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The 10th District

The 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.



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Dear Neighbor,

It has been a busy, challenging, and ultimately rewarding few months in Harrisburg. While the process took far too long, we passed a budget that delivers for our district and for Pennsylvania. In doing so, we proved that we can find common ground without compromising our values. This budget is an important step toward making the 10th Senate District a more affordable, safe, and vibrant place to live.

But our work isn't done. We still must find a sustainable funding source for SEPTA—something that remains a top priority for my office. We also must work to reverse climate change by advancing Governor Shapiro's Lightning Plan which includes my bill to increase our state's renewable energy resources.

I will never stop fighting for the 10th District, whether here at home, as you'll see in this newsletter regarding the Upper Makefield Pipeline, or in Harrisburg. Your passionate messages to my office remind me that we're in this fight together.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a brighter new year,



Steven J. Santarsiero
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FRONT COVER

(Top Left) Earlier this fall I had the privilege to attend the Jericho Service Unit Girl Scouts bridging ceremony with Rep. Tim Brennan. The event honored a distinguished group of young women who have shown an admirable commitment to community service and Girl Scouts.

(Top Right) I was proud to co-host the Pennsylvania Legislative Asian Pacific American Caucus's Diwali celebration at the Capitol, where several of our Bucks County neighbors joined us.

(Bottom Left) I was honored to cohost a Veteran's Luncheon for the 10th Senate District with Rep. Tim Brennan at the Doylestown, PA American Legion Post 210. It was great to connect with our veterans, answer questions they had about our work in the district and in Harrisburg, and to hear from our keynote speaker former Congressman and the 32nd Army Under Secretary Patrick J. Murphy. Thank you to Comcast for sponsoring the event.

(Bottom Center) In August, I was proud to stand with Governor Shapiro in Falls Township at the site of the future Amazon data center. It is located at the North Point Keystone Trade Center on the former US Steel property. I am proud of the role I played in bringing North Point to Bucks County. The data center is part of a \$20 billion investment that Amazon is making in Pennsylvania to construct infrastructure that is critical to the broader implementation of AI in our economy. I want to thank Governor Shapiro and his administration for streamlining the regulatory approval process to attract this investment in the first place, and to fast track the project so that Pennsylvania remains competitive in the field of AI.

(Bottom Right) The 10th Senate District is home to many celebrations and parades, bringing community members together in celebration and remembrance. I'm pictured here at the Yardley Memorial Day Parade.



Steve in the Community



◀ BAPS Charities annual walk to raise awareness and funds for local causes is a wonderful tradition. I'm pictured here at our local walk in Falls Township Community Park with members of the BAPS community, Representative Prokopiak and Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie.



▲ During my fall shredding event with Rep. Perry Warren, volunteers from our local schools helped us collect food donations benefitting Bucks County Opportunity Council.



▲ Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's 135th home dedication welcomed Meg and Joey to their new home in the 10th Senate District. Habitat for Humanity Bucks does incredible work in our community, making the dream of homeownership a reality for folks who may not otherwise have the opportunity.



▲ Our volunteer firefighters are always putting themselves on the front line to keep our community safe. This summer I was with Doylestown Fire Company No. 1 with Steve Walther with a Senate committee recognizing his incredible 65 years of service to the fire company and his community.



▲► More than one hundred constituents attended a fall Scam Jam I hosted with Rep. Tina Davis and the PA Department of Banking & Securities at the Bristol Township Senior Center to learn about protecting their identity and avoiding common scams.



▲ I always enjoy attending Eagle Courts of Honor, recognizing the achievements of young scouts in our community. I'm pictured here with the Eagle Scouts of Troop 10, Joseph and Matthew Sheridan and Louis...

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▲ During Yardley Harvest Day I saw many community members enjoying the annual festival, including Russ Davidson, former Commander of VFW Post 6393 in Lower Makefield.



▲ I was honored to recognize the distinguished recipients of this year's Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Emergency Services Awards. These men and women represent the best of our community, putting themselves on the front line to keep us safe.



▲ This fall, Silver Lake Nature Center in Bristol Township celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Earthship Education Center. The only public-use earthship on the East Coast, the center is a zero-carbon emissions building constructed of natural and recycled materials, powered by solar panels and harvests rainwater for the on-site greenhouse. I am seen here with Nature Center volunteers and Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie.



▲ This summer we celebrated two new pedestrian safety improvement projects in Newtown Township, highlighting important ongoing state and local partnerships to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety for community members. I'm pictured at the Silo Drive & Sycamore Street crosswalk in the township with Newtown Township Police Lieutenant Joseph, State Rep. Perry Warren, Newtown Township Supervisor Dennis Fisher.



▲ I was honored to help Bucks County Community College (BCCC) welcome members of the British Parliament to Newtown and celebrate the new transfer agreement between BCCC and Wrexham University in Wales.

THE FY 25/26 BUDGET DELIVERING ON AFFORDABILITY

While our budget was long overdue, the final product reflects our core priorities: affordability, the economy, education, and public safety — all while keeping Democrats' promise of no tax increases.

A major highlight is the new Working Pennsylvanian's Tax Credit, which will provide tax relief for nearly one million Pennsylvanians. Qualifying recipients will save an average of \$260 a year, and families with three or more dependents can save up to \$805. As costs rise, we're focused on putting money back into the pockets of working families. The budget also invests in childcare worker retention and recruitment, supports home and community-based services for older adults, and expands access to healthy food through programs like Farmers' Market coupons.

To strengthen our economy, we secured \$10 million for Pennsylvania farmers, \$8.8 million for a new program to attract and retain businesses, and additional funding to grow small businesses and manufacturing. These investments will create jobs across the Commonwealth.

Education remains a top priority for me. For the second year, we provided an additional \$526 million to close the adequacy and equity gap among our school systems. In our district, this benefits Bristol Borough and Bristol Township school districts. Representative Jim Prokopiak (D-140) and I secured an additional \$1.5 million for Morrisville Borough School District, which does not qualify for adequacy gap funding, ensuring that Morrisville schools will no longer be at risk of closing in January.

Finally, this budget continues strong support for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Its targeted violence prevention and intervention programs have reduced gun violence by 42% and gun deaths by 38% since 2023. We must continue investing in what works to keep our communities safe.

A budget is never perfect, but this one demonstrates that with hard work and compromise, we can deliver a better quality of life for our district and for all Pennsylvanians.



AN UPDATE ON THE UPPER MAKEFIELD PIPELINE LEAK

I remain dissatisfied with Sunoco/Energy Transfer's response to the jet fuel leak divulged in January 2025 in Upper Makefield Township. After almost ten months, Sunoco/Energy Transfer has still not mapped exactly how much fuel leaked into the ground.

I am pressing Pennsylvania DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) to hold the company accountable. I warned them that Sunoco/Energy Transfer has not been a good actor. I am asking for more monitoring wells, both deeper and farther from the leak site, to better track the spread of contamination as well as testing for homes with POET (point of entry treatment) systems.

Representative Perry Warren (D-31) and I submitted joint public comments to DEP and PHMSA on Sunoco/Energy Transfer's Interim Site Characterization Report from September and are awaiting responses. We will keep fighting for Upper Makefield residents to ensure full restoration of their clean water and accountability for this disruption.



I was in Upper Makefield on November 5th to speak to Paul Roberti, administrator of the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, during an impromptu site visit where Sunoco/Energy Transfer was completing a jet fuel pipeline replacement within a mile of the site of the leak. I urged PHMSA to be more proactive in their oversight of the pipeline.

ROAD TOUR RECAP

In August, I held my annual road tour with PennDOT to highlight roads in need of repair. I am pleased with their updates, including the completed resurfacing of Route 413 in Buckingham and Plumstead and of Edgely Road in Bristol Township, as well as the ongoing resurfacing on River Road. I am continuing to advocate for the resurfacing of Routes 202 and 611 in Doylestown Township, a major project that requires significant capital investment. Funding has now been allocated for that project. Planning and design are underway and expected to finish in spring 2026, and construction is slated to begin in 2027.



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CELL PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS

Each year, more studies show that constant smartphone use is harming kids academically, socially, and emotionally. Teens now spend nearly eight hours a day on their phones, the equivalent of working a full-time job, and receive an average of 237 notifications daily. This nonstop connectivity is linked to serious mental health challenges in early adulthood, including anxiety, aggression, emotional instability, and suicidal thoughts. We can no longer ignore the impact phones are having on students and our schools.

That's why I introduced SB 1014 with Senator Vincent Hughes (D-7) and Senator Devlin Robinson (R-37). The bill would establish a bell-to-bell policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and other non-academic smart devices during the school day, with certain exceptions. By reducing distractions, this policy would improve school culture and help students focus on in-person engagement. Each district would craft its own implementation plan after public comment and community input.

As our world grows increasingly reliant and often addicted to cell phones, our kids need space to unplug and build healthy habits, along with time



I'm pictured at an October community discussion on cell phone-free schools I hosted at Bucks County Community College with (L to R) Cassandra Castillo, a student at Bucks County Community College, Christie Besack, a psychology teacher at Central Bucks West High School, Kirstin McGowan, a parent and advocate with Wait Until 8th and PA Unplugged, and Bucks County Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia.

dedicated to developing real-world social skills. The bill is currently in the Senate Education Committee, and I will continue to report on its progress.

Scan the QR code to learn more about this initiative.

