was honored to show his appreciation for veteran family members – from all branches - of Marshall Middle School students. During the ceremony, he had the privilege of delivering the opening comments.



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.

Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony at AHN-Wexford

On Veterans Day, Rep. Mercuri paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice through a flag-raising ceremony at AHN Wexford. He had the pleasure of serving as a guest speaker at this terrific event.



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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