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STATE REPRESENTATIVE | 52<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



**SPRING 2025** 



# **2025-26** Committee Assignments

#### **Appropriations:**

Plays a lead role in development of the annual state budget.

Appointed Republican chairman of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy.

#### **Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities:**

Consumer issues relating to utilities, housing, motor vehicles, credit cards and more.

#### **Energy:**

Issues relating to the development of our energy industry.

#### **Gaming Oversight:**

Policies related to the state's evolving gaming industry.

## IT'S TIME TO Bring PA Budget Under Control

In early February, Gov. Josh Shapiro outlined his proposed 2025-26 state budget, which would spend nearly \$51.5 billion of your hard-earned money in the next fiscal year.

That's about \$20 billion MORE than just a decade ago, and it's \$3.57 billion more than the current fiscal year's spending plan. It's also more than twice the estimated \$1.3 billion in additional revenue anticipated under the state's current tax structure. In other words, this budget WILL lead to higher taxes, which is why I'm fighting against it.

I am again introducing my Taxpayer Protection Act legislation, which seeks to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to limit the amount the Commonwealth's spending may increase, based on a three-year average of inflation and population growth.

Placing a hard limit on spending growth from year to year would force lawmakers to better prioritize funding for the core functions of government, such as emergency services and first responders, and leave out extraneous programs that do nothing but grow the size and scope of government — and burden future generations of Pennsylvanians.

# **WARNER PROPOSES No Taxes on Tips, Overtime**

One of the best ways to boost our economy is also one of the simplest – allowing people to keep more of their hard-earned money.

President Donald Trump and others in Congress are working to do that by eliminating federal income taxes on tips and overtime. And I am working to take that a step further by also exempting them from state income taxes.

Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians work in the service industry or in a field where overtime hours are offered. For some, it's a part-time job to help bring in more household income. For others, the extra work is needed just to stay afloat. These working people are the backbone of our economy and deserve a tax cut.

The change I am proposing will also help businesses retain their employees and encourage out-of-state workers to move to Pennsylvania to benefit from our tax policy. I championed this issue last session and will continue fighting for this important policy that will help workers, employers and the Commonwealth's economy.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to South Connellsville Rod and Gun Club for its \$30,000 Shooting Range Improvement grant.



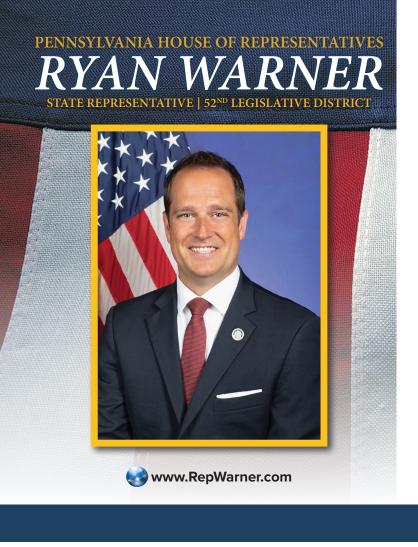
I had a great time talking with the Webelos in Cub Scout Pack 625, Perryopolis.



Thanks to The Learning Lamp in Connellsville for the chance to read to the kids.



Thanks to our local state police officers for their participation in the annual Shop with a Cop program.



# **PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE ASSISTANCE**

Need assistance filing for your 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate from the Commonwealth? FREE help is available at my local offices and at a series of clinics listed below.

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. The income limit increased again this year to \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when calculating income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000.

All clinics will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be sure to bring proof of all income for 2024, as well as either 2024 property tax receipts or a completed rent certificate.

#### **BELLE VERNON**

Tuesday, April 15: Washington Township Office, 1390-A Fayette Ave. Thursday, April 24: Belle Vernon Center on the Hill, 100 Summit Road

#### **BROWNSVILLE**

Thursday, April 3: Borough Office, 200 Second St. Thursday, April 24: Borough Office, 200 Second St. Wednesday, April 30: Borough Office, 200 Second St.

#### **CONNELLSVILLE**

Thursday, April 10: Bullskin Senior Center, 52 Medsger Road Tuesday, April 29: Connellsville Senior Center, 100 E. Fayette St.

#### **EVERSON**

Tuesday, April 1: Everson Fire Hall, 114 Jones St.

#### **OHIOPYLE**

Tuesday, April 8: Ohiopyle Park Visitor's Center, 124 Main St. Wednesday, April 23: Ohiopyle Park Visitor's Center, 124 Main St.

#### **NORMALVILLE**

Friday, April 11: Normalville Area Volunteer Fire Department 3387 Springfield Pike

#### **MILL RUN**

Tuesday, April 22: Springfield Township Volunteer Hose Co. 755 Mill Run Road (in the fire hall)

#### **VANDERBILT**

Tuesday, April 22: Franklin Township Office, 353 Town Country Road

No appointments are necessary.

### DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS AND HOURS

CONNELLSVILLE OFFICE
215 N. Pittsburgh St., Suite A, Connellsville, PA 15425
Phone: 724-437-1105
Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PERRYOPOLIS OFFICE
312 E. Independence St., Perryopolis, PA 15473 (No mail, please)
Phone: 724-736-2290
Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.