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Dear Neighbor,

It's been a great summer. I've enjoyed reconnecting with so many of you at community events like the Cobbs Creek Trail Day and the Tyhir Barns basketball game. Our community has so many things to be thankful for and to celebrate.

Over the summer I was also able to help secure investments in the state budget that will help our schools, our police, our homeowners and many others in our community.

As we head into fall, there is still more to do. My colleagues and I have been fighting back against Republican policies that would hurt members of our community, including an attack on voting rights and women's access to reproductive care. And we will continue to fight!

When Republicans tried to cut-off debate on a controversial bill at the state Capitol in July, I was frustrated that they were trying to silence House Democratic voices and YOUR voices. I delivered a speech that millions of people across the country have watched. It was exciting, and it created more opportunities to talk with national and local media and leaders across the United States about the issues that are important to you. If you missed the video, scan here:



Be assured that I always have our community in mind when these controversial items come up in Harrisburg, and I will always have your back.

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Around the Capitol

It is always a pleasure to welcome neighbors to the PA Capitol when they visit. This year I met with student groups, police officers, educators and community leaders.

- 1** A group of community advocates from Children First PA visited to show their support for our community's children.
- 2** A group of Philadelphia's Finest stopped by the Capitol in June.
- 3** A group of students and teachers from Sayre High School came to visit.
- 4** Teachers from William Penn School District and Upper Darby School District in Delco visited.
- 5** Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta visited the Capitol.



I was so excited to stand with President Joe Biden to celebrate the passage of the federal Safer Communities Act and to send a clear message about ending gun violence. Leaders in DC worked together to pass meaningful gun safety measures, now we need to do the same in Harrisburg.



I was proud to welcome Vice President Kamala Harris to Philadelphia in July to discuss what House Democrats have been doing to protect abortion rights here in PA. So many people in our community are being attacked by bad policies. I was glad to see VP Harris recognize and support our efforts.

STATE BUDGET INVESTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

I am very proud of the investments I helped secure in the state budget this year. These investments will help families, students and seniors in our community.

Historic Funding for Schools

Both the School District of Philadelphia and William Penn School District received historic funding this year, including additional funds from the Level Up program, which helps Pennsylvania's most under-resourced schools. Not only will these investments improve our students' access to educational resources, but as the level of state support grows it also will help local school boards reduce property taxes used to fund schools.

After the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas, we also made a record investment in school safety including a significant \$95 million investment in physical safety and \$95 million for mental health grants to help students gain access to mental health care that can prevent tragedy.

	BASIC EDUCATION	SPECIAL EDUCATION	SCHOOL SAFETY
SD OF PHILADELPHIA	\$1.4 billion	\$169.3 million	\$6.2 million
WILLIAM PENN SD	\$30.3 million	\$5.8 million	\$367,289

Public Safety

The budget supports giving law enforcement the tools they need to fight violent crime while investing in programs that work to prevent gun violence and address mental health including:

- Support for local law enforcement: **\$135 million**
- Gun violence investigation and prosecution: **\$50 million**
- Violence intervention and prevention: **\$75 million**
- Expansion of mental health services: **\$215 million**

Great News for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Recipients!

Pennsylvanians who qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program will get a boost in their rebate this year. Pennsylvanians who are approved for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2021 will receive an additional one-time bonus rebate equal to 70 percent of their original rebate amount. This means the total amount a person will receive could be as much as \$1,657.50 (up from a previous maximum of \$975).

The deadline to apply is Dec. 31. To find out if you qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, call or stop by my office at 52 S. 60th St.

Affordable Housing

Finding affordable housing is a challenge for many Pennsylvania families, especially in our communities. This year's budget includes several new investments to help restore existing housing and develop new affordable housing.

The Whole Home Repair Program is a first of its kind program to help Pennsylvanians stay in their homes while also fighting blight in our communities. The \$125 million investment will provide grants of up to \$50,000 for repairs for habitability and energy efficiency upgrades to low- and moderate-income homeowners and loans to small-scale landlords renting affordable units.

The budget also invests \$100 million in Affordable Housing Construction by providing grants for the development of affordable housing units, including new units, rehabbing existing properties for affordable housing construction or preserving existing affordable housing for low-income tenants.



I was so excited to join Governor Wolf and local leaders to celebrate the creation of the Whole Home Repair Program. This new program will help people in our communities improve their homes to make them healthy and safe and strengthen our communities.

FIGHTING FOR YOU

In June I hosted a press conference at the state Capitol to raise our voices in support of passing the CROWN Act in Pennsylvania. I was proud to be joined by so many strong advocates from around state. It is time to ban discrimination based on hair texture or style.

Let's End Hair Discrimination

Did you know it is legal in Pennsylvania to discriminate against a person in the workplace, school or sports based on how they choose to wear their natural hair?

I have joined my colleagues to reintroduce the Pennsylvania CROWN Act (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) to end hair discrimination that remains a source of racial injustice with serious consequences for African Americans.

Nearly 20 other states have already banned this type of discrimination, as well as cities including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Now we need to make sure all Pennsylvanians are protected. It is unacceptable that in 2022 people are still being discriminated against because of their natural



hairstyle. You can join in our fight by signing my petition to urge Pennsylvania lawmakers to vote yes on the PA CROWN Act. Visit my website at pahouse.net/McClinton to sign on.

Help Our Voices Be Heard, Make Voting Easier and Safer

Our democracy works because it gives all of us an opportunity to have our voice heard by voting. But there are people who want to make it harder to vote, especially in our urban areas. My colleagues and I are working hard to make sure Pennsylvania does not pass any laws that make voting more difficult. Instead, we want to make voting easier and safer. I introduced a bill that would ease burdens on voting and bolster our election security.

The K. Leroy Irvis Voting Rights Protection Act is named after the first and only African American speaker of the Pennsylvania House. The bill would implement measures that are already used in other states including allowing early voting, increasing the number of ballot drop boxes, and permitting people to register to vote on election day. The bill also supports our county elections officials by making updates they've requested like allowing them

to prepare mail-in and absentee ballots for counting prior to election day.

My bill has earned a lot of support from my Democratic colleagues, but not one Republican has signed on as a co-sponsor. But I won't give up, I'll continue to push for commonsense measures that support our right to vote.

Elections are important and we need to make it easier for every voice to be heard!

Popular Measures Would Prevent Gun Violence

Communities across the country and across Pennsylvania continue to be harmed by gun violence, including in Philadelphia and Delaware County. Yet, my colleagues and I cannot get Republicans to act on any of the commonsense gun safety measures we've introduced year after year. They refuse to join us in the fight to stop this public health crisis, and their inaction is costing people their lives.

While we've made other important investments in public safety and reducing violence, our communities need and want gun safety laws like universal background checks, banning assault rifles and requiring safe storage of guns.

President Biden and Vice President Harris have done their part to get a gun safety law through Congress, but we need to act here in Pennsylvania.

We were able to secure \$105 million for Violence Intervention and Prevention grants in the state budget. These grants support programs designed to reduce community violence. Many local organizations have received VIP

funding in the past and are making a real difference in our communities. We're awaiting final guidelines for this year's grants, so please reach out to my office for information.

Keeping you and your family safe should be a top priority for everyone, and I will not stop in my fight to make our communities safer by enacting meaningful gun safety laws and tackling the root causes of gun violence.



Around the 191st

Shredding old documents is a great way to declutter your home and keep your personal information safe! I was so happy to be able to offer two shredding events this summer, one in Delco and one in Southwest Philly, to help our neighbors get rid of old documents like medical records and tax papers in a safe and secure way.



I love spending time at Bartram's Garden. It is a critical resource that so many of our neighbors rely on both in and around our communities. In February, I was proud to join with my colleague from south Philadelphia state Rep. Jordan Harris to present Bartram's Garden with a \$2.6 million grant that we helped secure. These funds are being used to build a new ecosystems education center and the world's first ever freshwater mussel hatchery to help improve water quality in the area and expand learning and outdoor opportunities for students and visitors of all ages. I will continue working to invest these kinds of state dollars in creating safe, family friendly green spaces like this across our neighborhoods.



Youth Literacy Day

Neighbors of all ages turned out for this year's Youth Literacy Extravaganza at the Sayre Recreation Playground in August for book giveaways, games, snacks and fun! Children received FREE books, played games and cooled off with some water ice! It was a successful day of fun and we're looking forward to the next one!



Last spring, I was proud to be joined by Mayor Kenney, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell and other community leaders, when I presented a \$4.5 million grant to Francis J. Myers Recreation Center at its location on Kingsessing Ave.

This funding was through the state's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program and will be used to invest in critical improvements at Myers Rec including making the facility environmentally safe, improvements to the roof, exterior masonry, new windows and doors, updated plumbing, mechanical systems, and electrical, including fire alarm and fire protection, and increased building accessibility, including an elevator.

I'm so happy when local events allow me to connect with other elected officials and local leaders. Working together across government we can help serve you, our neighbors, even better!



Schuylkill River Development Corporation

In July, I was grateful to join my colleague, Pa. House Democratic Whip Jordan Harris to present a \$2.5 million grant to the Schuylkill River Development Corporation to help further expand the Schuylkill River Trail. It will help connect even more of our neighbors – especially our young people – to this safe greenspace in southwest Philly and provide them easy access to the great outdoor opportunities it provides.





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Don't Forget to Vote!

This November 8th, we have another important election. And the good news is the state Supreme Court confirmed what we've been saying all along: mail-in voting is safe, legal and constitutional! You can request your mail-in ballot now online at vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot.

You can also find important voting dates and deadlines at vote.pa.gov.

So, make a plan to have your voice heard in the upcoming election!



Getting ready for a great school year. We need to make sure our youngest neighbors return to school healthy and ready to learn. Community of Compassion held a Back-to-School Health Fair to provide some health care services and have some fun.

2022 General Election Important Dates	
 <p>Register to vote or update your registration</p> <p>Deadline: October 24</p>	 <p>Request mail-in or absentee ballot</p> <p>Sign up by: November 1</p>
 <p>Deadline for mail-in or absentee ballots</p> <p>Due: November 8 <small>(must be received by 8 p.m.)</small></p>	 <p>Election Day Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Date: November 8</p>
vote.pa.gov	

