



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE KERWIN

PROUDLY SERVING THE 125th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter 2024, I am grateful to serve the 125th District as your state representative. Since my last newsletter, I have been busy working in Harrisburg to complete the budget process and secure funding for our district. I have also been active in your communities learning about the issues that matter most to you and your families. In addition to reading this newsletter, I encourage you to sign up for my weekly emails at [RepJoeKerwin.com/Email-Signup](mailto:RepJoeKerwin.com) and follow me online at [Facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin](https://www.facebook.com/RepJoeKerwin).

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,



Joe Kerwin

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR

Mar. 27 (6 to 8 p.m.)

with Attorney Joshua Prince

Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company
10 Elizabeth Ave. Dauphin, Pa 17018

SENIOR EXPO DRIVE THRU EVENTS

Apr. 11 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

West Hanover Parks and Recreation Building
Houck Manor Park
628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Apr. 18 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Wiconisco Fire House
387 Arch St. Wiconisco, PA 17097

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENTS

Jun. 1 (9 to 11 a.m.)

West Hanover Parks and Recreation Building
Houck Manor Park
628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Jun. 8 (9 to 11 a.m.)

Grace United Methodist Church
982 Medical Rd. Millersburg, PA 17061

FRAUD BINGO

Aug. 7 (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Millersburg Senior Center
Walnut St. and Pine St. Millersburg, PA 17061

Aug. 15 (1 to 3 p.m.)

West Hanover Parks and Recreation Building
Houck Manor Park
628 Walnut Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

IN THE HOUSE

House Bill 71: HB 71 would cut the red tape for the construction of a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, recognizing the price paid by our fallen military members and their families. This bipartisan initiative is an important way to honor the sacrifices Gold Star families make every day for this country. The legislation has passed out of committee and is awaiting consideration in the House chamber.

House Bill 74: HB 74 would repeal the obsolete Use and Storage Tax Act of 1953. It awaits consideration in the House Finance Committee.

House Bill 75: HB 75 would allow vehicles manufactured with removable doors to be driven on state roads with the doors removed. The legislation awaits consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

IN THE SENATE

House Bill 72: HB 72 would amend the Milk Marketing Law to provide for certified testers, weighers and samplers, as well as address penalties in lieu of suspension of milk dealer licenses. This legislation has passed the House and sits with the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

House Bill 73: HB 73 would give Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) veterans the ability to obtain OIR campaign license plates. These veterans fought to eliminate the threat of ISIS. This legislation passed the House and sits with the Senate Transportation Committee.

BUDGET UPDATE

On Wed., Dec. 13, the House passed the School Code and Fiscal Code bills which determine how the budget allotments are spent. The passage of these pieces of legislation completes the 2023-24 state budget process. The spending package was completed six months after the June 30 deadline and just weeks before Gov. Josh Shapiro is set to deliver his 2024-25 budget address in early February.

House Democrats delayed adoption of the final elements of the budget package, which caused disruption to the implementation of several key initiatives. This prevented distribution of funding for community colleges, public libraries, career and technical schools, and more.

GRANT FUNDING

Dauphin County recently received approval of more than \$5 million in state assistance for water and sewer projects. I was proud to be able to work with local officials to identify and advocate for these projects.

The following projects were approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority:

Berrysburg Municipal Authority: \$92,608 for upgrades to the pump stations and wastewater treatment plant in Berrysburg Borough.

Capitol Region Water: \$3.5 million for construction of the Paxton Street Interceptor which will benefit water accessibility in Dauphin County.

Lower Paxton Township: More than \$1.4 million to fund replacement and rehabilitation of sanitary sewer lines and more than \$112,000 to retrofit two detention basins and grass-lined swale in Lower Paxton.

Dauphin Borough: More than \$184,000 for construction of a new sewer main along High Street.



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RECOGNIZING LOCAL LEADERS

I recently had the opportunity to recognize three outgoing local officials and thanked each of them for their service to their communities and the Commonwealth with a certificate of recognition.



Jim Fisher served as a Middle Paxton Township Supervisor for over 12 years.



Ron Umholtz served on the Williamstown Borough Council for almost two decades.



Lowman Henry served as the Chairman of the Lower Paxton Board of Supervisors

IN THE COMMUNITY



I celebrated the annual Christkindlmarkt event in Linglestown again this year.



I attended a groundbreaking for the renovated National Guard Armory in Williamstown.



I hosted a Veterans Drive Thru Event in West Hanover Township.



I hosted another Veterans Drive Thru Event in Millersburg.



I volunteered at the Girl Scout Senior Citizen Dinner in Dauphin.



I visited the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens.