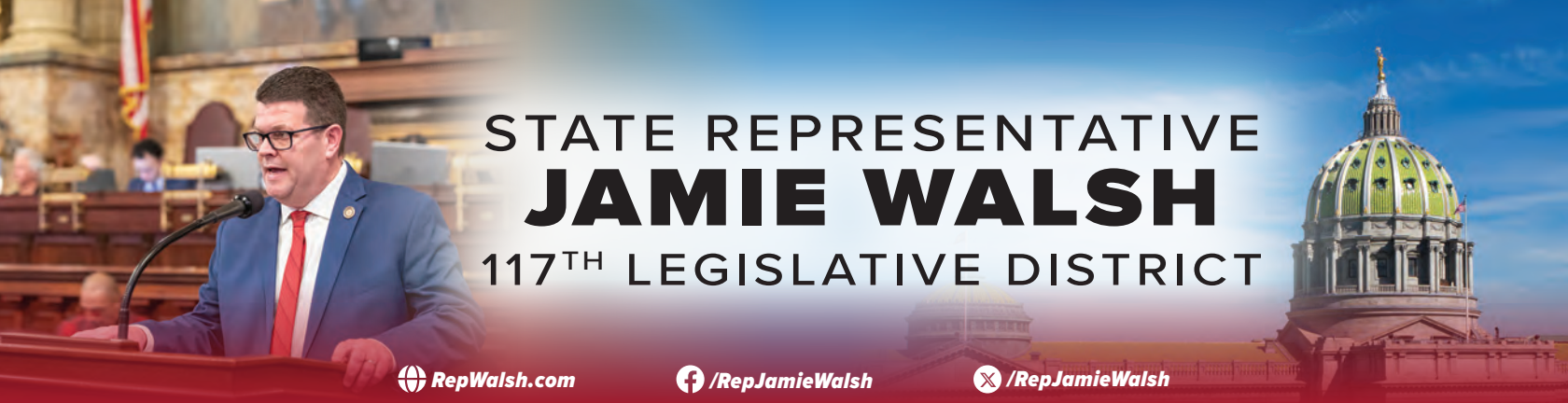




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Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to connect with you through this newsletter. Over the past 18 months, I've had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people throughout our community, and each conversation has strengthened my appreciation for the place we call home.

My team and I are committed to being accessible, supportive and ready to help whenever you need us. If you ever have questions, need assistance, or simply want to share your thoughts, please feel free to reach out. We're always glad to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued engagement. I look forward to many more opportunities to connect in the months ahead.

Warm regards,



COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Children and Youth

Health

Housing and Community Development

State Government

WORKING FOR YOU: A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Although I am still in my first term as a state legislator, I have already authored several pieces of legislation based on the feedback of residents and issues important to the 117th Legislative District. Meeting with and discussing the issues you are most concerned about is the driving force behind my legislative ideas. These are the bills I have introduced so far:

- ▶ **House Bill 2442** would cut red tape and empower small businesses by allowing businesses to remain open as they navigate Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permitting processes.
- ▶ **House Bill 1956** would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to restore the traditional, biological interpretation of sex as a protected class.
- ▶ **House Bill 2272** would exempt Luzerne County from the enhanced vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program (I/M Program).
- ▶ **House Bill 2324** would provide property tax relief to injured first responders.

I have authored a package of two bills to address the challenges of unchecked data center expansion:

- ▶ **House Bill 2515**, the Commercial Data Center Transparency Act, would mandate transparency for data center projects by requiring applicants to fund and produce reports on all impacts of their proposals, including projected water, electricity and land uses, as well as ratepayer impact, before applications could be considered. Developers would be further required to provide their findings to both local and state government officials and release them to the public.
- ▶ **House Bill 2516** would impose stiff penalties on data center developers who mislead the public regarding any of the criteria in House Bill 2515 and automatically revoke the projects of applicants who do so. Strong setback and noise pollution standards would also protect communities that choose to reject data center proposals based on these impacts from litigation.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR 2025 PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

The deadline for senior citizens and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2025 has been extended to **Dec. 31**.

Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is \$48,110

for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000.

The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Apply online at mypath.pa.gov, or contact my office for free assistance.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Did you know our office could assist you with getting copies of your birth certificate or a death certificate? How about helping you with obtaining a handicap placard for your vehicle or getting your license plate replaced? We can do all this and much more through my district offices.

I welcome you to contact or visit our offices in Sugarloaf and Dallas, where my staff and I will be happy to help you.

The most popular services we offer include:

- ✓ Assistance with PennDOT/motor vehicle applications, including placards, registration renewal, plate replacement, etc.
- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application and filing assistance.
- ✓ Help with navigating government agency processes, including REAL ID, birth/death certificate copies and licensing questions.



Additional services include help with PACE and PACENET applications for seniors; voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications; state tax forms; student aid applications; free state maps, state park information and PA Vacation Guides; copies of legislation; scheduling tours of the State Capitol; and referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN MY DISTRICT OFFICES

Area veterans and their dependents who have benefit questions or other issues can receive free assistance through my district offices.



American Legion Veteran Service Officer Brian Stolarski is available to meet with veterans at our district office in **Dallas** on the **second Wednesday of each month**, and in our district office in **Sugarloaf** on the **third Wednesday of each month** from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling **570-675-6000 (Dallas)** or **570-359-2138 (Sugarloaf)**. Veterans do not need to be an American Legion member to take advantage of this free service.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

As your state representative, I strive to keep you informed about how I am representing you and our district in Harrisburg.

By using resources such as Facebook and X, I am able to share news and information virtually as it happens. For example, I can post legislative updates from the House chamber, district event photos, videos and much more.

You can find me at **Facebook.com/RepJamieWalsh** and **X.com/RepJamieWalsh**.

GET WEEKLY UPDATES FROM HARRISBURG

Each week, I send email updates about important legislation, events in the district, traffic updates and other information you will find helpful.

It's simple to receive these updates directly. Just visit my website at **www.RepWalsh.com** and click on the "Subscribe" link in the top, right-hand corner. Your email is not shared or sold to any third-party and you can unsubscribe at any time.





Hosting e-recycling and paper shredding in Butler Township.



Raising awareness about romance scams with the PA Office of Consumer Advocate.



Celebrating milestones – Katalin Czukrasz's 107th birthday!



Recognizing area Scouting achievements.



Hosting Online Safety Awareness at Valley Elementary with the Pennsylvania State Police.



Hosting Hunter/Trapper Education Classes.

ARE YOU OWED ANY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY? LET US HELP YOU FIND OUT

Does the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have your money? According to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, millions of dollars in unclaimed property comes into the bureau each year.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left inactive by the owner for a period of seven years or more. If no lawful owner claims the property at that time, it is transferred to the Treasury. The most common kinds of unclaimed property include savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, unclaimed insurance benefits and items abandoned in forgotten safe deposit boxes.

The amounts can range from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars.

To find out if you or a member of your family is entitled to unclaimed property, contact one of my district offices or visit www.patreasury.gov.

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2026 SENIOR EXPO

TUESDAY, AUG. 11 | 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Misericordia University's Insalaco Hall, 301 Lake St. in Dallas.

The expo will feature more than 30 vendors offering information and services for seniors. Several breakout sessions will be held on topics including cybersecurity, Silver Sneakers chair yoga, senior law, senior scams, Area Agency on Aging programs and how to avoid identity theft. The PA Treasury will be available to help attendees search for unclaimed property. Free hearing tests will be available, and light refreshments will be served.



E-RECYCLING AND SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 | 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

This is a great opportunity to dispose of paper documents containing personal, financial and medical information, as well as hard-to-recycle electronics. More details to come on what specific items will be accepted for electronics recycling.



ANNUAL VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENT & EXPO,

in conjunction with MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, NOV. 7 | 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Lemmond Theater and Insalaco Hall, Misericordia University, 301 Lake St. in Dallas.

The event will include a recognition ceremony along with dozens of vendors offering programs and services for veterans and their family members. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required for this event; veterans can each bring one guest. Please RSVP by Oct. 30 by calling 570-675-6000 or going online to www.RepWalsh.com.

