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18 State Senator **LISA M. BOSCOLA**

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PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

Eliminating school property taxes and replacing them with a fairer system has been my number one priority since I've arrived in Harrisburg. This session, I introduced a constitutional amendment to put the issue before the voters and let them decide, unfortunately it was tabled, preventing a vote from occurring. However, I will continue to find ways to get this question before the voters. The amendment calls for a date certain to end school property taxes and requires the legislature to come up with a better system. Homeowners here in the Lehigh Valley get a double whammy, high property taxes and inadequate funding. Part of the issue with ever increasing property taxes is the result of leaders in Harrisburg failing to fund the State's Fair Funding Formula. As a result, our school districts receive inadequate funding every year and homeowners make up the difference. I have been fighting to fix this as well. There is nothing "fair" about the current system. It's not fair to our homeowners to pay more than they should. It's not fair to our students who are being shorted. And, it's not fair to our teachers and administrators who must make do with unequal funding.



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FIGHTING FOR YOU IN HARRISBURG

SENATOR BOSCOLA PROPOSES A TEMPORARY HALT TO THE PA GAS TAX

My legislation would **stop the collection of the State's \$0.57/gallon Gas Tax from Independence Day weekend through Labor Day while ensuring our State Police will continue to be funded and infrastructure projects will not stop.**

Pennsylvania families need immediate relief and this tax holiday will help every Pennsylvania family.





BOSCOLA SECURES OVER \$1.1 MILLION FOR SLATE BELT PRIORITY PROJECTS

Helping communities I represent secure state grants to help with priority projects is important. I was thrilled to provide my Slate Belt communities \$1,159,852 for projects that will improve the quality of life in their communities. The projects include: **Weona Pool Project (\$500,000); Bangor Memorial Park Pool Splash Pad (\$200,000); Mount Bethel Volunteer Fire Company (\$200,000); Weona Park Playground Phase I (\$147,784); and Renovation of A Clean Slate, a community center in the Borough of Bangor (\$112,068).**

Using state funds helps communities make these projects a reality sooner and takes some of the burden off using local property taxes alone to complete these projects. The public pools and parks projects are especially important to me because they provide residents low cost recreational activities to enjoy close to home. Since 2019, I have delivered \$93,265,693 to the communities in the 18th District.



VOTE TO LOWER CORPORATE NET INCOME TAX RATE WILL HELP LOWER INCREASING ENERGY PRICES

Proudly, I voted in support of two different plans to lower corporate net income tax rates in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has one of the highest corporate tax rates in the country and **lowering the rate will make our state more competitive to lure new companies to Pa and keep our existing companies here.** Tax structure is often one of the deciding factors companies look at when choosing where to invest for the future. Even better, **lowering the rate will also lower utility prices.** Pennsylvania law requires utility companies that get tax reductions to pass the savings onto its customers. It is my hope that either *Senate Bills 447 and 771* becomes law soon.



SENATOR BOSCOLA PROPOSES SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Earlier this year, Senator Boscola introduced legislation looking to give Pennsylvania residents a **2-month break from the 6% sales tax.**

It is pretty clear everyone is hurting from the effects of inflation. Whether you are a teacher, police officer, iron worker, warehouse worker, retiree or recent college grad, everything you need is more expensive. I was looking for a way for the state government to provide some temporary relief for everyone without creating a new program or application process. Price increases are impacting everyone's bottom line and while state government cannot fix monetary policy or national product shortages, we can find ways to help our families without creating red tape.

The state is projected to have \$12 billion dollars in surplus funds this year.

I am hopeful this proposed tax holiday would be able to be implemented over the summer months to allow all families to enjoy a few extra dollars in their pockets.



CONSTITUENT SURVEY *Your opinion is important to me!*

As your voice in Harrisburg, the feedback that my team and I receive from constituents helps form legislation that is introduced and co-sponsored. I work for you and it is important for me to understand what issues are most important to you and your family. You can also fill out this survey online at www.senatorboscola.com/survey.

- Should registered Independents be permitted to vote in Pennsylvania's primary elections?
- Should Pennsylvania eliminate school property taxes as a means to fund public schools?
- Are you confident that the Pennsylvania Elections are counted accurately & declare the correct winner?
- Do you feel the Commonwealth should allow for the permanent use of drop boxes as an acceptable way to return mail-in ballots?
- Are you at all concerned with the current curriculum that is being taught to the students in our schools at this time?
- Should we allow teachers to carry firearms in schools?
- Are you familiar with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative?
- Should Pennsylvania enact the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative?
- To address climate change, do you believe we should continue to prioritize the development of alternative green energy sources & solutions?
- Do you support the legalization of recreational marijuana?
- Are you familiar with Red Flag Laws?
- Should Pennsylvania enact a Red Flag Law?
- Pennsylvania law permits abortions until 24 weeks after a 24 hour waiting period. Thereafter, they may only be performed for a medical emergency. Minors require parental or judicial consent. Do you believe Pennsylvania's abortion law should be preserved?

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property tax/rent rebate program

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The deadline for older adults and Pennsylvania residents with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been **extended** from June 30 to December 31, 2022.

December 31

A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO OUR LOCAL FIRE & EMS

Each and every day, our local fire & EMS show up just when we seem to need them the most. Whenever the alarm goes off, they willingly jump into action to protect the lives and property of our communities and by doing so, they put their own life on the line. The commitment and sacrifice to our communities is one reason why I am so proud to have voted in support of *Senate Bill 739*, which established the **COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company & Emergency Medical Services Grant Program and the Emergency Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program** from a \$25 million allocation of Federal American Rescue Plan money. I have always been a strong advocate for Volunteer Emergency Services and will continue to do so.

These grants will help provide the financial assistance that is needed to the most vital organizations in our community.

