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## *Dear Neighbor,*

As my first year as your state Senator comes to a close, I'm excited to share some of the developments taking place across our community. Throughout the year, the 10th District received more than \$22 million in funding from state grants for businesses, non-profits, schools, emergency services, and community organizations.

These grants are vital for expanding opportunities here in Bucks County, as well as the preservation of some of our most historic sites.

I'm honored to be able to support such important local organizations in this capacity, including A Woman's Place, The Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA), Habitat for Humanity, the Bucks County Workforce Development Board, Bucks County Community College, The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County, and our dedicated fire companies and EMS units.

Bucks County is a beautiful blend of past and future, history and innovation. As we look ahead to a new year in the 10th District, I'm excited to continue fighting for opportunities to invest in the growth of Bucks County, a place we're fortunate to call home.

**Steven J. Santarsiero**  
10th Senatorial District

### **FRONT COVER**

*(Top Right: Main Photo)* Sen. Santarsiero announced the award of a Keystone Historic Preservation grant to benefit The County Theater in Doylestown.

*(Top Left)* Sen. Santarsiero was able to meet Victoria, the rescued German Shepard who inspired SB 40, or Victoria's Law, which aims to end inhumane puppy mills in Pennsylvania, before her passing.

*(Middle Left)* Families enjoyed learning about Morrisville Fire Company's trucks and equipment at Sen. Santarsiero's KidsFest.

*(Bottom Left)* Sen. Santarsiero joined his colleagues in the state Senate and House in the annual Capitol All-Stars Softball Games, with proceeds benefitting Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free Pennsylvania.

*(Bottom Middle)* On the floor of the Senate, Sen. Santarsiero recognized Christine Edmonds and Anne Marie Hughes for their work with A Love for Life, in honor of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

*(Bottom Right)* Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS) visited Sen. Santarsiero in Harrisburg before the celebration of Diwali.





# Steve in the Commu



Sen. Santarsiero attended the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors meeting to celebrate the decades of service from Sergeant Stephen Meyers and Officer Renee Hurst.



Sen. Santarsiero met with owners Gregg and Sara Bonstein at the grand opening of Newtown Brewing Company.

## *Bucks County*



After providing support for the application for the Keystone Historic Preservation grant program, Sen. Santarsiero was on site for the groundbreaking for The County Theater's restoration and expansion project, the biggest undertaking the theater has experienced in its 81-year history.



Sen. Santarsiero and local officials cut the ribbon at his satellite office in Tullytown Borough Hall.



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# Community



Sen. Santarsiero joined Troop 36 for the Boy Scout Court of Honor commemorating their four newest Eagle Scouts. This year Sen. Santarsiero has honored more than 50 Eagle Scouts.



Sen. Santarsiero joined other officials and entrepreneurs at the opening of the Pennridge Airport Business Park, which thanks to state funding through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), will be expanding development.



During LGBTQ+ History Month, Sen. Santarsiero joined New Hope celebrates at the launch of their Inside + Out exhibit.



The Central Bucks Rotary's Ride for the Heroes drew more than 300 riders and raised over \$40,000 for wounded veterans and the families of fallen heroes.



Sen. Santarsiero joined Chief Aaron Cohen and members of Tullytown Fire Company Station 33 for a parade down Levittown Parkway to celebrate 100 years of service to our community.

## Kayden's Law

In August 2018, our community was devastated to learn of the murder of seven-year-old Kayden Mancuso at the hands of her biological father during a court-mandated, unsupervised visit. Since taking office, I have been honored to work closely with Kayden's family in the drafting of SB 868. The bill, known as Kayden's Law, would require courts to ensure the health and safety of the child in making custody decisions. My Bucks County colleagues Rep. Tina Davis and Rep. Perry Warren have introduced a companion bill in the House.

In October, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee held a hearing on the bill at the Lower Makefield Community Center, where we heard testimony from Kayden's mother, Kathryn Sherlock, as well as representatives from Child USA, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (NCAR), the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), and the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA).

A child's safety is too often overlooked in custody and visitation mandates. These decisions can mean the difference between life and

death for vulnerable children, as we saw in the tragic loss of Kayden Mancuso. Pennsylvania must do more to protect the well-being of children involved in custody disputes. Kayden's Law would do just that.



Senator Santarsiero discusses the need for Kayden's Law to better protect children involved in custody disputes during the Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing.

## Protecting Healthcare

Since it was enacted in 2010, The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided more than 20 million uninsured people with healthcare coverage. With the ACA's expansion of Medicaid, there's also been an increase in financial security across the Commonwealth. Pending court challenges could result in all or part of the ACA being

repealed. If that were to happen, I want to make sure we are prepared here in Pennsylvania to protect our residents' access to healthcare. Toward that end, I have joined my colleagues in the Senate in proposing legislation that would enact many of the provisions of the ACA into Pennsylvania law.

Prior to the ACA, Pennsylvania only allowed children to be covered under their parents' insurance until age 19. I have co-authored legislation allowing young adults to stay on their parents' plan until age 26, meaning an estimated 89,000 young adults in Pennsylvania would remain covered. I have also signed on to legislation that would prohibit health

insurance policies sold or renewed within the Commonwealth from imposing annual or lifetime limits. Before the ACA outlawed the practice, limits typically affected patients with chronic illnesses who, after those limits were reached, could be forced into bankruptcy due to out of pocket expenses.

I'm co-sponsoring SB 50 and SB 51, which would protect coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, and which would establish the ten essential health benefits (EHB) covered by the ACA as part of Pennsylvania law, respectively. Pennsylvania cannot afford to go back to leaving nearly 1 million residents without healthcare coverage. We should be working to improve the ACA to give families further financial stability and healthier quality of life.



Senator Santarsiero rallied with nursing advocates in the capitol rotunda.





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## Issue Spotlight: Climate Webpage

Recently, I was invited to be a guest at Climate on Tap in Yardley, hosted by PennEnvironment and Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania. Surrounded by District 10 residents and environmental activists, I was happy to announce the launch of my new climate-focused webpage. Climate change has already had significant impacts on our environment, from rising sea levels to more extreme weather events, costing private businesses, as well as taxpayers, billions of dollars. I'm proud to be a leader on solutions to combat climate change here in Pennsylvania, from increasing our renewable energy standards to providing the Office of the Attorney General with jurisdiction in environmental crimes. You can learn about the environmental initiatives I'm working on in the Pennsylvania Senate, learn how you and your family can reduce your own carbon footprint, and check out my Carbon Countdown Clock, at [SenatorSteveSantarsiero.com/Climate](http://SenatorSteveSantarsiero.com/Climate).

