



State Representative
Rob Mercuri
28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania

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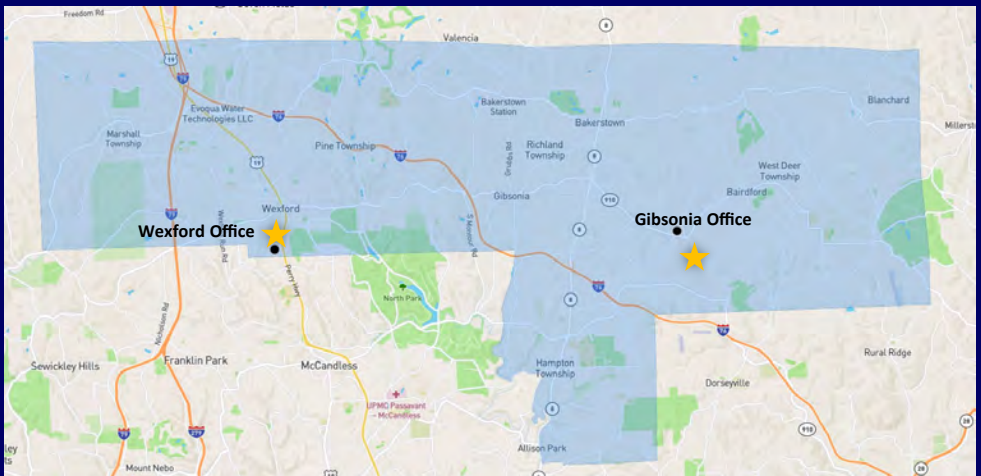
Visit us in Wexford or Gibsonia

I am proud to be able to offer my services across the entire District. My dedicated team and I are committed to a top-notch constituent experience. Whether you are seeking answers, needing assistance, or want to engage with the state government, my knowledgeable staff is here to help and guide you every step of the way. Residents are able to stop in for assistance with a variety of state issues or to schedule an appointment to meet with me.

I am happy to offer this opportunity for the public to receive the services they deserve. Come see us at either of our locations!

**4411 Gibsonia Road, Suite 2
Gibsonia, PA 15044
724-939-6265
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**5500 Brooktree Road, Suite 100
Wexford, PA 15090
412-369-2230
Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

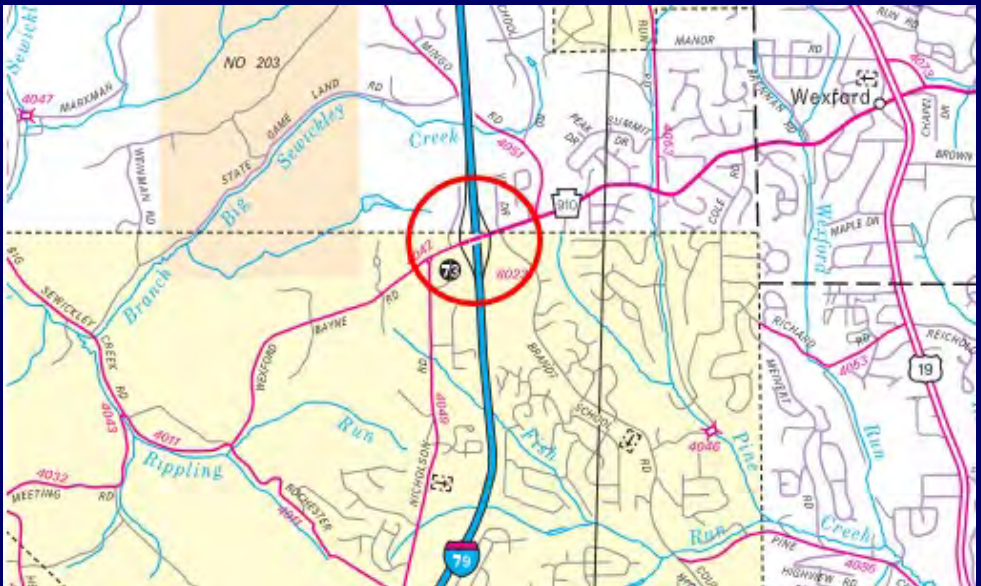


Improving our Infrastructure for the Future

I-79 / S.R. 910 Wexford Interchange Project

This is a major project that consists of a study to investigate and develop a reconfiguration of the I-79/S.R. 910 Wexford Interchange. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and operations of the I-79/S.R. 910 Wexford Interchange. The project is anticipated to begin construction in 2025.

The goal is to improve the interchange operations to accommodate current and future traffic demands, as well as reduce potential for crashes along 910 and the interchange. This will help eliminate blockages and congestion on the area of VIP Drive and Brandt School Road.



Legislative Initiatives

Taking Action Against Anti-Semitism



In the face of growing antisemitism across communities and college campuses, I recently joined a group of lawmakers in launching a discharge petition to force action on legislation that would require curriculum transparency for Holocaust education in Pennsylvania's public schools.

House Bill 1986 aims to address the problem by requiring schools that offer Holocaust education make the curriculum available on their websites.

Enhancing Cybersecurity Protections on State Networks

I was proud to help craft the final language of legislation that would prohibit foreign-owned applications, including TikTok, that are flagged due to noncompliance or suspicion of nefarious activity by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States from being used on state-owned devices. This will help protect state government operations and keep these influences out of publicly funded areas and networks.



Legislative Initiatives

Let's return the state surplus to you!

My legislation, House Bill 2282 would establish the 2024 Taxpayer Dividend Program, which provides a one-time dividend to taxpayers who filed their 2023 Personal Income Tax returns in a timely manner. The dividend would come from a portion of the surplus and could return up to \$1,000 per taxpayer. This initiative can be achieved while protecting the statutory goal of keeping six percent of the General Fund revenues in the Rainy Day Fund to keep fiscal responsibility at the forefront, while supporting taxpayers instead of more inefficient government overhead.



This is a significant but responsible action we can take to help our taxpayers and is a win-win for Pennsylvanians. I look forward to working to keep our state budget fiscally responsible and delivering this win for the taxpayers of our Commonwealth.

Protecting Young People From the Dangers of Social Media



I offered an amendment, to House Bill 2017, which was unfortunately ruled out of order by the majority party, would have created age-based parameters for how young people can operate social media. This amendment would have put parents in the driver's seat to protect their children and better support our young people's mental health and well-being.

My approach has always been to work to improve the lives of people and families, and I'll continue to work toward getting this legislation passed to do so.

District Initiatives

Supporting Veteran Mental Health

Serving our country is one of the highest calls an American can pursue. Military service is inherently difficult and returning to civilian society can be even harder. Tragically, every day, on average, 22 military veterans commit suicide. Christine and Rob Ree are doing something about it. They recently founded Restore 22 (restore22.org), a veterans mental health nonprofit focused on eliminating veteran suicides and helping those in need reintegrate into society after military service. Look for more from Christine and Rob (a retired Air Force 1SG) as they build this out and thanks to them both for what they do for our great veterans!



Supporting Students Across the District



I had the privilege to sit down with Deer Lakes School District Superintendent Janell Logue-Belden and Business Manager Bradley Snyder to discuss education across our Commonwealth and community. As we work in Harrisburg to deliver commonsense and results-driven education to our students, it is paramount to keep the viewpoint of our school districts at the forefront. As a member of the House Education Committee, I am grateful to be able to have dialogue with school officials to help shape education policy.

District Initiatives

2024 Paper Shred Event



We hosted a paper shredding event to help protect constituents from identity theft and malicious activity. We shredded 28 bins worth of paper. At 200 pounds per bin, this puts the total shredded/recycled at 5,600 pounds!

Giving Back Unclaimed Property!

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity and her team have identified more than \$26 million in unclaimed property that belongs to the residents of PA House District 28! You can check to see if any of it belongs to you at treasury.gov/unclaimed-property/ as well as visit either of my offices for assistance completing a claim form. It's a good reminder that the government exists to steward the hard-earned resources of taxpayers and when possible, return any surplus to constituents.



Proud to serve our Community!

PA's Educator of the Year!

U.S. Air Force Chief Mike Gasparetto was recently named PA's educator of the year by the American Legion for his years of service as Pine Richland's JROTC instructor. Chief recently announced his retirement from teaching and the service. Congrats on a career of selfless service and teaching excellence!

We are beyond grateful for the experiences and knowledge he left with our students as he enters his well-deserved retirement! Congratulations again on this significant award!



Advocating for Children in Need



The Bradley Center here in Pittsburgh does incredible work in ensuring children and adolescents, ages 6-18, who have mental and behavioral health disorders receive the support they need. With a residential program, outpatient services and a school, the Bradley Center plays an integral role in the lives of many in our area.

I was fortunate to have the chance to tour their facility to see the incredible work they do, as well as have a very productive conversation about how the state can effectively support their goals.

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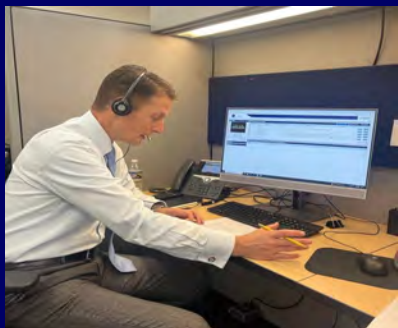
Celebrating Agriculture in Our Region



Recently, I visited Good Dog Farm, a local and diversified vegetable, cut flower and hen/duck egg farm. Healthy farms mean more green spaces, cleaner water supplies and a resilient local food source. I am always thrilled to support local small farms in conjunction with Allegheny County Conservation District to best steward the beautiful land that we live on and provide our neighbors with healthy produce! Good Dog Farm is in West Deer and worth a visit!

Exporter of the Year!

Bon Tool Co, a family-owned small business in West Deer, was awarded the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Region and Western PA Exporter of the Year award today by the Small Business Administration. A great company with great culture, they are well deserving of this award. Keep up your incredible work!



Telephone Town Hall

Thank you to everyone who joined me at our Telephone Townhall on June 4th. I am always grateful for the opportunity to speak to constituents about the issues. It was a great discussion, I am grateful to serve you in Harrisburg.

Here to Serve You!



Need help with Veterans' services?

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

Veteran Outreach Hours:

The first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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





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 corner-



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.



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