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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:

Thriving Economy— The workplace is constantly changing, and if our policies don't adapt to modern demands and challenges, our residents will continue to miss out on the best opportunities. This is one of the main reasons Pennsylvania's population growth is not keeping pace with other states. We must promote policies that attract industry and investment to our Commonwealth. Our Keystone Commitment is to remove the shackles of government from industry and encourage employers who provide family-sustaining careers with the opportunity to invest in our people. Turning this economy around is not a partisan issue, but our caucus has the track record to prove our policies are best suited to ensuring future generations will have every reason to call Pennsylvania home



Affordable Living — Pennsylvania finds itself on the front lines of the inflation battle. Agriculture is still the No. 1 industry in our Commonwealth, responsible for employing hundreds of thousands of our friends and neighbors and producing billions of dollars in income. So, an increase in costs at any level of the food supply chain hits especially hard in all of our communities. Plus, with soaring housing prices and interest rates, it's never been harder to purchase a home. Our Keystone Commitment is to lower the cost of food and find ways to shatter the barriers to home ownership. The American Dream is not on hold when times are tough. It is up to us to make sure every Pennsylvanian can find their path to prosperity.





Safe Communities — One violent crime is one too many, and there is never an excuse for any attack or abuse of our police and first responders. Sadly, in some corners of our Commonwealth, crime in all forms and attacks on police are a daily concern. No man, woman or child in Pennsylvania should live in fear. Our Keystone Commitment to every person in our Commonwealth is to do everything in our power to eliminate crime and hold every perpetrator accountable. That's the America our forefathers envisioned, and we cannot afford to allow criminals to ruin our right to life, liberty and happiness.

Child-First, Family Focused Education — I never get tired of meeting the students of our district. We are blessed to have wonderful public school districts in our community, but I also recognize those traditional schools are not always the best option for every student. Parents deserve to have a say in the education choices for their child, and those choices should never be limited based on a family's income or ZIP code. Additionally, our educational priorities should match the needs of the constantly evolving workforce. We must remain committed to providing educational opportunities that match the family-sustaining careers we are working to attract to Pennsylvania. Our Keystone Commitment to future leaders is that we will always make them a top priority of what we are working on in Harrisburg.



THE KEYSTONE COMMITMENT

The Keystone Commitment is a people-driven, future-focused platform that delivers hope through the opportunity to experience earned success. The Keystone Commitment is the foundation upon which we will build on the four cornerstones of:

-  A thriving economy.
-  Affordable living.
-  Safe communities.
-  A child-first, family-focused education.

How My Office Staff Can Help You:

- ◆ Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- ◆ Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates and temporary placards for persons with disabilities).
- ◆ PACE and PACENET applications for seniors.
- ◆ Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- ◆ Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- ◆ Assist with information on unemployment claims
- ◆ State tax forms.
- ◆ Student aid applications.
- ◆ Veterans assistance information.
- ◆ Copies of legislation.
- ◆ Tours of the State Capitol.
- ◆ Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.

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.



I was honored to be apart of the Richland Memorial Day Celebration
with American Legion Post 548.



Representative Rob Mercuri 2023 By the Numbers

3,007

**Constituent Cases
Handled**

95

**Bi-Partisan Voting
Record**

91

**Unemployment
Cases Closed**

417

Votes Taken

9

Bills Introduced

447

**Citations &
Certificates Given**

35

Days in Session

17

Co-Sponsored Bills

4

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

16

Veterans Assisted

1

**Co-Sponsored
Resolutions**

7

**Votes Signed
Into Law**

Legislative Progress in the Capitol

Protecting Schools from Predators (HB47)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for failure to comply with 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. I registration requirements; and, in sentencing, further providing for registration.



Expanding Online Wine Sales (HB48)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for shipment of wine.

AI Registry (HB49)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of State and its departmental administrative board, providing for artificial intelligence registry.

A Simpler and More Certain Business Tax Environment (HB60)

HB 60 would further conform Pennsylvania's tax laws with the federal government and create favorable tax policy for existing and prospective businesses within the Commonwealth. My legislation proposes further changes relating to the depreciation of assets owned by businesses and the determination of basis for property that is sold or otherwise disposed of during a taxable year.

Electronic Lien Filing Modernization (HB61)

To establish a more efficient and effective process for taxpayers and all Pennsylvanians, my legislation would establish an electronic tax lien filing system and centralized repository. This system, which would be integrated with the new tax system at the Department of Revenue, would generate significant cost savings to the Commonwealth by reducing the number of filing fees that would be required to be paid, while more importantly, enabling taxpayers to search and print copies of liens and satisfaction certificates in a manner far faster than the current paper-based system.

PSAT and AP Expansion (HB798)

In order to expand opportunities for all Pennsylvania students and encourage more school districts to offer AP courses to students, this legislation will expand access to advanced placement (AP) courses in the core academic areas (mathematics, English language arts, science, social science and computer science). Specifically, this bill will create the Advanced Placement Teacher Training Program to train teachers in an eligible school entity to teach advanced placement courses in the core academic areas.

Pennsylvania Opportunity Pathways Program (HB1370)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Pennsylvania Opportunity Pathways Program to distribute grants to in-need schools and underrepresented schools; providing for duties of Department of Community and Economic Development; and establishing the Pennsylvania Opportunity Pathways Program

Proud to serve our Community!

Pine Richland Varsity Football Team visits the Capitol

Team members and coaches sat in the gallery and were recognized from the House floor. Representative Mercuri presented citations for capturing first place during the 2022 PIAA State Class 5A Boys' Football



Honoring Richland Twp. VFD's 75 Years

Rep. Mercuri celebrated with the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department to commemorate their 75th anniversary.

Pine Richland Air Force JROTC

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



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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



Gibsonia Office Open House

In May, our office hosted an open house for our new Gibsonia office location. We had the opportunity to speak to our constituents and help answer their questions.



Paper Shredding Event

On May 13, Representative Mercuri sponsored a paper shredding event at Hampton Community Center for their annual Recycle Rama, inviting constituents to destroy any old documents, which can help protect themselves from potential identity theft.



Investing in our Community

West Deer Ground Breaking Event

I was excited to join in on the groundbreaking ceremony of the West Deer Municipal Building. This will be a brand-new, state-of-the-art centerpiece to the West Deer community. My office was able to help them secure \$1.5 million in funding from the Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program and \$1 million in funding from the Local Share Account to support this project.

It is with great anticipation I await the completion of this much deserved resource to my hometown community.



Grants Awarded to Local Fire, EMS Stations in District 28!



The purpose of the grants is to help local public safety organizations with purchasing or repairing firefighting, ambulance, or rescue equipment; training personnel; recruitment and retention. This is a game changer for the folks in our district. These funds will go toward supporting families all over the area when help is needed. Thank you to the brave men and women in District 28 for keeping our communities safe!

Grant for additional Parking at AHN Wexford Hospital

AHN has been a leader in the health care industry, with a mission to transform healthcare in Western Pennsylvania. This hospital fills the need for those who live in the northern Pittsburgh region to have more health care resources in their community. I fully supported their application for funding so that they may continue to support our community.



Focused on the Future of Education

Educating the Future Council



Vision: 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.

May 5th launched the first Educating the Future Council meeting of 2023. This Council is 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.

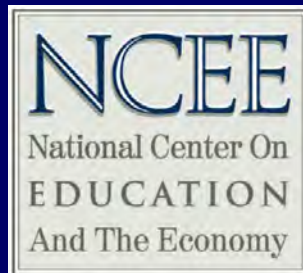
Creating a Vision for the Future - PA's 2030 Commission

Preparing our children for a prosperous future requires us to think innovatively about our education system and be willing to take bold steps to support Pennsylvania students in new ways.

I am excited to have been selected to be a part of this important effort on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania and for our children's future.

The commission's goal is to create a shared, statewide, bipartisan vision for 21st century education that will prepare all students to be lifelong learners and compete in a globalized economy reshaped by artificial intelligence. We aim to establish the policies and regulations necessary to give all school districts the support and flexibility they need to build world-class education systems.

I am eager to embark on this important work for our children's generation and beyond.



District Initiatives in Action

Town Halls



Three in-person Town Halls were held March 15th, March 29th, and March 30th. Our Tele-Town Hall was held June 13th. Many constituents participated in each event.

Stay tuned for more details about the next tele-town hall coming this year.

Manufacturing Our Jobs of the Future

Rep. Mercuri hosted many House colleagues to District 28 for a policy hearing. The first panel brought in companies focusing on their needs to grow and expand and the impacts their industry is making. The second panel specified steps as to the best practices to prepare our workforce for the jobs/industries these companies are creating, what more the state can do to help.



Inspiring the Next Generation of Policy Makers

On May 25th I teamed up with Rep. Venkat to meet with students of Hampton Highschool AP Gov class who were interested in discussing issues that will impact their lives as new and future voters in our district. The students asked many good questions regarding our experience as legislators, our policy stances, and goals for this legislative session.

