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2026–27 STATE BUDGET ENACTED

On July 12, the General Assembly passed the 2026–27 state budget. Despite reaching a compromise, the final agreement left me feeling disappointed.

At \$50.8 billion, this budget spends far too much while ignoring the basics that help working families. While there are certainly items in this budget I support, there's no expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, which bolster educational freedom for students trapped in failing schools. Additionally, this budget defers over \$1 billion in Managed Care Organization payments to next fiscal year. That's not responsible budgeting; that's pushing today's

problems onto tomorrow.

Pennsylvania deserves better than a budget that overspends and punts obligations down the road. We should be investing in programs that lift families up and improve affordability, not inflating spending while leaving real priorities behind.

Recognizing that this budget does not reflect the priorities of the 85th District, I had to vote "no." I will continue to be a fierce advocate for responsible budgeting that prioritizes economic growth for Pennsylvania and affordability for families.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Protecting Your Fourth Amendment Rights

I recently partnered with Rep. Josh Bashline (R-Clarion/Armstrong) to introduce legislation to establish reasonable safeguards on the use of automated license plate readers (ALPRs), facial recognition systems, and other emerging technologies that electronically collect and retain personal information. Many of these systems are commonly known as Flock cameras.

While these tools can support legitimate law enforcement work, they also allow government agencies to monitor the movements and activities of law-abiding Pennsylvanians on an unprecedented scale. Without clear limits, these technologies can result in the widespread collection of information about individuals who are not suspected of any wrongdoing. When combined across multiple systems, facial recognition records and other data can reveal where a person lives and works, with whom they associate, the places of worship or civic events they attend, and even when they seek medical care or legal advice.

Unchecked, these capabilities risk transforming narrow investigative tools into an intrusive system of mass surveillance. To ensure that technological convenience does not come at the expense of the fundamental protections guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment, we have introduced the following bills:

- The first bill would set clear limits on the use of ALPRs, facial recognition tools, and similar technologies by requiring a warrant to track specific people or license plates, restricting data retention to the shortest reasonable period, and requiring signage that alerts the public when ALPRs are in use. These rules would not apply to ordinary security cameras that do not automatically identify individuals.
- The second bill would allow local governments to adopt a moratorium on the installation and use of ALPRs within their municipal boundaries. This measure ensures that residents and local officials have a meaningful voice in deciding whether technology capable of continuously collecting personally identifiable information should be used in their communities.

Together, these bills are designed to preserve both public safety and personal privacy. As technology continues to evolve, we must ensure our laws evolve with it. By establishing clear guardrails now, we can safeguard the constitutional rights that protect every Pennsylvanian.



Celebrating America250 at the Great American State Fair

This Independence Day was an especially meaningful one for our Commonwealth, our communities, and our nation. I was fortunate to join thousands of visitors in celebrating 250 years of American freedom at the Great American State Fair in Washington, D.C.

Pennsylvania proudly showcased its heritage on the National Mall through a widely praised, privately funded pavilion led by U.S. Sens. Dave McCormick and John Fetterman. The display featured highlights of our state's culture and industry, including a hometown favorite from the 85th District, Middleswarth Potato Chips. Thanks to its engaging exhibits and strong community spirit, the Pennsylvania pavilion earned the "Best in Show" award during the fair's 16-day national celebration.

I am deeply proud to be a Pennsylvanian. The exhibit at the Great American State Fair was a powerful reminder of the traditions, talent, and sense of community that make our Commonwealth such a special place to call home.

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SUMMER FUN IN THE 85TH DISTRICT

Summer is a time when our community traditions shine, and I was grateful for the chance to attend several events that highlight the pride we share in the 85th District. Each gathering offered meaningful conversations with constituents and a chance to hear firsthand about the issues that matter most to you.



Hillbilly Fever Days



Juniata County Youth Fair



Tecstone Countertop Solutions' Grand Opening



Mifflin County Youth Fair



McClure National Night Out

CONGRATULATIONS to Troop 415's Newest Eagle Scout!

I recently had the honor of presenting a House citation to Sam Hostler of Middleburg for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouts. Reaching this rank requires years of commitment and a meaningful community service project.

For his Eagle project, Sam raised awareness about homelessness by camping around his community and collecting donations. His efforts allowed him to purchase and fill 100 duffel bags with essential items for those in need. Congratulations, Sam, on this outstanding achievement!



SAVE THE DATE FOR MY DRIVE-THRU VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT



SATURDAY, OCT. 31, FROM 9–11 A.M.

Middleburg District Office, 74 Paxtonville Road

Veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families from the 85th District are invited to my drive-thru Veterans Appreciation Event. Please stop by to grab a breakfast sandwich and some materials about state resources for veterans. Let us say “thank you” for your service to our Commonwealth and our country!

RSVPs are required. Please call my office at 570-837-0052 or visit **RepDavidRowe.com/Events** to confirm your attendance.