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Dear Residents of SD-44:

Yesterday, I put on my brightest blue in honor of Ella, who impacted all of those around her as she bravely fought a battle no child should ever face. Her family created the first annual 'Bee Kind' day and asked the community to spread kindness in her honor.

Throughout the pandemic I have been in contact with a number of family members who have lost a loved one due to the virus. This past weekend, I brought flowers to some of those families across the district in an effort to shine a little light during these incredibly difficult times.



Together, we can all bring a little Ella sunshine into the world.

You are not alone when faced with issues that you need assistance with. We are here to help! My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need.

Sincerely,



Senator Katie Muth

Updates from Harrisburg

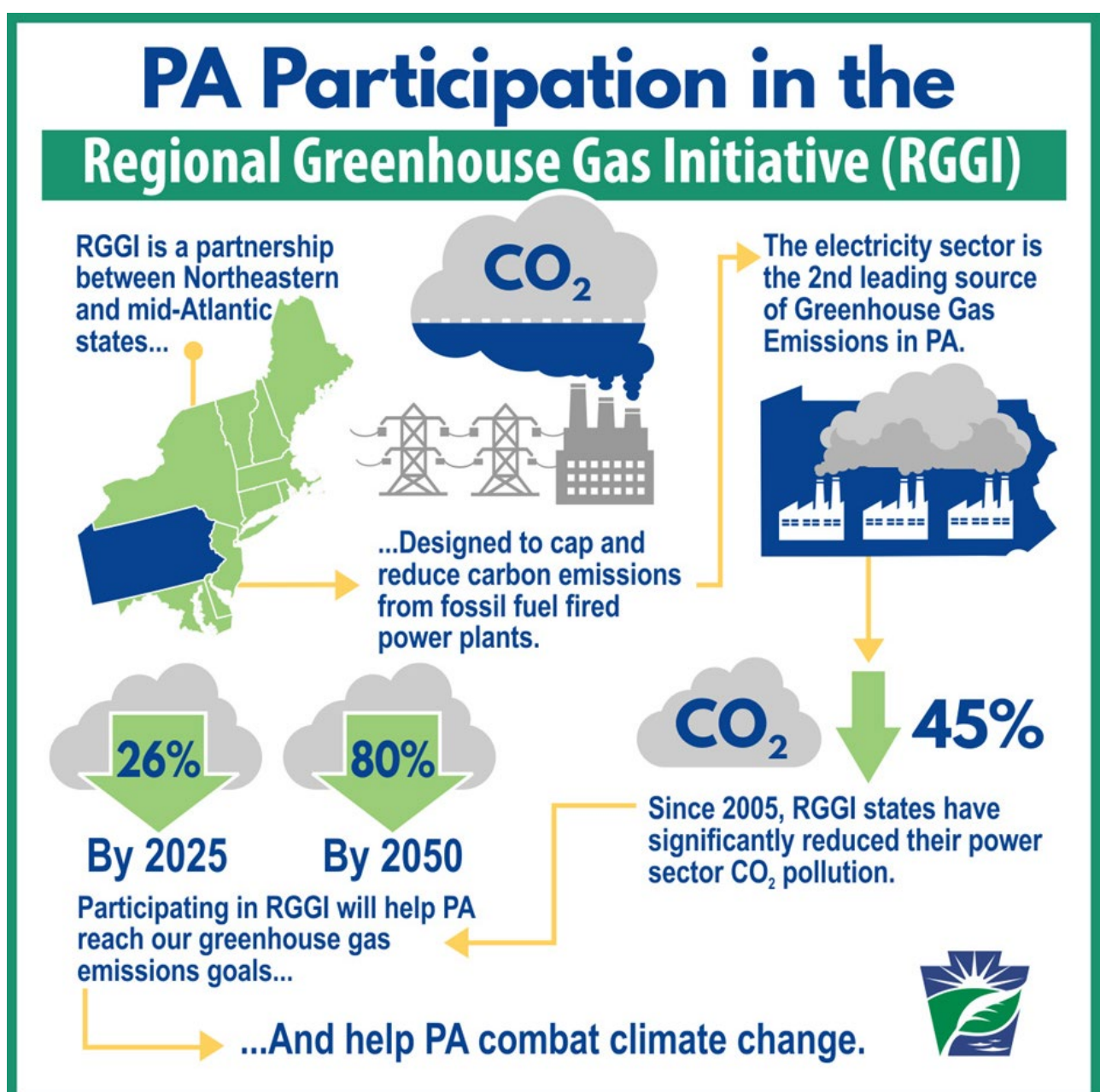
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

Pennsylvania is one step closer to joining a regional program meant to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Last week, the Environmental Quality Board approved a draft regulation to enter the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). The vote was 13-6.

PA is the third-largest greenhouse gas polluting state in the nation and by joining RGGI we could cut carbon pollution by as much as 25% by 2030, while also creating an estimated 27,000 jobs and adding \$1.9 billion to the state's economy.

The board's vote opens the next phase in the regulatory process. The draft will be open for public comment for a 60-day period. The Department of Environmental Protection plans to hold five hearings. Dates have not been set. Stay tuned!



PA Supreme Court Extends Mail Ballot Deadlines

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court extended the state's mail ballot deadlines last Thursday.

State law says mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, but the high court said Thursday that ballots will be counted if they are received by 5 p.m. the Friday after the Nov. 3 election. **To count, ballots arriving after Election Day must either be postmarked by Nov. 3 or have no proof they were sent afterward.** Ballots that arrive by the new deadline with missing or illegible postmarks would still be counted.

In addition, the court held that state election law allows counties to use drop boxes for hand delivery of mail ballots; denied requests to allow poll watchers to work in counties other than the ones where they are registered; and denied a request that other people be allowed to deliver voters' ballots.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court extends mail ballot deadlines for November election



FAQ: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

My office has helped thousands of constituents navigate through the unemployment compensation process. Lately, we have been receiving a high number of constituent calls regarding confusion with [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\)](#).

The graphic showcases who should NOT file for PUA:

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

GROUPS WHO SHOULD NOT FILE FOR PUA

The following are some of the groups who should NOT file for PUA

RETIRED
with no job and no job offer

INDIVIDUALS
who were not working at all or did not have a job offer

INMATES

COLLEGE STUDENTS
with no job and no job offer

INDIVIDUALS living in a halfway house on lock-down

INDIVIDUALS being paid to file other people's PUA application.
This is illegal: report these individuals to the authorities.

INDIVIDUALS on Social Security Disability with no work attachment

CLAIMANTS who work as an employee and should file UC

CHILDREN who were not working in actual employment

LANDLORDS

***Knowingly making false statements or omitting material facts to obtain PUA benefits to which you are not entitled will result in a disqualification and repayment of all overpaid PUA and corresponding FPUC benefits. You may also be subject to criminal prosecution.**

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For more information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) click the link [HERE](#).

Veterans Benefits Administration: Tele-Town Hall

Attention PA Veterans! Do you more information about obtaining your current Veterans Benefits programs?

Join the upcoming VBA Tele-Town Hall event to learn more and get answers to your VA benefits questions! The event will take place on September 21st at 4pm.

VBA Tele-Town Hall: PENNSYLVANIA

Benefits Update

Sept 21st | 4PM ET

Agenda

- Under Secretary Remarks on the State of VBA including COVID19 Changes (5-10 min)
- Answer Veterans' Questions (45 min or more)

How to Join

- Dial 833-380-0417 (suggested 10 min before)
- Listen in on the VBA updates
- Ask questions during the call

REAL IDs are back!

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on Wednesday announced it has resumed issuing REAL IDs at reopened Driver License Centers throughout the state.

Visit PennDOT.gov/REALID for more information about getting a REAL ID.

Reminder: The United States Department of Homeland Security postponed the REAL ID enforcement date to **October 1, 2021** in response to COVID-19 and the national emergency declaration.

Beginning October 1, 2021, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID.



REAL IDs are now available



October 1, 2021
is the deadline
to get a REAL ID.

Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID to:



Board a
domestic
flight



Enter a
federal
building



Enter a
military
base

Ready for a REAL ID? Get pre-verified.

ONLINE

If you got your
first license
AFTER
September
2003

IN PERSON

If you got your
first license
BEFORE
September
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PennDOT.gov/REALID

Free Shred Event: September 26th from 1-4pm

Join State Representative Danielle Friel Otten and Senator Katie Muth for a FREE Paper-Only Shred Event!

Bring your confidential documents to be destroyed! Each car will be limited to 4 file-size boxes. Small paper clips and staples are OK, but please no binder clips, binders, or cardboard (plan to take your boxes home with you). **To limit personal contact, this event will be drive-through. Please place papers to be shredded in your trunk, wear a mask, and remain in your vehicle.**

The mobile shredding unit will be located at the north end of the parking lot in front of Rep. Otten's office (631 Pottstown, Pike in Exton) on Saturday, September 26th from 1-4 PM.

This event is first come, first served. When the truck is full, the event will end. All shredded paper will be recycled! If you have any questions, please contact our office at 610-792-2137.



FREE, NO CONTACT, DRIVE-THROUGH

SHREDEVENT!



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.

**Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data,
and resources available to those in:**

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



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