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■ Celebrating America 250th

Community leaders from Lehigh Valley250, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Lafayette College, Greater Easton Development Partnership, ArtsQuest, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, and elected officials celebrated the state investment of \$1,000,000 to support programs and events to make the Lehigh Valley a destination to commemorate America's 250th Anniversary.

It is always an honor to stand in Centre Square, Easton, where the Declaration of Independence was read publicly for the first time, July 8, 1776. It is one of several historic landmarks that highlight our region's significance during the American Revolution.

I am proud of the Lehigh Valley's nonprofits, institutions, regional organizations, and elected officials from both parties for their ability to work collaboratively to strengthen community engagement, uplift arts and heritage, and drive cultural tourism. This kind of collaboration is one reason the Lehigh Valley has been so successful.

As we mark our nation's 250th, let's reflect on the people, places, stories, and communities that shaped the founding of the United States. Have fun, stay safe, and be sure to check out all the amazing events scheduled throughout the year. Visit america250pa.org for more information!



■ Boscola's Building & Construction Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Initiative

Pennsylvania is facing one of its most significant workforce challenges. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, our Commonwealth could face a shortage of more than 300,000 skilled trade workers by 2030. This shortage could be really harmful to our local manufacturers, building trade and technology industries. We need to act now.

I introduced **Senate Bill 1343** to help our workforce pipeline and expand opportunities for students pursuing careers in a skilled trade.

My legislation creates a workforce development partnership between Pennsylvania's Building & Construction Trades, our community colleges, and career and technical centers to provide students with meaningful pathways into skilled trades and pre-apprenticeship programs.

Not every student's path leads through a traditional four-year college. We need to ensure every young Pennsylvanian has access to high-quality training that leads to good-paying, in-demand careers of their choice. We need to make it easier for kids to pick the career they want.

By investing in these partnerships today, we can prepare the next generation of skilled workers for careers in construction, manufacturing, technology, and sustainable energy while helping employers fill critical workforce needs and keeping Pennsylvania's economy strong.



Pennsylvania continues to prove that we can compete with the best! I'm proud that the Commonwealth ranked in the top 5 for Technology &

Innovation in CNBC's 2026 Top States for Business study.

The Lehigh Valley is helping drive that success through innovation, advanced manufacturing, technology, and a talented workforce. Our region continues to attract investment, create good-paying jobs, and strengthen Pennsylvania's economy.

Congratulations to everyone whose hard work is helping position Pennsylvania – and the Lehigh Valley – as a leader in innovation and opportunity!

■ Boscola Bill Becomes Law Pennsylvania set to join National Counseling Compact

Senate Bill 604, a bill I introduced, was signed into law by Governor Shapiro in July. Pennsylvania is now authorized to join the National Counseling Compact. The legislation allows qualified licensed professional counselors to practice across participating compact states while preserving Pennsylvania's licensing authority. It also makes it easier for eligible out-of-state counselors to provide care here in the Commonwealth.

By expanding our counseling workforce, we are improving access to critical mental health services for Pennsylvanians, reducing barriers to care, and helping address the growing demand for qualified mental health professionals.

This is an important step toward ensuring more individuals and families can receive

the care they need, when they need it.

Mental health care should not be limited by state borders. Whether someone is continuing care after relocating, accessing telehealth services while away at school or on a trip, or seeking treatment in a neighboring state, this legislation removes an unnecessary burden without watering down Pennsylvania's high standards for professional licensure.

Over the past six years, Pennsylvania has joined several national professional licensure compacts to strengthen our healthcare workforce and expand access to care. Each of these compacts required legislative approval through bills that I introduced, sponsored, or supported. Today, Pennsylvania is a member of the



Nurse Licensure Compact, the Physical Therapy Compact, the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), helping qualified healthcare professionals practice more easily across state lines while improving access to care for Pennsylvanians.

■ Senator Boscola Attends Ribbon Cutting of The Confluence, Celebrating Easton's Continued Revitalization



Congratulations to Peron Development, City Center, Mayor Sal Panto, and the City of Easton on the completion of another transformative project.

Peron Development and City Center elevated the standard for urban redevelopment projects in the Lehigh Valley with the Confluence. These projects are never easy. They require vision, collaboration, patience, and a willingness to take significant risks but the results speak for themselves.

Projects like **The Confluence** are catalysts for economic growth. They create new opportunities for residents and businesses,

strengthen our downtowns and attract additional investment.

I'm proud to support taxpayer investments in projects like this because they help communities thrive.

The Confluence is more than just another building—it's a standard setter. The building creates a dynamic gateway to the City of Easton that is a symbol of the tremendous revitalization the City has enjoyed over the last decade.

The site was home to a run-down hotel from an old failed urban redevelopment project that cost Easton more in police calls than the tax revenue it paid. Mayor Panto and the City Council had the vision and courage to say, "We can do better." They were right.

This once underutilized property is now a vibrant mixed-use development with modern housing, commercial space, and a beautiful public park. Projects like this do far more than improve a single property—they serve as catalysts for additional investment throughout the community. Not too far from the front doors a new hotel is rising on Center Square and a new condominium development is underway.

Investments in residential projects create good-paying construction jobs initially but the ripple effect is real and felt through additional tax revenue for Easton and feet on the street patronizing local small businesses and restaurants.

■ Boscola Delivers \$17.7 Million in RACP Investment to Revitalize Northampton County

\$17.75 million in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding has recently been awarded to support nine redevelopment projects across Northampton County.

Investing in these transformative economic and community development projects is essential to strengthening Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley. These state investments will help move important projects forward, create jobs, attract additional private investment, and enhance the quality of life for our residents. By partnering with our local communities, the Commonwealth is helping turn visionary projects into reality while fostering long-term economic growth throughout our region.

- **Greater Community Empowerment Center, Greater Community Development Corp.** (\$5,000,000)
- **Steel General Office Complex, Peron Development** (\$5,000,000)
- **Easton-Berwick Street Renovation, ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.** (\$2,000,000)
- **Bethlehem Emergency Shelter, City of Bethlehem** (\$1,750,000)
- **Bushkill Street Warehouse Redevelopment, Black Canyon, LLC** (\$750,000)
- **Foundry at Easton, Foundry Development Group, LLC** (\$500,000)
- **Bethlehem Catholic Athletic Field, Bethlehem Catholic High School** (\$250,000)
- **Palmer Township Police Station, Palmer Township** (\$1,500,000)
- **Lafayette College Baseball Facilities, Lafayette College** (\$1,000,000)

■ Slate Belt Spotlight: Waste Management Grand Central Recycling Facility

Waste Management's Grand Central Recycling Facility continues to set the standard for innovation and environmental stewardship in the Slate Belt.

In 2025, Waste Management completed a **\$48 million modernization** of the Grand Central Recycling Facility, transforming it into a state-of-the-art, **82,500-square-foot recycling campus** equipped with advanced recycling technology.

In July 2026, the facility was recognized with the **Governor's Environmental Excellence Award**, one of Pennsylvania's highest honors for environmental innovation and leadership.

Since becoming operational in 2025, the facility has processed **27,146 tons of recyclable materials** during its first partial year (May-December 2025) and expanded its ability to accept a broader range of recyclable materials, including additional plastics.



■ Boscola Supports State Budget with No New State Tax Increases, Continued Investments in Schools, Jobs and Infrastructure

The final budget agreement does not address every challenge facing the Commonwealth but represents a responsible compromise that delivers meaningful results for Pennsylvania families.

Families are already stretched by the rising cost of groceries, utilities, healthcare and housing. The last thing they need is Harrisburg asking them for more. I voted for this budget because it holds the line on state taxes and invests in priorities that make a real difference in our lives.

The Lehigh Valley school districts have been short-changed for decades by Harrisburg when it comes to school funding. The last few budgets have tried to right that wrong. This year's budget delivers approximately \$8.87 million more than last year to school districts in the 18th Senatorial District. Since FY 2022-23, annual state education funding for our school districts has increased by more than 34%, or \$53 million. The budget also maintains funding for Pennsylvania's community colleges and career and technical education programs.

The spending plan continues investments across Pennsylvania's workforce and economic development pipeline. It supports the Pennsylvania First Program, which helps attract business investment and create jobs; Main Street Matters, which strengthens downtowns and neighborhood business districts; and the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, which supports emerging technologies and growing companies.

This responsible budget, negotiated by a divided government, keeps Pennsylvania on the right track and that is why I supported it.

BUILDING A

strong community



Crayola hosted a **Pennsylvania Joint Competitive Caucus for a roundtable** focused on workforce development and the success of a local apprenticeship program, the Industrial Training and Education Consortium of the Lehigh Valley (iTEC) that connects businesses with the skilled labor they need.



The Bethlehem Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit is an asset to our City as it patrols our nature trails and parks best served by hooves and provides important community outreach and education to our citizens – that is why I proudly supported (and presented them with!) a \$50,000 state grant to construct a state of the art training ring.



Presenting a \$475,000 State Grant to New Bethany for Their Community Center Expansion Project.



Leadership is not defined by position or recognition. It is defined by service. It is defined by the willingness to show up for others, especially in moments that may seem small, but are anything but. The idea that one moment, one conversation, one act of kindness can ripple outward in ways we may never fully see is the reason Senator Boscola joined the **S.T.O.R.M.** team at Cheston Elementary for the **2026 National Leadership Pizza Day** and connected with students from EASD.



Senator Boscola had the ultimate honor in attending Gage Landis' Eagle Scout Ceremony. Gage is a member of Troop 43. For his Eagle Scout community service project, he enhanced the Volunteer Firefighters Park in Bath Borough by building birdhouses, laying mulch and stone, installing benches and creating a pet memorial.



Senator Boscola attends the groundbreaking for the expansion of the River Crossing YMCA in Nazareth. YMCAs everywhere are a place that bring communities together as well as serve and provide opportunities for a community – Senator Boscola left a message in the Legacy Time Capsule that was formed for this historic event.

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2026 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES



OCT 19 Last day to register to vote
in the general election
• vote.pa.gov/Register



OCT 27 Last day to apply for a
mail ballot
• vote.pa.gov/MailBallot



NOV 3 Election Day
Polls are open 7am-8pm
• vote.pa.gov/Polls



NOV 3 Completed mail ballots
must be received by 8pm.
• vote.pa.gov/County



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