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Dear Residents of SD-44:

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy their Labor Day weekend. This week I am headed back to Harrisburg where I will continue to advocate for our communities fair share of resources for those hardest hit by the pandemic, as well as challenging those who are attempting to undermine confidence in our electoral system by limiting access to the polls.

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

Legislative Updates

Standing up against efforts to suppress the vote

Last week the Senate State Government committee convened to vote on HB2626; legislation which uses the word "security" to hide the fact that it suppresses voters. [This meeting was also not brought to the attention](#) of the members of the committee until 8:21pm of the night before and did not appear on the Senate's public schedule by Wednesday afternoon.

I hoped to amend the bill to extend the pre-canvassing timeline for counties, giving them three weeks to prepare mail-in ballots for tallying ahead of Election Day, and to preserve the Oct. 27 deadline for voters to request mail-in ballots.

Due to an [administrative error](#) that led to a violation of the Sunshine Act, which requires public notification of the meeting, the meeting was voided and a "re-do" will be held today.



Adult use cannabis

While I [generally support](#) the concept of adult use cannabis, I will only support legislation that includes the release and/ or automatic expungement and reparations for individuals with non-violent, marijuana-related criminal records, a specific process for safe sale similar to alcohol, and a stopgap to prevent privatization and corporate monopoly.

Legalizing [adult use cannabis](#) is an opportunity to engage local farmers and small business in a new market which would expand economic strength. Further, the tax revenue generated could help toward Pennsylvania's post-covid economic downfall, but this alone will not save our Commonwealth from financial ruin.

Pennsylvania's long history of regressive tax policy needs to be completely revamped. Implementing the Fair Share Tax plan and closing the Delaware loophole to ensure wealthy corporations pay their fair share for using our state's resource will also need to be implemented in order to make real change and achieve economic security for our state's revenue flow.



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Most Berks County legislators say they are not on board with call to legalize recreational marijuana

Family Support Group Online

Join us for [Family Support Group Online!](#) NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for adults age 18 and older with a loved one or family member who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences.

Contact Janice Sommerhoff at 610-685-3000 or 610-568-2912 (cell) or berksnami@gmail.com for more information.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday

September 9th from
7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

September 22nd from 7-8:30
p.m.

Wednesday

October 14th from
7-8:30 p.m.

NOW ONLINE

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

Lost Wage Assistance (LWA) Program

The federal Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) Program gives Pennsylvania \$1.5 billion to provide an extra \$300 a week in additional funds to individuals that are unemployed (or partially unemployed) because of COVID-19.

LWA Program Eligibility




- You must be **fully or partially unemployed due to COVID-19**, and
- You must have a **weekly benefit rate + dependent allowance totaling \$100 or more**, and
- You must **receive a payment each week** from one of the qualifying programs:
 - Unemployment Compensation
 - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
 - Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
 - State Extended Benefits
 - Shared-Work
 - Trade Readjustment Allowances

You will certify only ONCE for the LWA program. Complete your LWA Certification as soon as possible as funds are limited and not guaranteed.

Starting Sunday, Sept. 6, individuals should fill out their LWA certification using their UC PIN by selecting "**Complete LWA Certification**" in the [same application used to file biweekly claims](#).

ELIGIBILITY

LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA) PROGRAM

 <p>You must be fully/partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19</p>	 <p>You must have a weekly benefit rate + dependent allowance totaling \$100 or more</p>	 <p>You must receive a benefit payment for each week from one of the qualifying programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Unemployment Compensation (UC)• Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)• State Extended Benefits (EB)• Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA)• Shared-Work, or Short-Time Compensation (STC)• Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
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Your Vote Matters

It has never been more important to make a plan to vote!

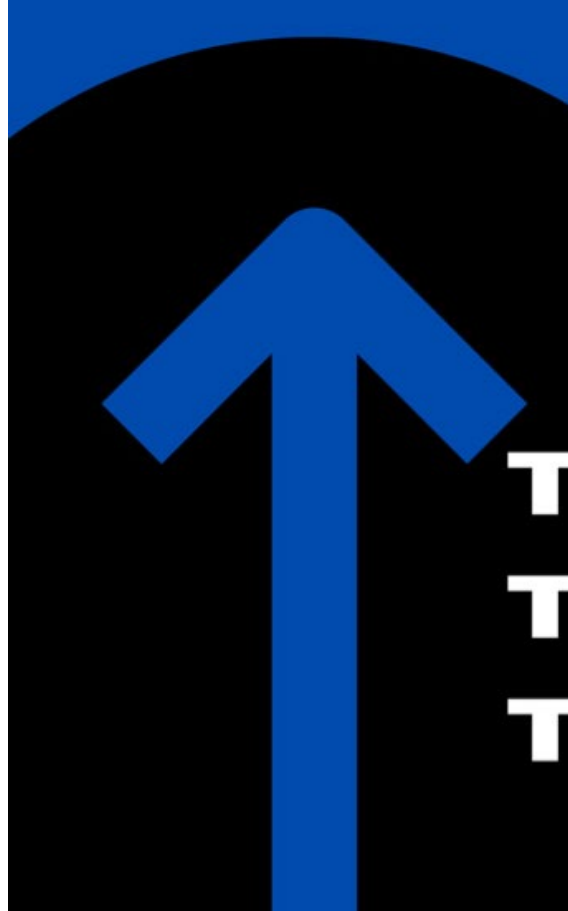
You can [sign-up](#) for Election Reminders so you'll never forget to vote!

[Register](#) to Vote by October 19th

Don't want to vote in person on Election Day? You can [vote by mail!](#)

Don't know where to go on Election Day? [Find](#) your polling place.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS



TURN UP THE TURN OUT

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

- [Track confirmed cases in the US](#). (This site is updated weekdays at noon and shows numbers that were current as of 4 p.m. the previous day.)
- CDC provided information regarding "[What you should know about COVID-19](#)"
- 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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