

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains an honor and a privilege to be your representative in Harrisburg and to serve you here at home.

You are reminded that I maintain two full-time offices, in Sugarloaf and Dallas, and we also offer satellite office hours every month at nine locations. I have a veteran staff that can provide assistance on a variety of state-related matters. We can help with vehicle registrations; driver's license renewals and special tags; Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications; birth certificate and death record forms; and much more. Simply stop by or give us a call.

I hope you find this mailing to be informative. We send them every few months to keep you up to date on news from the state Capitol and here in the district. Another great way to stay informed is to register for my weekly email updates at www.RepCabell.com, under the "Resources" tab.

Sincerely,



State Representative
MIKE CABELL
117TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



I've been busy in Harrisburg and in the district working for you!



Hosting a hearing on PA's electric grid.



District office open house in Dallas.



Discussing state government with students.



District office open house in Sugarloaf.



Co-hosting a scam seminar for seniors.

MUCH WORK REMAINS ON STATE BUDGET

After a month-long impasse, the 2023-24 General Appropriations bill was signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro in early August after he cut \$100 million that would have funded a scholarship program to help students trapped in Pennsylvania's lowest-performing schools. The program was a casualty of the budget process and that's unfortunate. In the end, House Democrats chose special interests over students and forced the governor's hand.

However, the budget is far from finished, as it actually consists of a series of bills. Still pending are the so-called "code" bills which direct how the money in the budget is going to be spent. Funding for state-related universities is also awaiting a final decision.

When the House passed the \$45.5 billion General Appropriations bill in early July, I was a "no" vote because it spends 6% more than last year and will likely force the state to dip into its reserves to meet expenses.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I believe we should be working to fix the structural deficit, not make it worse. Additionally, when we spend beyond our means, it will eventually lead to higher taxes. We can and must do better.

MY BILL TO HELP PREVENT MEDICAID FRAUD ADVANCES

A bill I am sponsoring that would help prevent fraud within the Medicaid program and save taxpayer dollars by creating another layer of protection was approved by the House Human Services Committee in July.

House Bill 876 would require any Medicaid provider to use a National Provider Identifier (NPI) when submitting claims for reimbursement. The NPI is a unique identification number for covered health care providers mandated by federal law. If the provider does not have an NPI, they would be required to register for a State Provider Identifier (SPI).

The bill also would clarify where civil claims for Medicaid fraud can be filed. Both initiatives were recommended as part of a grand jury investigation of the state's Medicaid program.

The bill is pending consideration by the full House.

PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED

Legislation I supported that makes more older residents and people with disabilities in Pennsylvania eligible for property tax or rent relief was signed into law by the governor in August.

Act 7 of 2023 increases income limits for the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program for homeowners and renters to \$45,000. The new law also raises the maximum amount each homeowner or renter can receive from \$650 to \$1,000.

The measure expands the reach of property tax and rent relief to more than 150,000 additional individuals and helps to make Pennsylvania a more affordable place in which to live.

Contact one of my offices for additional information on the rebate program or assistance with filing an application. Information is also at www.revenue.pa.gov.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



LEGISLATIVE NIGHT OUT | Thursday, Aug. 24, 5-7 p.m.

Salem Township Municipal Building/Park, 38 Bomboy Lane, Berwick | *This event will be a family night out with plenty of children's activities, including a chance to explore police and emergency vehicles.*



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION W/ REP. CABELL AND SEN. ARGALL | Monday, Sept. 11, 8-9 a.m.

White Haven Area Community Library, 121 Towanda St. | *Baked goods and coffee will be provided. This is your chance to ask us any question you might have. No topics are off limits. To RSVP, call 570-359-2138.*



ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS EXPO | Thursday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Laurel Mall, 106 Laurel Mall Road, Hazle Township | *I will be joining Rep. Dane Watro and Sen. David Argall in co-hosting this great event that features information on programs and services for older residents, health screenings and more.*



HARD-TO-READ LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT EVENT | Thursday, Oct. 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Luzerne County Fairgrounds, 3605 State Route 118, Dallas | *Be sure to bring your vehicle with the affected license plate attached, along with your unexpired driver's license and current vehicle registration card. I am co-hosting this free event with Sen. Lisa Baker.*



VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENT AND EXPO | Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.

Misericordia University, Insalaco Hall, Dallas | *Please call my Dallas office to register at 570-675-6000. More details will be forthcoming.*

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