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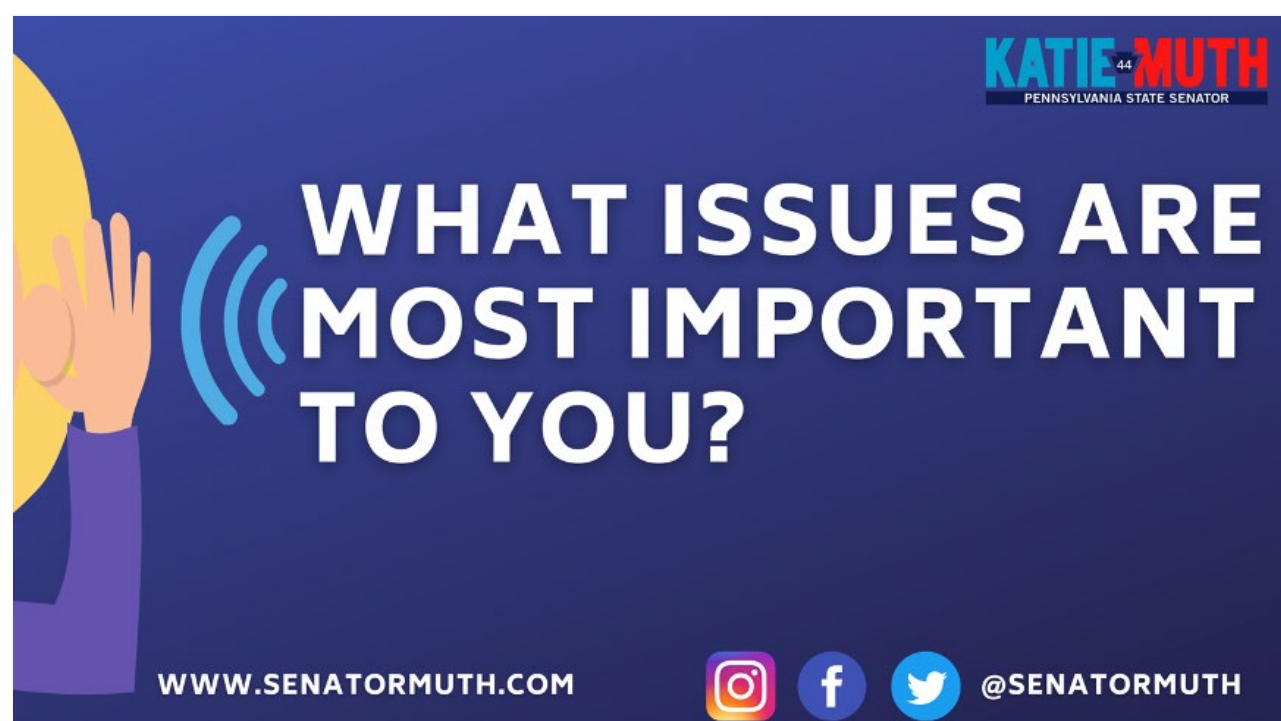


Dear Residents of SD-44:

Over the past two years I have had the distinct honor of getting to know many of you as I've attended community events, met with local businesses, and listened to the concerns you've shared with my team and I via email, phone calls, social media, or in-person.

I know that this pandemic has wrecked some level of havoc and uncertainty on all of our lives, resulting in financial, emotional, and physical struggles. This has also made it more difficult to meet many of you in-person at town halls and community gatherings. Please know that my team and I are always here to help you and your family, before, during, and after COVID-19.

As your voice in Harrisburg, the feedback that my team and I receive from talking to constituents helps form legislation that is introduced and co-sponsored. I work for you and it is important for me to understand what issues are most important to you and your family.



Please take a few minutes to complete our constituent survey at senatormuth.com/survey. As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

If you need assistance, my office is here to help. You can send my team and I an email to senatormuth@pasenate.com or call us at (610) 792-2137. Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Senator Katie Muth

Safeguarding Drinking Water For Over 13 Million

In a [formal letter sent on Wednesday](#), I strongly urged Governor Tom Wolf to vote in favor of a proposal before the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to permanently ban unconventional oil and gas drilling activities in the Delaware River Watershed.

Nearly half of Pennsylvania families live within the Delaware River Basin and rely on this waterway for drinking water, outdoor recreation, and it is an economic driver for communities throughout a significant portion of our Commonwealth. [I have heard from countless Pennsylvanians](#) throughout our Commonwealth who have had their drinking water contaminated from hydraulic fracking. These are hardworking families and farmers, who saved their entire lives to purchase property, only to have their investments rendered worthless in the name of oil and gas profits. This should not be happening in Pennsylvania or anywhere else.

On Thursday, [Governor Wolf joined the other members of the DRBC](#) and voted in favor of protecting communities throughout the Delaware River Basin from harm and damage that is all too often realized following the development of fracking wells.

I am dismayed that some of my Senate colleagues are engaged in legal efforts to allow private companies to contaminate Pennsylvania drinking water. I would hope that members of the General Assembly would dedicate time and taxpayer money to protecting the public health of their constituents rather than acting in the interests of the oil and gas industry." Senator Muth continued, "After all, drinking water resources and our environmental quality is not only vital for our constituents' quality of life, these resources are protected by Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.



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Senator Muth urges Governor Wolf to Safeguard the Drinking Water for over 13 Million

Vaccine Distribution Update

Our region has been impacted by COVID-19 for nearly the past 12 months and our pleas to deliver more doses to SEPA have been largely left unanswered. I get that the supply from the federal government has not been as prominent as initially expected, but I will continue to press the Department of Health and the Administration for an explanation on the [disparity presented in the data](#) below.

Suburban Philadelphia counties

County	Number of doses delivered	Doses per 100,000 residents	Rank by pop.	Rank by dose rate
Montgomery	146,800	17,667	2nd	20th
Chester	77,425	14,748	6th	29th
Bucks	82,325	13,103	3rd	34th
Delaware	51,650	9,113	4th	53rd

Counties with the highest rates of dose deliveries

County	Number of doses delivered	Doses per 100,000 residents	Rank by pop.	Rank by dose rate
Montour	29,925	164,153	61st	1st
Elk	13,675	45,721	58th	2nd
Mifflin	17,400	37,713	46th	3rd
Mercer	38,900	35,550	29th	4th

Note: Rankings do not include Philadelphia, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention treats as a separate jurisdiction apart from the rest of Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health does not disclose the number of doses received by providers in the city. The Pennsylvania Department of Health does provide that data, by county.

SOURCES: Pa. Dept. of Health; U.S. Census Bureau Staff Graphic

Vaccine registration of eligible 1A individuals continues to far outpace the amount of the doses allocated. I will continue to advocate for [equitable vaccine distribution](#) to the tri-county region, as well as better communication and coordination with local health departments in the rollout. I have repeatedly questioned why the state’s department of health is not regularly providing full data sets outlining its allocation of vaccines and I will continue to ask until we receive our fair share of doses.

Local health departments in both Chester and Montgomery counties have opened COVID-19 hotlines, since many people, seniors in particular, lack access to the internet or have trouble navigating the various websites. The County of Berks cannot distribute nor determine who gets the vaccine, but officials are [working closely with local health care providers](#) as they continue to coordinate and communicate vaccine distribution efforts. Vaccine distribution is handled by licensed healthcare providers and pharmacies.

CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COVID-19

CALL CENTER

610-344-6225

M-F 8am-4:30pm | Saturday 9am-12 noon

English and Spanish



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

COVID-19 HOTLINE

For general COVID-19 questions:

(833) 875-3967

Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 8 pm

www.montcopa.org/covid-19vaccine

covid19@montcopa.org

DO YOUR PART - STOP THE SPREAD Berks County, PA

- Tower Health: 484-659-3000, Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM [This number is only for customers without technology]
- Penn State Health St. Joseph: 844-774-8883 [Due to high call volumes, you may experience longer than normal wait times or a busy signal]
- Department of Health: Call 877-PA-HEALTH to speak with a representative

If you or a family member need assistance registering for the vaccine, please call my office at 610-792-2137 or send an email to senatormuth@pasenate.com.

You can also head to senatormuth.com/covid19, where you will find links to helpful bits of information, updates, and resources as it pertains to COVID-19. If you or a family member need assistance registering for the vaccine, please call my office at 610-792-2137 or send an email to senatormuth@pasenate.com.

Senator Muth Appointed to PSERS Board

Earlier this month, my colleagues in the State Senate Democratic caucus named me as their Public Schools Employees’ Retirement System (PSERS) board appointee. The PSERS board oversees Pennsylvania’s \$60 billion school pension fund which sends checks to about 250,000 retired teachers and other former school workers.

My constituents in Berks, Chester, and Montgomery counties are concerned about the social impact of PSERS investments. And teachers worry that they will face higher pension payments if investments don’t make more money.

We know that paying higher fees doesn’t get us higher performance, so we need to do everything we can to keep those dollars in the Commonwealth and away from Wall Street. We know that transparency is the best fight against corruption.

If you are a teacher or public school employee (active and retired) who is a member of the Public School Employees’ Retirement System (PSERS), we want to hear from you! What improvements would you like to see related to the fund and its investments? Are you concerned about your financial future and the stability of the fund? Feedback, insights, and general thoughts welcomed and appreciated! Visit: www.senatormuth.com/contact/ with subject: PSERS feedback.

This pension fund’s sole purpose is to meet the retirement needs of its members. I am honored to serve on this board and be the advocate for the hardworking teachers and employees of our public school system.



Pennsylvania state Sen. Katie Muth (D., Royersford) is among new members of the PSERS board. She says the Pennsylvania school pension system needs more disclosure and better performance.

#MONTCOSTRONG Hospitality Industry Recovery Program

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has allocated \$145 million to counties for a grant program to provide financial relief to businesses with a primary activity in NAICS Code subsector 721 (Accommodations) and 722 (Food Service and Drinking Places) per Senate Bill 109. Montgomery County is receiving [approximately \\$9.4 million](#) in funding to provide

grants to eligible businesses through this program.

Support is available for [#MontcoPA](#) restaurants, lodging or accommodation businesses, and other food service businesses facing hardship due to [#COVID19](#). Applications open March 12, business owners are encouraged to [review application criteria](#) now to prepare their applications.



PA Senate & House Dems Host Hearing on ‘A People’s Budget: The Environment’

The Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Policy Committee joined the House Democratic Policy Committee to [hold a virtual hearing on ‘A People’s Budget: The Environment.’](#) This hearing discussed the current and future funding of environmental protection oversight, impacted communities, and public health concerns related to industry activity and legacy pollution.

Pennsylvanians deserve a budget and a legislature that is putting environmental protection and conservation at the center of our legislative priorities and budgets,” Sen. Katie Muth, Senate Democratic Policy Committee Chair, said. “I see the results of weak regulations and inadequate oversight of permitted projects in the gas and oil industry, causing harm to both environmental and public health. There are people in our state across many counties that do not have clean drinking water because of recklessness by corporations who only value their bottom dollar, ruining the lives of many of our neighbors by contaminating the air, land and water. This is happening in my own Senate district, as our communities deal with the related willful noncompliance of pipeline operators that pay their fines and continue to endanger our neighborhoods and local waterways. We must demand better because we have a constitutional right to clean air and water.”

The full recording of this hearing can be found at senatormuth.com/policy.

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Upper Providence Township Fire Station

This afternoon, I joined Upper Providence Fire Chief, Dan Kerrigan, Rep. Melissa Shusterman, Rep. Joe Webster, and

UPT Montgomery County Supervisors Helene Calci, John Pearson, Albert Vagnozzi, Laurie Higgins, and Bill Starling to celebrate the groundbreaking of a [new central emergency fire station](#) at the Township’s Black Rock municipal campus.

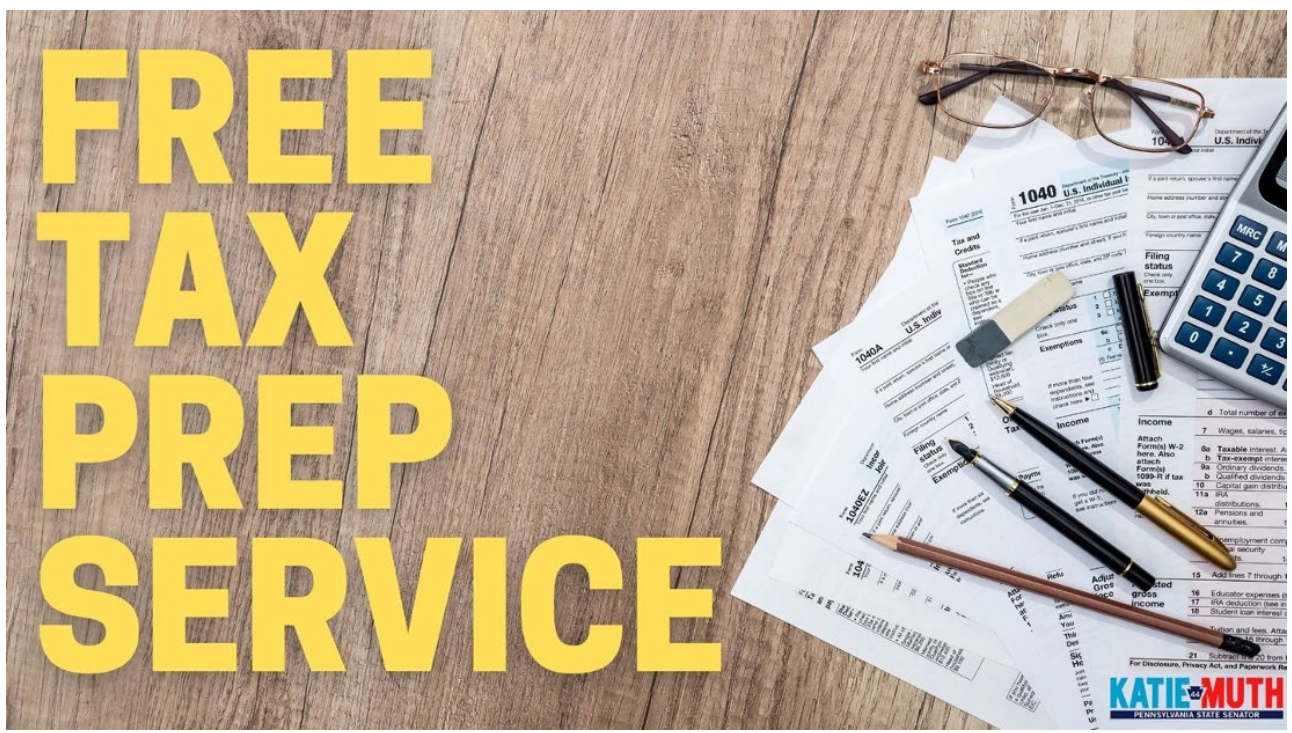
I am grateful that I was [able to secure \\$2 million in grant funding](#) for this project back in December, which will go a long way to support our first responders who put their lives on the line to protect us during crisis situations. The construction of the new central emergency services facility will serve as the eventual ‘hub’ of a regional model of fire protection to our community which will utilize career firefighters and volunteers to achieve an optimum to response to all emergency calls.



Free Tax Prep Service

My district office in Royersford Borough is offering free tax prep service for anyone who needs to file a tax return by using a 1040 form. This service will be offered on Thursdays from 5-7pm through April 8 (all COVID precautions will be enforced).

You **MUST make an appointment** by calling my office at 610-792-2137 (ask for Nikki). To learn more about the service and what you will need to bring to your appointment click [HERE](#).



How to Stay Informed

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH [Daily COVID-19 report](#). Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).
- Learn how best to [prevent “community transition”](#) with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

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