



STATE SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN

34th Senate District



Serving Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties

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Greetings!

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the Pennsylvania State Senate. It is my goal to make government accessible and responsive, always keeping in mind that I work for you! I hope you find the contents of this newsletter to be helpful and informative.

If I can help with a state-related matter or commonwealth agency, please contact my office. I appreciate hearing from you! It is an honor to represent you in Harrisburg.

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State Budget Protects Taxpayers, Reins in Spending

I recently voted in favor of a fiscally responsible state budget. The approved budget includes NO tax increases or irresponsible borrowing and keeps the commonwealth on strong financial footing.

The budget prioritizes efficiency, transparency and accountability in state government, clawing back unused funds held by commonwealth agencies, requiring them to operate efficiently and minimize waste. The agreement also forces PennDOT to deploy existing funds that have been stagnant for improvement of roads.

It invests in the education of our children, protecting opportunities made possible through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and increasing funding for every one of our local school districts. It also continues the reduction of punitive tax rates that have deterred business expansion and job growth for decades.

The final budget agreement reins in overspending and protects taxpayers, while meeting essential needs and making critical investments.

Significant FPR Reforms Signed into Law

With the passage of Senate Bill 146, Food Processing Residuals (FPRs) will finally be regulated in Pennsylvania, putting an end to practices that are harmful to human health and the environment.

When used properly, FPRs can be part of a normal farming operation. When applied improperly, the dangers and negative impacts of FPRs far outweigh any farming benefit. FPRs do not just emit a foul smell, they can be toxic and their misuse has impacted our communities and quality of life for far too long.

The new law will require FPRs to be adequately regulated and hold bad actors accountable through fines, suspensions and revocation of permits. Future regulations will be focused on protecting soil, air, and water quality by enabling the State Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Environmental Protection to coordinate rules that protect our residents.

The new law will also require FPR haulers/brokers to be certified through a Department of Agriculture training program and maintain records of the storage, transfer and transport of FPRs.

Addressing misuse of FPRs has been one of my top priorities. The need for action on this issue led me to introduce Senate Bill 763, which was used as framework for these critical reforms. After nearly four years of careful review and hard work, I want to thank everyone involved in getting this desperately needed legislation across the finish line.

Gold Star Families Memorial Dedicated

No one has given more for our nation than the families of the fallen. I was deeply humbled to help dedicate the Gold Star Families Memorial on the state Capitol grounds.

The new monument, which I enthusiastically supported, stands as a permanent place for families to gather, remember and honor their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. It's also a reminder that our heroes' legacies live on. We are inspired not only by the bravery and selflessness of these service members but also by their families' strength, resilience and enduring love.

All are encouraged to visit the new memorial located near the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Street in Harrisburg. ***Freedom is not free!***



Tougher Penalties for Attempted Murder of Law Enforcement

The Senate approved legislation closing a gap in state law and imposing tougher penalties on individuals who attempt to murder a law enforcement officer and cause serious bodily injury.

Under current law, the penalty for attempted murder of a law enforcement officer could be as little as seven years in prison. **Senate Bill 1284** establishes a 20-year mandatory minimum sentence and a maximum of up to life in prison. The bill is now in the House of Representatives.



Join Us at My Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, October 24, 8-10 a.m.

Carlisle Expo Center

100 K Street, Carlisle

Reservations are required.

Visit SenatorRothman.com/Events to RSVP.



Retirees May Be Eligible for Reduced-Cost Vehicle Registration

Retirees meeting certain income requirements may be eligible to register a passenger vehicle by paying a \$12 processing fee instead of the normal \$48 registration fee.

Eligible applicants, regardless of age, must be retired and receive Social Security, SSI payments, retirement benefits or other pensions and annuities. Learn more at www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv.

Of course, our office would be happy to submit the required form – as well as any others you may need to send – to PennDOT on your behalf. Just make an appointment or stop by any of our district office locations and we'll take it from there!

Cutting Costs for PA Families, Ending Outdated Emissions Testing

Taking legislative action to do away with an outdated and unnecessary mandate, I voted to eliminate the vehicle emissions testing requirement across the commonwealth. The measure will save Pennsylvanians an estimated \$160 million annually.

Senate Bill 1298 would remove all 25 counties currently subjected to annual emissions testing. It also clarifies that no additional counties can be added into the program, protecting Pennsylvania vehicle owners. The bill was sent to the House of Representatives.



I had the pleasure of participating in a forum hosted by the Newport High School Sportsmen's Club. Not only are they active individually in hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, the club helps to stock pheasants and trout. As Chairman of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, I appreciated the opportunity to hear from and about them.



It was a joy to introduce the Cumberland Valley Youth Basketball Association sixth grade boys' basketball team on the floor of the Senate. Over their state championship weekend, the team went an impressive 6-0 – earning their second state title in just three years. Please join me in celebrating these outstanding athletes and their dedicated coaches!



I was excited to visit the Capital Goods Café at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU). The café is part of the CAIU's Future Ready Work Immersion Program, preparing young adults with disabilities for meaningful and productive adult lives.

My experience as a customer was outstanding, and it was especially wonderful to hear about graduates' long-term success. Keep up the great work!



I appreciated the opportunity to hear from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office as well as to express my gratitude for all they do in our community.



It was humbling to participate in Newburg's 96th annual Memorial Day Observance as we honored those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The rifle salute was especially meaningful; each shot fired was a solemn reminder of the selflessness, bravery and heroism of our fallen service members.



I was proud to introduce Cumberland Valley's Addison Buckman on the Senate floor to celebrate her PIAA 3A State Championship in the girls 100-yard butterfly. Addison's swimming accomplishments include earning multiple district titles, as well as setting two PIAA District 3 records. Congratulations, Addison!



The Pennsylvania FFA Legislative Breakfast is something I look forward to each year. I appreciate the opportunity to hear from industry leaders and connect with FFA members from across the district.



POWER Women is a positive and impressive group. Founded in 2018, the non-profit brings together professional women and entrepreneurs to share information about opportunities in education and business, and to recognize others' success. I had the pleasure of spending some time at their SK in Hampden Township.



Attending local Eagle Scout events is always a privilege. Kellen Lichty, Grayson Cain and Xander Stover are among those who recently achieved this impressive rank. Please join me in congratulating these young leaders who are demonstrating service and commitment to their community.



I was glad to visit Camp Hill High School to take student questions with Rep. Nate Davidson. Thanks to the students for being so engaged, and thanks to Mr. Tubbs, Mr. Hulsizer, the school board and administration for helping to bring this town hall to fruition.



To celebrate National Dairy Month, Painterland Sisters brought their delicious, high protein, organic skyr yogurt to the Capitol. It was a blast to spend time with Stephanie Painter and her team as they served up yogurt processed in the heart of the 34th Senate District.



Rep. Thomas Kutz and I were invited to participate in an America250 celebration at Winding Creek Elementary School, which included a highly competitive game of Jeopardy about our nation's history. I appreciated the opportunity to spend time with these outstanding students and teachers.



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You May be Eligible for Property Tax Relief

More residents are eligible for rebates than in previous years due to an increase in allowable income. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is funded by lottery revenue and is open to state residents who:

- **Are age 65 or older or**
 - **Are widows and widowers age 50 or older or**
 - **Anyone age 18 and older who is 100% disabled**
- AND**
- **Has a household income of \$48,110 or less, counting only half of Social Security.**

Rebate amounts are calculated based on applicants' 2025 income and the amount of property tax or rent paid in 2025, with rebates ranging from \$380 to \$1,000.

Application assistance and electronic filing are available in my district offices.

Appointments are recommended.

<i>If your income is:</i>	<i>Your maximum rebate is:</i>
\$0 - \$8,550	\$1,000
\$8,551 - \$16,040	\$770
\$16,041 - \$19,240	\$460
\$19,241 - \$48,110	\$380