Dear Residents of SD-44:

I was so happy to be back with all of my friends at Whitetail Inn in East Vincent Township last Thursday afternoon. My team and I hosted a cookout for all of the veterans and their families to thank them for their service and to share some of the state services that my office can assist with.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I held monthly roundtable discussions with the residents and I look forward to making more frequent visits to hear about the issues that are affecting our veterans.

In this e-blast, you will find an update about my fight to ensure accountability at PSERS, legislation allocating funds to water infrastructure, and how to find your unclaimed property through the Treasury.

Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Senator Katie Muth

Senator Muth Hires National Transparency Law Expert to Ensure Accountability at PSERS

While I only joined the PSERS board several months ago, I have continuously been denied access to vital information related to the ongoing federal investigation into improper investment decisions using taxpayer and teacher money.

I am completely open-minded about what may have led us to the situation PSERS is in today, which has triggered a federal investigation. However, common sense dictates that when basic questions about what happened are being blocked, and I am essentially told to mind my own business, I start wondering exactly how $62 billion in taxpayer money has been spent.

While the decision to hire counsel did not come lightly, the decision to bring the experience and expertise of Terry Mutchler to my fight for transparency was an incredibly easy one. The fact that I, as a member of the PSERS board, am expected to vote on multiple millions of dollars in new and continuing investments during the June board meeting without first being granted access to basic information is extremely suspect and questionable. The people of Pennsylvania deserve better and, one way or another, I will continue to ask questions until we have these questions answered, once and for all.

Senators Lindsey Williams, Maria Collett, and Katie Muth to Introduce Legislation Allocating Funds to Water Infrastructure

While it is our clear legal responsibility to do all that we can to protect our waterways from undue contamination and pollution, it is also fiscally responsible and common sense.

Senator Lindsey Williams, Senator Maria Collett, and I announced that we plan to introduce legislation that will allocate $350 million of Pennsylvania’s share of funding from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) for clean water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure projects.

These necessary investments will protect our environment, improve public health, and lessen the burden of long-term costs associated with infrastructure failures following extreme storms. Making good use of these funds today will only serve to improve our communities well into the future.
Members of the Women’s Health Caucus Host 4th Trimester Awareness Day Press Conference to Support Mothers and Families throughout Pennsylvania

Last week I held a virtual press conference alongside members of the Pennsylvania Women’s Health Caucus to highlight Senate Resolution 74 that would recognize May 26, 2021 as Fourth Trimester Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. Senate Resolution 74 recognizes the critical period of transformation and adaptation that mothers go through after the birth of a child. This resolution would call attention to the fact that continuing care for mothers post-childbirth needs to be prioritized to ensure resources are available to new mothers based on their individual needs.

We must prioritize continuing health care, meaningful paid family leave, and continuous support following childbirth. We can provide adequate care and ensure that all families have the best possible outcomes following this monumental life change.

A video recording of the press conference can be found here.

Search for your Name: PA Treasury Unclaimed Property

This week, Treasury’s annual unclaimed property ads began running in newspapers across Montgomery County. In addition to reviewing the ad in the paper, we also encourage everyone to search Treasury’s Unclaimed Property database at www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.

In 2020, Treasury returned more than $140 million by processing nearly 70,000 claims for unclaimed property. Claim what’s yours by reviewing the unclaimed property ads in your local paper and by searching Treasury’s Web site.

After posting this on my social media pages last week, a number of individuals shared that they were surprised to find their name, or the name of someone in their immediate family that had unclaimed property on this database. It takes only a few moments to search the database, so click here and check it out for yourself.

Food Drive in Support of Philabundance

My office is once again partnering with TruMark Financial Credit Union in support of Philabundance. Food items can be dropped off at my district office located on Main Street in Royersford Borough (338 Main Street) through the entire month of June.

Some of the most needed items are:

- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Tuna/Meat
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Canned Soup/Stews
- Oatmeal/Breakfast Cereal
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Rice
- Boxed, Non-Refriegerated Milk
June is National Hunger Awareness Month

Consider donating canned or boxed non-perishable, kid-friendly food in support of local food pantries.

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