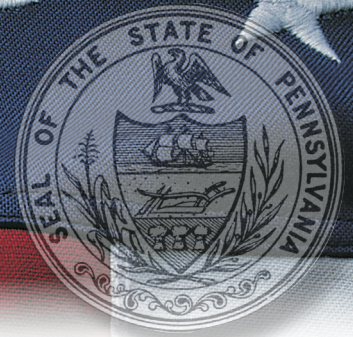


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WARNER, DAVANZO, NELSON TO LAUNCH AMERICA FIRST CAUCUS

Frustrated by the lack of action on real issues impacting the day-to-day lives of our hard-working citizens, I recently joined my colleagues, Reps. Eric Davanzo and Eric Nelson, in launching the America First Caucus.

The America First Caucus aims to focus attention on commonsense policies that will expand manufacturing of American-made products and production of domestic energy.

Not only is American manufacturing essential for our economy, but it also is essential for our national security. We must fight back against the growing movement to shut down industry, particularly energy production, in the Commonwealth (read more below). Our energy industry provides the resources people need to light and heat their homes and run their vehicles. It also provides good-paying, family-sustaining jobs to many Pennsylvanians and contributes significantly to the state's tax revenue.

INDUSTRY, ENERGY PRODUCTION KEYS TO PA'S FUTURE

Pennsylvania has always been a giant of industry, and we have the resources and work ethic, especially here in southwestern PA, to continue that path. Sadly, some – including our own governor – now view industry, and especially the energy industry, as our enemy rather than our destiny.

Case in point: While campaigning for governor in 2022, now-Gov. Josh Shapiro expressed serious concerns about the Commonwealth joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multi-state compact that creates a cap-and-trade program on carbon emissions. Shapiro himself said it's not clear RGGI would address climate change while protecting energy jobs and ensuring affordable power. However, when the Commonwealth Court ruled RGGI is an illegal tax and that the state cannot join, the governor doubled down and decided to appeal the decision after receiving pressure from extreme environmentalists.

Here in our own backyard, those same extremists killed development of the Allegheny Energy Center, a natural gas power plant that would have generated enough electricity to power roughly a half million homes. Earlier last year, groups successfully killed a similar facility planned for Renovo, Clinton County.

Domestic energy production isn't the only victim of the anti-industry sentiment taking hold in the Commonwealth. Just recently, excessive permitting delays led U.S. Steel to cancel a \$1.5 billion investment in Mon Valley Works. Instead, portions of the Clairton plant were shut down and now U.S. Steel has been sold to a foreign company.

These actions are robbing our Commonwealth of opportunities to grow, expand the economy, support more affordable energy prices and provide family-sustaining jobs to our residents. And despite what some may believe, chasing industry and jobs out of Pennsylvania sends more production to places like China that are far less environmentally responsible. So these actions are harming both the economy and the environment.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to all the first responders and others who supported this year's Santa Cop program to provide gifts for children in need.



I received the Champion of Limited Government Award from the Institute of Legislative Analysis.



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APPLY NOW FOR EXPANDED PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

More Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities are eligible for increased property tax or rent relief this year under a new law I supported in 2023.

Under the expanded Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program:

- Income eligibility **INCREASED** to \$45,000 annually for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when calculating income.
- Maximum rebate **INCREASED** TO \$1,000.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. More information is available at www.RepWarner.com.

HOLDING STATE-RELATED UNIVERSITIES ACCOUNTABLE

Thanks to a new state law, which I authored, taxpayers will finally get the transparency and accountability they deserve for the more than \$600 million the state sends each year to our four state-related universities.

Act 29 of 2023 sets new reporting requirements for Penn State, Pitt, Temple and Lincoln under the state's Right-to-Know law so citizens can better see how their tax dollars are being spent.

After proposing this legislation a few times, the universities' insistence that they would be increasing in-state tuition rates, regardless of how much state money they were given this year, finally provided the momentum we needed to get the bill passed and signed into law. It is important to know our higher education dollars are being used to support our students.



Running with daughter Paloma at the annual Veteran's Marathon Relay hosted by Fayette County Commissioner Scott Dunn.



Congratulations to all the winners at this year's Fayette County Chamber of Commerce annual dinner.