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53RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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STATE REP. STEVE MALAGARI

WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE

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Dear Friends,

The new year is here, and spring is on the way! While I'm filled with excitement and optimism for what lies ahead, I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the accomplishments and moments I was most proud of in 2023. None of the things in this newsletter would have been possible without your support! There is, however, so much more to be done. I'm working to secure millions more for our local community, and I'm working on legislation to help more local businesses, consumers, school students, and parents alike. I'll be here working for you in 2024!



INVESTING in our FUTURE

Working to resolve state issues for residents

SERVICE TO YOU

Last year my team provided more than 6,700 constituent services, including processing over 1,200 SEPTA Senior Key Cards and hundreds of Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications. We are ready to help more people this year, especially with the expanded rebate for the 2023 claim year. I'm so proud to have advocated for our seniors to get more money back from property taxes. With a higher income limit and more money coming back, this is a huge win for our neighbors.

2023

Year in Review



1 Bill 
Signed into law

HB 1096 - Provides relief to hotel liquor licensees

4 Bills
Passed the House

HB 1286 - Supports local governments
HB 1378 - Ensures a fair online marketplace
HB 1478 - Provides COLAs for school teachers & public servants
HB 1567 - Protects tenants

MORE THAN
6700
Constituent cases resolved



OVER
1200
SEPTA passes issued



**Property Tax / Rent Rebate
2024 Program Expansion**
 MORE people eligible, MORE money back!

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$380

Questions? Contact my office for help receiving your refund!

Property Tax/Rent Rebate

For 2024, the income limit for PTRR increased for the first time in years, so more folks are eligible. I have been at the forefront of working to make this happen and my team is available to answer questions, and help you apply online so you can get your rebate as soon as possible. Call to make an appointment with my team to apply now!

If you have never applied before, please reach out to find out if you are now eligible.

And remember – if you live in North Penn School District, once you get your state rebate, my team can help get you more money back from your school taxes, too!

WE DELIVER
**CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE
 ENHANCEMENT TAX CREDIT**

Nearly a quarter million working families will see their tax credits more than triple:

- The current one child credit of \$180 goes up to as much as **\$1,050**.
- The current two-or-more children credit of \$360 goes up to as much as **\$2,100**.

Childcare Tax Credit

Pennsylvania's Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit has expanded under new legislation signed by the Governor, offering substantial support to families with daycare expenses and those caring for relatives. This move brings significant relief to 210,000 families. The credit now mirrors the federal one, granting up to \$1,050 for one child or \$2,100 for two or more children, with variations based on income. Qualifying expenses cover care for dependent children under 13, incapacitated spouses, or other dependents meeting specific criteria. Notably, the credit is refundable, ensuring eligible taxpayers receive the full benefit, and utilizing the myPATH online system simplifies the claiming process when filing tax returns. This extension underscores Pennsylvania's commitment to bolstering families and addressing critical needs.

Bringing Money Back to Our District

In 2023, I worked hard to bring millions of dollars back to the district for crucial infrastructure projects, to support veterans groups, and more. In 2024, I'm already meeting with local groups to discuss where I can help bring more money back, and I look forward to highlighting these needs to my colleagues in Harrisburg to make sure we get our fair share of funding.

- I was thrilled to announce a total of **\$5.4 million** for critical infrastructure upgrades to our local sewer and water systems in Lansdale, Franconia, Hatfield, Montgomery, and Telford. We have seen other local municipalities struggle to keep up with maintenance and repairs on their systems, and this funding is so vital to keeping our basic infrastructure working and keeping our utility bills low.
- I was also able to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars for safer streets, our arts and cultural centers and our local firefighters and EMTs.
- Senator Maria Collett and I worked together to secure **\$2.5 million** in funding for North Penn YMCA's new gym, and last year we had the honor of joining the ground-breaking. This is one of my favorite ground-breakings I've attended because it's one of my favorite projects that I've supported so far! I cannot wait to see the final product in January 2025.





Improving road links for the local economy

Late last year, I welcomed Transportation Secretary Mike Carroll to witness the progress on the 309 Connector project, also known through the decades as the Piedmont Highway. Since I was first elected in 2018, I have advocated for funding to push the project forward, and this was a great opportunity to show Sec. Carroll the need for funding for the last stage of the project so that it can be completed as soon as possible.

LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS

I had my first bill passed and signed into law by the Governor. HB1096 will help local restaurants with a hotel liquor license transfer. This bill was inspired by listening to local businesses and I'm proud to get them the help they need. In addition, I had multiple other bills pass the House and be sent to the Senate for consideration. I'm working on more legislation inspired by local businesses, residents, and even high school students to make life better in PA.

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

HOUSE BILL 1416
Would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for public employees and educators who retired before 2001

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 PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

My four House-passed bills would help small family businesses be more efficient, allow online consumers to shop safely, help retired teachers afford to meet their basic needs, and allow tenants to stay in their homes. These now await action in the Senate.

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 This legislation provides a valuable opportunity for licensees to adapt to changing market conditions, while also addressing the shortage of restaurant licenses in our counties.

Supporting PA's Economy
 Rep. Malagari's H.B. 1096, aimed at supporting licensees and bolstering economic growth, has passed both chambers and awaits the governor's final seal of approval.

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Throughout 2023, I worked closely with North Penn High School students to introduce a bill to reduce the burden of AP Exam costs. House Bill 1875 was reported out of the House Education Committee late last year, and now I look forward to working to get this and other bills moving through the rest of the process throughout 2024.

POLICY POINT OF THE DAY **HB 1875**

Education Matters

The House Education Committee passed Rep. Malagari's bill that would cut AP exam costs for students.

PA House Dems work for you.
 Senate Republicans work for special interests.

SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE:



SASD Support Our Troops Veterans Brunch.



Talking with attendees at our Senior Fair.



Telford tree lighting.



Lansdale Mardi Gras Parade.



It was so much fun playing cricket at Clemens Park!



Celebrating the funding we secured for the North Penn YMCA's new gym.



I had the opportunity to speak to some SASD teachers last September.



I got to try out a VR headset at North Penn High School.



Visiting Peppi's Steaks in Souderton. So good!

SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE:



Constitution Week celebration with the Daughters of the American Revolution Towamencin Chapter.



This year's Summer Shred Event was a success!



Catching up with old friends at the Cannoneers Sportsmens Club Block Party in September.



Fantastic visit to El Limon, Lansdale!



Community Day at North Penn Mosque.



Health screening at PEAK center. Thank you, Skippack Pharmacy.



Previewing a new coaster design at Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters, Inc.



Diwali celebration at BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha Mandir in Hatfield.



Speaking with retired teachers.



Congratulations to Aidan Bolte on his Eagle Scout Court of Honor!



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Voting Info

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024 ELECTIONS:

April 8 – Last day to register to vote before the Primary

April 16 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for Primary

April 23 – Primary Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots

October 21 – Last day to register to vote before the General

October 29 – Last day to apply for mail-in ballots for General

November 5 – General Election (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and last day counties can receive mail-in ballots

To check your voter registration, register to vote, or any other voting information, go to vote.pa.gov.

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By appointment only.
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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
First Wednesday of the month
from 10 AM - Noon

Mobile Office Hours

Upcoming Events

Expungement Event - February 29

Shred/E-Waste Event - June 1

Family Fair - Summer 2024

Senior Fair - Sept 2024

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