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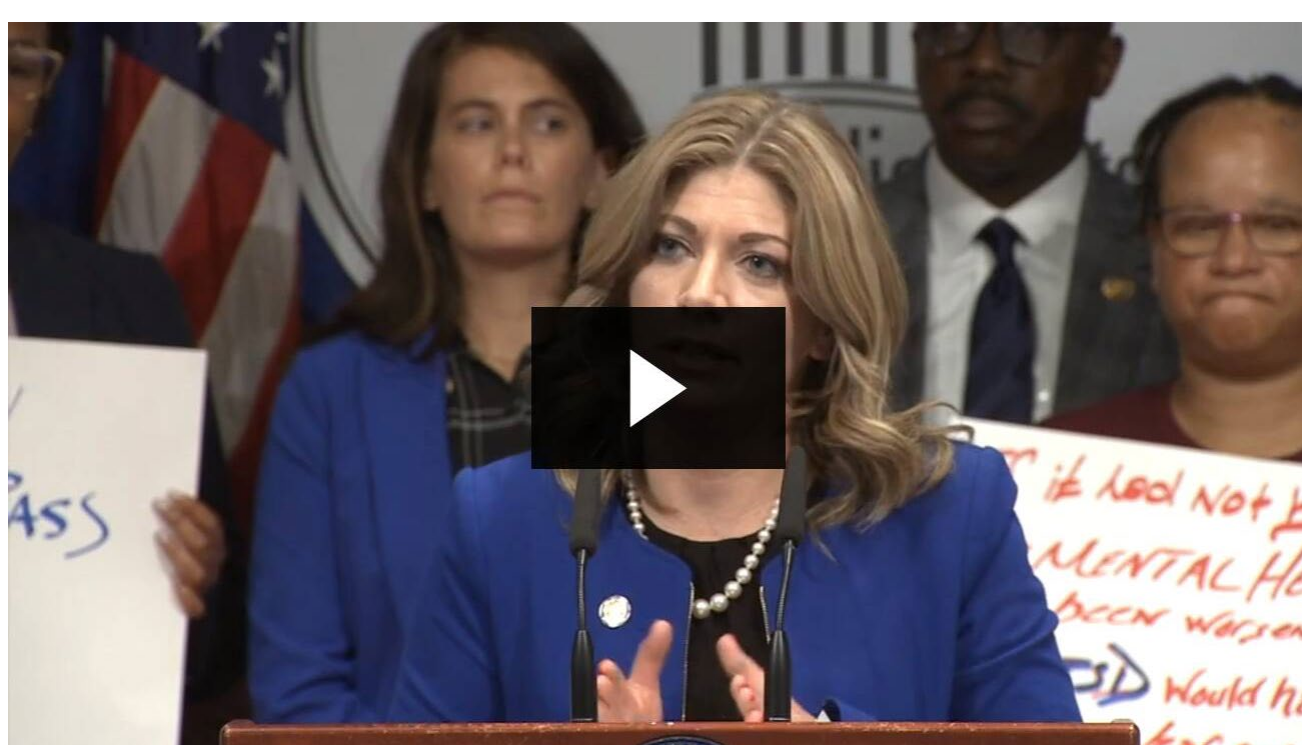





@SenatorMuth



General Assistance Eliminated, Emergency Relief Needed



The elimination of the General Assistance (GA) program was cruel and left hundreds of Pennsylvanians without a lifeline to afford necessities. Not only was GA eliminated, but there was no plan of action to replace the program and provide new assistance to those who relied on it.

Since the elimination of GA, I have introduced [SB799](#), which creates an Emergency Relief program designed to help Pennsylvania's most vulnerable and impoverished populations who had previously received support.

The program would provide an average of \$200 per month for a person to pay for various necessities, such as transportation, rent, bills, toiletries, medications, and laundry.

The assistance would specifically go to people with disabilities who cannot work, people in treatment for a substance use disorder, orphaned children cared for by neighbors or friends, people fleeing domestic violence, qualified veterans or people caring for someone

with a disability.

I ask other elected officials: If you are not here to help the most vulnerable among us, who are you in office to serve?

Ending Rape Culture, Fighting for Victims



Last month, I co-hosted a hearing on ending rape culture in PA with my colleague Sen. Tim Kearney (D- Chester, Delaware) and the Senate Democratic Policy Committee. The hearing, while moving and informational, was just a starting point to continue a discussion that has been brushed aside for decades.

Another hearing, hosted by Sen. Lisa Baker (R- Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming) and the Senate Judiciary Committee, focused on the statute of limitations (SOL) related to sexual assaults. Our legislation, [SB540](#), would abolish the statute of limitations in Pennsylvania and create a 2-year window, making it easier for victim-survivors to choose their own pathway to justice and healing when they are ready.

Unfortunately, the Judiciary hearing mostly focused on the concerns of the insurance industry and institutions who would undoubtedly have to pay out millions to victims-survivors who have suffered from abuse – survivors should be the main focus.

As we return to Harrisburg for another week of session, I will continue to use my voice in the halls of the capitol building to fight for those who have been silenced. I am proud to a voice for all those who have gained the courage to share their own stories, as well as those who continue to fight through their trauma towards healing.

Pipelines – Harming Our Water, Land, and Communities



Southeast Pennsylvania continues to experience rising health and safety concerns that stem from pipeline construction.

I have been fighting for pipeline accountability and permitting reform since I was elected. I and two of my Senate colleagues have drafted a memo regarding pipeline safety urging an increase in safety procedures for all pipelines carrying liquified natural gas or other hazardous materials.

We must:

- Require pipeline companies to be transparent about construction and waste disposal efforts;
- Coordinate emergency preparedness and planning between pipeline companies and local municipalities;
- Call for more transparency and information available to the public at the beginning of the pipeline permitting process;
- Mandate increased oversight to improve safety measures;
- Cease relying on solely penalizing companies after they have already harmed our communities.

These are commonsense measures to keep our communities safe. Lax regulations and poor oversight have left our communities in uncertainty and ill-prepared for an emergency.

I am proud to co-sponsor multiple pieces of legislation that would implement these changes, but we need leadership in the Senate to support our efforts and bring these legislative measures up for a vote.

Capping the Price of Insulin



For many living with diabetes, a high price on insulin means having to choose between paying for medication or paying for food, rent, child care, and other life expenses.

Some have resorted to buying medications through unverified, black market sources to make ends meet.

To take on the greed of big pharma and support the fact that all aspects of health care should be made affordable for all, I am sponsoring legislation that will establish a copay cap for insulin in Pennsylvania.

Under this legislation, insulin medication would be capped at \$100 per one-month supply and there would be an investigation into the pricing of insulin to ensure consumer protections are available for Pennsylvania patients living with diabetes. This is lifesaving legislation.

No one should go broke to pay for their medical needs. We must stop pharmaceutical companies from pricing patients out of their medication.

Upcoming Events

The Greater Philadelphia Veterans' Expo!

We will be hosting a Veteran's Expo at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA on November 7, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The event is open to all veterans and their family members who would benefit from information on resources and services available through state agencies, local organizations and businesses.

Lunch will be provided to our veterans and one of their guests.

To reserve lunch tickets, please RSVP by November 1, 2019 by completing the form below, emailing events44@pasenate.com, or call the District Office at (610) 792-2137.




VETERANS' EXPO

Join us for an expo to provide resources, services, and assistance to Pennsylvania veterans and their families.

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**JOIN
KATIE MUTH**
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR
FOR A
TOWN HALL

Thursday, October 24
7:00pm - 8:30pm
**Daniel Boone Area Middle School
Auditorium**
1845 Weavertown Rd,
Douglassville, PA 19518

We want to hear from you!
Submit questions to events44@pasenate.com with the
subject line "Town Hall Question"
More information is available at
SenatorMuth.com and
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Muth Townhall!

Join me on October 24, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Daniel Boone Middle School auditorium for a Townhall. We will be discussing updates from Harrisburg, as well as the issue that matter to you and our neighbors.

To submit a question to discuss at the meeting, please email events44@pasenate.com with the subject line "Town Hall Question".

Food and Household Supplies Drive - Now through November 14th

Senator Katie Muth is teaming up Sewa Diwali to collect food and household supplies drive to benefit area food banks and The Laurel House.

We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food, household items and gift cards until Friday, November 14th at my district office located at 338 Main Street in Royersford.

Acceptable Donations:

Non-Perishable Foods: canned goods like soup, pasta sauce, vegetables, salad dressing, pasta, condiments, instant oatmeal, cereal, apple sauce, spices, canned tuna, chicken, fruit snacks, powered iced tea or lemonade, popcorn, baby food

Other items: cleaning supplies, paper products, diapers, baby wipes, clothes detergent, dishwashing detergent, warm blankets, new twin-sheets, African-American hair care products

Gift cards: Wal-mart, Target, Giant, Shop-Rite, Wawa, CVS



Save the Date...

October 25 - Satellite Office Hours

Sanatoga Ridge Community, 2461 E High St, Pottstown, 10 am - 12 pm
Wallace Township Building, 1250 Creek Rd, Glenmoore, 1-3 pm

November 2 - Saturday Hours

44th District Office, 338 Main Street, Royersford, 9 am - 12 noon

November 8 - Satellite Office Hours

Amity Township Building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, 1-3 pm

November 12 - Townhall

Upper Providence Township Building, 1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, 7-8:30 pm


November 13 - Satellite Office Hours

Meadowood Community, 3205 W Skippack Pike, Worcester, 1-3 pm

November 21 - ACA Enrollment Event

44th District Office, 338 Main Street, Royersford, 3-7 pm




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