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The IOth District

Following reapportionment, the new 10th District includes the following municipalities: Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Morrisville Borough, Tullytown Borough, Falls Township, Yardley Borough, Lower Makefield Township, Upper Makefield Township, Newtown Township, Newtown Borough, Doylestown Township, Doylestown Borough, Buckingham Township, Solebury Township, New Hope Borough, Plumstead Township, Chalfont Borough, New Britain Township & New Britain Borough.

Dear Neighbor,

As I begin my second term serving the 10th Senate District, I want to take a moment to reflect on where we began and how far we have come. The past four years were filled with unprecedented challenges, but together, we overcame both adversity and uncertainty and now stand ready to move forward.

Our district's boundaries changed last year, with Bristol Borough and Bristol Township joining us



and several municipalities in Upper Bucks leaving, but our core values remain the same. We love the beautiful and historic area we call home and want to preserve and protect it. We care about our children and students and want to see them safe and thriving. We support our small towns and businesses and want to see continued growth.

I am confident we can achieve all of this and so much more, and I am excited to continue serving the 10th Senate District and to work toward a brighter future for everyone.



FRONT COVER

(Top Leff) Students from Central Bucks East High School volunteered at my shredding event and food drive with Rep. Tim Brennan in April. Thanks to the community's generosity, hundreds of pounds of food donations were collected for the Bucks County Opportunity Council.

(Top Right) On January 2, 2023, I was sworn in for my second term as a state Senator. I was joined in Harrisburg by my family, dozens of constituents, and my office staff.

(Bottom Leff) Bristol Brough has seen tremendous growth and rejuvenation in recent years. I was happy to work with Rep. Tina Davis to secure \$2.3 million for a project to redevelop Chestnut and Elm Streets. This project, spearheaded by Bristol Borough Council under the leadership of Council President Ralph DiGuiseppe, and Mayor Ralph DiGuiseppe III, will revitalize vacant properties, attract businesses, and breathe new life into the area. I'm pictured with (L to R) Jeff Darwak from Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, Mayor DiGuiseppe, Rep. Davis and Council President DiGuiseppe.

(Bottom Center) In April, Governor Josh Shapiro visited the PA Biotech Center to talk about investing in biotechnology and growing the influence of the Center across PA. In this photo with me are (L to R) Rep. Tim Brennan, President and CEO of the Center, Lou Kassa, Governor Shapiro, Co-Founder of the Center, Dr. Tim Block, President of the Blumberg Institute, Dr. Randall Hyer and President of the Hepatitis B Foundation, Dr. Chari Cohen.

(**Bottom Right**) Desis of Doylestown hosted a beautiful Eid ul-Fitr celebration at Newtown Middle School, where I had the opportunity to read to the kids in attendance.



▼ This spring, the House passed HB 148, which would require schools to annually provide educational information to parents with children in the 6th-12th grades about eating disorders and resources to help overcome them. I was the original author of the bill back in 2013, when I introduced it as HB 1959. I am proud to once again be the prime sponsor of the companion bill in the Senate, SB 623. I'm pictured here with (L) Emily Rosenberg and (R) Tami Gangloff, two advocates who worked tirelessly to get the bill passed in the House.





▼ Bristol Riverside Theatre is undergoing a major transformation, thanks in part to state funding for \$2 million that Rep. Tina Davis and I secured. The theatre will get a top to bottom makeover, revitalizing this award-winning establishment and breathing new life into the arts scene in Bristol Borough. I'm pictured here with (L to R) Bristol Borough Mayor Ralph DiGuiseppe III, Co-Producing Directors of the theatre Ken and Amy Kaissar, Bristol Borough Council President Ralph DiGuiseppe and Rep. Davis.

Representative Tim Brennan and I were behind the griddle at Doylestown Fire Company No. 1's annual pancake breakfast. The sold-out event is the fire company's annual fundraiser. I was happy to see the event back this year and so many residents out to support our Doylestown firefighters.



▲ As Democratic Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am continuing to work with my co-chair and colleague, Senator Lisa Baker, to pass Kayden's Law. The safety of the child must be paramount in child custody cases, and we are committed to working together and with our House colleagues, Reps. Warren and Davis to see this legislation become law.

In recognition of Technical Education Day, I was joined in Harrisburg by representatives from Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) and Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT). In this photo with me are (L to R) Administrative Director of MBIT, Dr. Mark Covelle, MBIT student, Cole Kujath, BCTHS students, Mandisa Kollie and Austin Howell, and Administrative Director of BCTHS, Dr. Leon Poeske.





▲ Calm Waters Coffee Roasters opened its second location in Bucks County on State Street in Newtown, bringing great coffee to the neighborhood. Their first shop is located on Mill Street in Bristol Borough.





▲ At the 2nd annual Bucks County Community College MLK Dream Builders Awards, four local leaders were honored for their commitment to the nondiscrimination principles of Dr. King. I was honored to recognize (L to R) Adrienne King, Lateefat Adewale, Karen Downer and Dr. Vail Garvin.









▲ Central Bucks Senior Activity Center hosted my April Legislative Coffee & Conversation where we had a packed house of constituents who came out to talk about the issues most important to them.



I was happy to help cut the ribbon on New Hope-Solebury High School's brand-new STEAM Wing. This state-of-the-art facility will provide students with the opportunity to excel in skills relating to engineering, media, robotics, technology, and more.



In recognition of Theater in Our Schools Month this March, I hosted students and staff from Pennsbury's Thespian Troupe 830 in Harrisburg.

▲ At this year's annual Hepatitis B Foundation gala, I was happy to recognize Dr. Chari Cohen of Newtown for her leadership as President of the foundation. As the founding organization of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, the Hep B Foundation has played a key role in expanding the life sciences footprint in our region, spurring economic growth, and making Bucks County a biotechnology hub.

Promoting Bucks Biotech with Governor Shapiro

overnor Josh Shapiro and Secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Rick Siger, recently visited the Pennsylvania **Biotechnology** Center in Buckingham Township. During a roundtable discussion, the Governor heard from member companies about the unique opportunities the Center provides, creating jobs and growing companies here in Pennsylvania, I have worked to promote the creation of a



biotech corridor right here in Bucks County and look forward to working with Governor Shapiro to make this a reality. In this photo with me are (L to R) Lou Kassa of the Biotech Center, former Congressman Jim Greenwood, Rep. Tim Brennan, Governor Shapiro, and Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie.

Introducing the Delaware Canal State Park Legislative Caucus

The Delaware Canal is a true gem, highlighting our historic and recreational infrastructures. Now with the Delaware Canal State Park Legislative Caucus we have a united voice in the General Assembly to preserve and improve the canal waterway and trail. I am co-chairing this caucus with my colleague in the House of Representatives, Robert Freeman (D-136). The caucus includes Senators Lisa Boscola (D-18)

and Jarrett Coleman (R-16), and Representatives Tim Brennan (D-29), Perry Warren (D-31), Craig Staats (R-145), Shelby Labs (R-143), Tina Davis (D-141) and John Galloway (D-140). At our inaugural meeting we heard from DC 21, Friends of the Delaware Canal and DCNR on the needs for this important public space. I'm pictured here with (L to R) Delaware Canal State Park Manager, Brian Heath, Doug Dolan from DC21, Brett Webber from Friends of the Delaware Canal, and Representatives Labs and Warren.





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Fairness For All Pennsylvanians



n May, the House passed HB 300, also known as the Fairness Act, which would enshrine the rights of LGBTQ Pennsylvanians in housing, employment, and public accommodations. I was an early advocate for this bill beginning a decade ago in the House, and I am proud to be the prime sponsor of the Senate companion bill SB 150 along with Senator Nikil Saval. I am overjoyed to see the House take this historic step, and now it's time for my Senate colleagues to pass this measure so that Governor Shapiro can sign it into law.