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HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION AIMED AT PROTECTING FIREFIGHTERS

Earlier this summer, the state House unanimously passed my bipartisan legislation, House Bill 1306, that would exempt income tax on length-of-service awards for volunteer firefighters. Specifically, House Bill 1306 would exclude contributions under length-of-service award programs from the definition of income for purposes of the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax.

More than 90% of Pennsylvania's 2,400 fire companies are volunteer based. Length of service award programs are used as an incentive for recruitment and retainment, and some fire companies offer these programs to volunteers who remain with the fire company for a specified amount of time.

I worked across the aisle to introduce this legislation after volunteer fire department officials in Lower Paxton Township voiced concerns. I learned that this type of program is deemed taxable because of their compensatory designation.

Firefighters place themselves in harm's way and go above and beyond to serve our communities, with that comes significant sacrifice. I look forward to this legislation passing in the Senate and becoming law.

House Bill 1306 is in the Senate awaiting consideration.

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

My staff and I will have a booth set up at the **2025 Gratz Fair**, which runs from Sept. 14-20, and the **Taste of Linglestown** on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 2-5 p.m. to provide information on state-related services available to you.

For the Gratz Fair, we will be there from Sunday's opening ceremony through Saturday. Gate admission prices are \$10 for ages 2 and up, \$6 for seniors age 60 and over with ID and military with ID. Attendees who purchase tickets prior to Sept. 14 will get \$2 off the \$10 rate and \$1 off the \$6 rate.

The Taste of Linglestown will be held regardless of rain. Tickets for kids age 12 and under are \$10. Adults and youth ages 13 and older are \$15 each and include no alcoholic beverages. It costs \$23 for adults age 21 and older, which includes two alcoholic beverages.

AROUND THE *District*



I enjoyed celebrating America's 249th birthday at the Dauphin County Heroes Grove Independence Weekend Celebration in Lower Paxton Township.



I presented a House citation to Ben Herman of Troop 368 to recognize him for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.



I participated in a flag retirement ceremony at Fort Halifax alongside members of the newly formed Halifax Family Cub Scout Pack and dedicated members of the Halifax VFW.



I joined fellow outdoorsmen and women at the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club in West Hanover Township to commemorate the repealing of the ban on Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania.



I had a great time volunteering at the fish stand at the Berrysburg Carnival.

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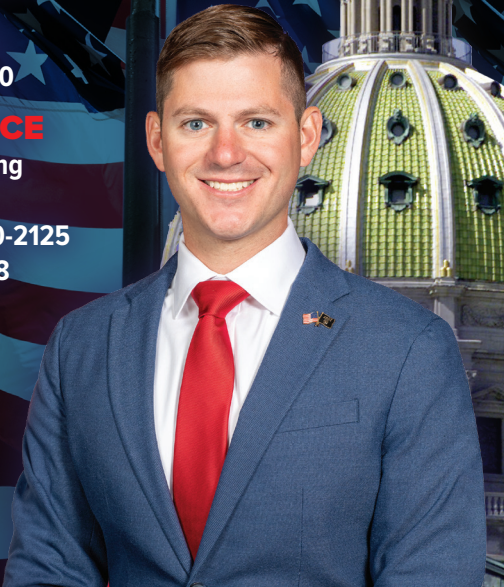
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YOU'RE INVITED TO MY UPCOMING EVENTS!



RECORD NOTIFICATION SERVICE SEMINAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, 11:30 A.M.

Millersburg Senior Center
109 Edward Drive, Millersburg, PA 17061

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 1:30 P.M.

West Hanover Twp. Parks and Recreation Center
628 Walnut Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17112

Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds Jim Zugay will be discussing the county's new Recording Notification Service. This service notifies people when a document is recorded against a specific property, name or parcel number. Attendees interested in signing up for this service will be able to do so. If you have any questions, please call 833-431-0495 or 717-652-6820.



VETERANS BREAKFASTS

To thank the men and women who have served or are currently serving, I am inviting veterans and active-duty military personnel to attend my following breakfasts:

MONDAY, OCT. 20, 8–10 A.M.

Halifax VFW Post 5750

N. Second and Market Sts., Halifax, PA 17032

THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 8–10 A.M.

Linglestown American Legion Post 272

505 N. Mountain Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Please RSVP by calling 833-431-0495 or visiting
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