



53RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

SUMMER 2023

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WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE



INVESTING in our **FUTURE**

Working to resolve state issues for residents

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Dear Neighbors,

As we reach the mid-year mark of 2023, this legislative session has proven to be remarkably productive. With a Democratic majority for the first time in 13 years, the PA House of Representatives has successfully passed over 100 bills, including many key pieces of legislation that had not moved for many years. I'm proud to have supported and voted for measures that will improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

This year, I supported:

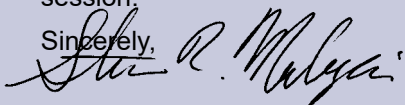
- A bill to raise the minimum wage for the first time in 14 years.
- Creating tax credits to offset the cost of childcare.
- Health care, including support for hospitals that continue to face post-pandemic challenges.
- Veterans' and seniors' programs.
- Funding for universal school breakfasts.

The House also passed a much-needed expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, with a pending income cap of \$45,000 and a maximum potential rebate of \$1,000. I've been advocating for this for years because our local seniors need this relief. Gov. Shapiro has signed this expansion into law. I was proud to vote to support increasing the rebate.

In addition, we passed a budget for the fiscal year. Although not perfect, it does make significant investments in the state's most important resource: people. Budgets are statements of values, and House Democrats showed that we value education and working people and that we want to build a safe state that has good jobs and sustainable growth.

I'm incredibly proud of everything we have done to help our communities. However, much more work remains to be done, and I'm eager to continue working for you throughout the 2023-24 legislative session.

Sincerely,



LEGISLATION

Two Bills to Support Small Businesses

In December 2020, Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home and Crematory in Souderton reached out to me about a restrictive state regulation that affects Pennsylvania's crematories. House Bill 1246 would help almost 300 family-owned PA businesses use their equipment in a more cost-effective way and bring PA in line with other states. Every industry deserves legislators that help them operate efficiently and reach their full potential.

House Bill 1096 would help local restaurants and bars that have a specific kind of liquor license – a hotel license – transfer to restaurant licenses instead. This also came about because of local businesses reaching out to me. I'm proud to have worked for years on these bills, and I hope the PA Senate will take them up so we can help PA's business owners.

Supporting Retired Teachers, and more

I've been leading the charge to get our retired teachers a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on their pensions. It's been over 20 years since the last COLA and the cost of living has doubled in that time, meaning teacher pensions have effectively been cut in half. We're not there yet, but I'm fighting for this with two bills in the House.

REP. MALAGARI'S BILLS TO
SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES
PASS THE HOUSE!



HOUSE BILL 1246

Would help almost 300 family-owned PA crematoriums save on energy costs

HOUSE BILL 1096

Helps local restaurants and bars convert their Hotel License to a Restaurant License

REP. MALAGARI'S BILL TO
SUPPORT RETIRED TEACHERS
PASSES THE HOUSE!



HOUSE BILL 1416

Would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for educators who retired before 2001

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TAX/RENT REBATE DEADLINE EXTENDED



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DUE DECEMBER 31

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM DEADLINE

What you need to provide:

- EVERYONE**
All earned income tax forms (1099 SSI, W2s, etc.)
- HOMEOWNERS**
Copies of all paid tax bills
- RENTERS**
Signed form from the landlord

\$35,000
household income for homeowners

&

\$15,000
household income for renters

For those on Social Security: half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility

PA HOUSE DEMOCRAT

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program's deadline has been extended to Dec. 31. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with disabilities 18 or older.

You can apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2022. You can apply online at <https://mypath.pa.gov> or contact my office for assistance.

AROUND THE DISTRICT





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- 1. Stop by my office at Souderton Third Fridays!
- 2. Speaking with residents at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- 3. Speaking with North Penn High School's Student Government about making AP Exams more affordable.
- 4. Celebrating Souderton Area High School's Academic Decathlon State Champions!
- 5. Meeting with 100 veterans at my veterans breakfast earlier this year.
- 6. Speaking and meeting with attendees at this year's International Spring Festival.
- 7. Memorial Day in Lansdale.
- 8. Meeting old and new friends at the PA Farm Show!
- 9. Last year at the dedication of Rt. 113 as the Honorable Robert W. Godshall Memorial Highway.
- 10. Meeting David Newell, AKA Mr. McFeely and discussing public media.
- 11. Speaking with folks at Derstine Run in Hatfield.
- 12. Lansdale's Pride Walk.
- 13. Celebrating Ryan Ketner from Lansdale's Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- 14. Hosting the Consulate General of Korea in New York, Euy Whan Kim.
- 15. Sharing information with friends at Harrington Village in Franconia.
- 16. Celebrating Hatfield Borough's 125th Birthday!
- 17. Celebrating Dan Schuetz's Eagle Scout rank.
- 18. Meeting folks getting ready for their US citizenship interviews with Keystone Opportunity Center.
- 19. North Penn Knights Softball State Champions!
- 20. Catching up with new friends at Hatfield Elementary.
- 21. West Broad Elementary's 4th grade came to visit in Harrisburg!
- 22. NPBS diving state champions 2023!
- 23. Lansdale Catholic Girls Basketball State Champions!

FUNDING IN OUR DISTRICT

By working with local officials and stakeholders, I was able to help secure over \$14.5 million in funding for community projects since last year. These grants have allowed our townships, and the organizations that serve them, to grow and better serve our residents. Most importantly, our two local public-school districts received \$3.5 million in additional funding. The grants are:

- \$3 million to Mitzvah Circle Foundation to expand its critical services delivering immediate needs to vulnerable families.
- \$5.75 million to The Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County to build its Child Advocacy and Training Center.
- \$1 million to Discover Lansdale for the rehabilitation of the historic Reading Railroad Freight House.
- \$1 million to address sinkholes across Lansdale, most notably at Ridge and Oak streets.

- \$1 million to North Penn School District to replace seven old diesel school buses with seven new cleaner energy propane school buses.
- \$500,000 for an affordable senior living center in Hatfield.
- \$850,000 for the renovation of the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Building.
- \$15,000 to The Montgomery County Office of Veterans Affairs to provide transportation services to veterans in need.
- \$35,000 to Veterans Brotherhood to provide housing services to veterans.
- \$150,000 to Hatfield Township for a preliminary site and building design for a public safety facility.
- \$500,000 to Lansdale Borough to make upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.
- \$200,000 to Hatfield Township for a Stormwater Management Study.

The 2023/24 Budget
Increases Funding for Schools in our Community

North Penn School District
\$2.5 Million (12% ↑)

Souderton Area School District
\$1 Million (7.5% ↑)



- \$450,000 to Lansdale Borough for Salford & Derstine Avenue pedestrian & drainage improvements.
- \$156,350 to Lansdale Borough to improve traffic intersection safety.
- \$50,000 to Telford Fire Co. Station 75 for the addition of a firehouse siren.
- \$30,000 to Lansdale American Legion Post 206 for the replacement of its broken heating system.

Steve Malagari
PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Souderton Office
By appointment only.
Please call (267) 768-3671

Generations of Indian Valley
Second Monday of the Month
from 10 AM - Noon

Souderton Mennonite Homes
Third Monday of the Month
from 10 AM - Noon

Peak Center
Second Tuesday of the month
from 10 AM - Noon

Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center
Every Wednesday from 10 AM - Noon

Mobile Office Hours

Welcome to the
53rd Legislative District



HERE TO SERVE YOU

Find us at several locations:

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Contact my office if you need help with any of the following!

- ✓ Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles, and driver's license applications.
- ✓ Also, you can ask us what forms you will need to bring to the DMV for various services.
- ✓ Obtaining and completing all kinds of state forms.
- ✓ Unemployment compensation.
- ✓ Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms for seniors, widows, widowers, and people with disabilities.
- ✓ Troubleshooting issues or delays with Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- ✓ PA state income tax questions or problems.
- ✓ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications.
- ✓ SEPTA Key Senior ID Card issues.
- ✓ PACE cards for seniors and prescription assistance.



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STATE REP. STEVE MALAGARI'S

Senior Fair



Friday, Sept. 22 | 10 a.m. – Noon

Trinity Lutheran Church

1000 W. Main Street | Lansdale, PA 19446

Representatives from state, county and local agencies, as well as other vendors, will be available to offer information on health care, volunteer opportunities, prescription drug plans, preventing identity theft and more!

Rep. Malagari and his staff will be on-hand to answer questions and provide direction on a host of state government-related programs and services.

This FREE event includes:

- ▶ CPR
- ▶ Vaccinations
- ▶ Health Checks
- ▶ Light refreshments
- ▶ And much more!



Please join State Representative

STEVE MALAGARI

SUMMER SHREDDING EVENT

August 19 • 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Hatfield Elementary School

1701 Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield, PA 19440

Come join State Rep. Steve Malagari for a **FREE** shredding event! Let us help you keep confidential and personal information safe. This is a great way to get organized in your home and dispose of documents safely.

You can bring:

Old documents • Folders • Correspondence • Disks

**We CANNOT accept electronics, TVs or monitors.
3 bag limit**

*For further information, please contact
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