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**Subject:** RE: Right-to-Know Request (PA-ADAMS-22-0045)  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 at 2:15:33 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Sean A. Mott  
**To:** AO Records  
**Attachments:** Jim Martin emails (American Oversight RTK).pdf, Randy Phiel emails (American Oversight RTK).pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi Marwah,

Attached are the records in the County's possession that are responsive to your January 13<sup>th</sup> Right-To-Know request. Per your request, I have not included the initial mass-distribution emails (largely from Sen. Mastriano) to the Commissioners. However, you will see some of those mass emails directly below any responses from Commissioners Phiel and Martin.

Thanks,

**Sean A. Mott, Esq.**

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**Attachments:** [MASTRIANO-GatheringRestrictions-final.pdf](#)  
[MASTRIANO-MountJoy-final.pdf](#)  
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## WEEKLY UPDATE FROM **SENATOR DOUG MASTRIANO**



### Serving Pennsylvania's 33<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District Update for November 19, 2020

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”  
Isaiah 40:31

As we look forward to Thanksgiving next week, it is a time to count our blessings. Despite the last few months, there is much to be thankful for. I am thankful for family and friends now more than ever. I am thankful for the citizens across Pennsylvania this year who have stood for their freedoms. We have become friends with literally thousands of you in our shared love of liberty. Freedom is a choice, it is time that we all walk as free people. The biggest thing that I am thankful for is God's love and grace for each of us.

As the election drama continues, I would like to remind everyone that in PA, the Judge of Elections, as well as Majority and Minority Inspectors are elected every four years. The next election for this is in 2021. Each voting precinct has these positions. If you are concerned about the integrity of our elections, you can make a difference. You can also apply to work appointed positions at the polls too. These positions can be hard to fill and volunteers would

be welcomed. You can find more information regarding this here:  
<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Be-a-Poll-Worker.aspx>

“A republic if we can keep it.” ~ Benjamin Franklin

### **Working for You**

Senate is in session this week. We are currently working on a budget for the next 6 months. You can watch these sessions live at: <https://www.facebook.com/PASenateGOP>

Two bills, HB 1747 and HB 2440, were passed this week that during an emergency declaration, would add more protection to your second amendment rights. These bills remove the power from the governor to limit or suspend the sale of firearms, as well as removing the restrictions on the use of firearms. They also designate sportsman clubs, hunting facilities, shooting ranges, and any business that relates to the sales of ammunition and firearms as life-sustaining.

Nearly 1.2 million in competitive grants has been awarded to 32 Career and Technical Centers, Area Vocation Technical Education Schools, and two school districts. These grants are for the purchase of new equipment aligned to training students in high demand occupations. Congratulations to Franklin County Career and Technology Center who was awarded \$37,000 and York County School of Technology who was awarded \$50,000.

### **PennDOT Update**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today there will be daylight lane restrictions for line painting this week and next week on a 12.3-mile resurfacing project on Interstate 81 in Cumberland County.

Lane restrictions will be in effect for this mobile operation from 10 AM to 3 PM weekdays this week through the middle of next week on I-81 from the Franklin County line in Shippensburg Township to the Kutz Road bridge in Penn Township.

This work is part of a pavement preservation project which includes milling, resurfacing, base repairs, concrete patching, guiderail upgrades, pavement markings, and minor bridge work on I-81 in Southampton, Shippensburg, South Newton, and Penn townships.

Motorists should be alert and drive with caution through the work area.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by the state transportation funding plan (Act 89), or those on the department's Four and Twelve Year Plans, visit [www.projects.penndot.gov](http://www.projects.penndot.gov).

### **Community Events**

“Holidays in Waynesboro” will be happening on Saturday, November 21, with many activities throughout the day. From 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM there will be a holiday bazaar and marketplace throughout Waynesboro. This will be followed by a Christmas Holiday Market at 25 E. Main St. from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM, a Christmas Parade at 3:00 PM, and a tree lighting in center square at 5:30 PM. More information can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/cJZfGJjeK>

COVID has had a detrimental impact on small businesses throughout the commonwealth.

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. Many of our downtown businesses throughout the district are taking part in this. I encourage each of you to shop locally as much as possible. Let's do our part to keep these small businesses going!

Downtown Chambersburg will have "Shop Small Giveaways" during Small Business Saturday. More information on this can be found at: <https://fb.me/e/3LUM4NF3p>

December 4 at 5:30 PM, December 5 at 3:30 PM, and December 6 at 1:00 PM, Renfrew Museum and Park will be hosting Christmas on the Farm. Tickets are needed. Please visit <https://fb.me/e/3GQXtJ7Sv> for more information.

### **Upcoming Events**

A reminder, every Friday from noon – 12:30 PM, I am on the "Dean Malik Show." We discuss current events, legislation, and answer your questions. Please call 1-888-329-3306 to participate during the interactive portion. Tune in at <https://wwdbam.com/> or WWDB-AM TALK 860.

Also, a segment titled "Colonel on the Call" airs every Friday from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM on 103.7 FM. I take calls from constituents regarding current events, concerns, and legislation. The phone number to call in and speak with me is 1-877-709-1037. Listen live at <https://streamingv2.shoutcast.com/news-talk-1037-fm>.

### **Exercise your Constitutional Rights**

As COVID-19 continues to impact the Commonwealth, I work tirelessly on your behalf to get Pennsylvania open for business and back to normalcy. Unfortunately, the Governor and the Secretary of Health are the persons making decisions, keeping the state from completely opening. Please voice your concerns to the Governor and the Secretary of Health and respectfully tell them your story, how this shut down is impacting you. Their contact information is below:

#### **Governor Wolf**

PHONE: 717-787-2500

WEBSITE: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/>

#### **Dr. Levine**

PHONE: 717-787-6436

EMAIL: [rlevine@pa.gov](mailto:rlevine@pa.gov)

WEBSITE: <https://www.health.pa.gov>

You can legally request access to the decisions and documents generated by Governor Wolf and his staff. <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/HowToFile.cfm>

### **Conclusion**

During these unprecedented times, please look for opportunities to safely help others! We are

Pennsylvanians. We will, by God's grace, get through this together. Walk in freedom!!

If I can be of service, please email [dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov) or call 717-787-4651.

Sincerely,

**Doug Mastriano**

**Senator Doug Mastriano**

33<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Senate District

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

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Just an FYI regarding where CCAP stands on election reform issues.

Chris

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“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” Henry Ford

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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THE **VOICE** OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

## COUNTY PRIORITY SPOTLIGHT: COUNTIES NEED JUST TWO ELECTIONS REFORMS FOR IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION

CCAP members continue to advocate for a bill that achieves two critical Election Code [priorities](#) to vastly improve their ability to administer elections: additional time for pre-canvassing and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline to 15 days prior to an election. Furthermore, counties urge members of the General Assembly to first focus fixing these two issues, which could solve a number of the challenges counties faced in recent elections, prior to making any more sweeping changes.

Currently, there are a number of elections under consideration in both the House and the Senate. The House State Government Committee on June 15 reported [HB 1300](#), sponsored by Chairman Seth Grove (R-York), a comprehensive Election Code bill that makes a number of significant changes to how elections would operate. While counties appreciate that HB 1300 addresses both pre-canvassing and the mail-in ballot application deadline, the bill also contains many other changes that would further complicate elections administration and warrant further discussion, time and resources for successful implementation. The legislation is expected to come before the full House for further legislative action the week of June 21.

In the Senate, the Special Committee on Election Integrity and Reform created at the beginning of 2021 released its [report](#) on June 14. Its recommendations comprise several legislative changes,

including the counties' two top priorities, as well as recommendations on removing deceased individuals from the voter registration rolls, security measures for drop boxes, training for poll workers and poll watchers, voter ID and further discussions on funding.

Recognizing there is a lot of interest in other updates and changes to the Election Code, CCAP and counties stand ready to serve as a partner in this process to assure any changes are well written and supported by the time and resources needed for successful implementation in order to achieve a bill that allows counties to continue to successfully administer elections.

## COUNTIES IN THE BUDGET: MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

As a part of the FY 2021-2022 state budget, counties have been focused on ensuring funding for county human services, especially increased and sustainable state funding for behavioral health services at a level that responds to societal and economy-driven increases in caseloads. Specifically, counties are requesting a minimum of \$28 million in new funding in the FY 2021–2022 state budget for community mental health services. In addition to new investments, rebuilding this system will require a sustained effort, and so counties are also asking for consideration of a multi-year commitment to provide a minimum 3% annual adjustment for inflation and increased costs.

Community-based mental health services meet people where they are in their communities, providing for upfront prevention and supplemental services that are critical to ensuring the health and wellbeing of those in our communities. These may include student assistance programs in schools, respite, hotlines, prevention, housing, community education and outreach, employment supports and other programs that are not covered under other insurance plans.

County community mental health services are facing a crisis due to being long underfunded, with no new state investments in these services in more than a decade. Further, the COVID-19 pandemic has served to accelerate and deepen the impact of inadequate funding as counties saw an increased need for services, but the overall environment did not allow for community programs. Counties expect to see a significant increase in demand for services due to pent-up need following the pandemic, serving individuals who are new to the county system or delayed seeking assistance on top of stretching already-limited resources before the pandemic.

Counties need the appropriate supports to address mental health concerns. Even with another federal aid package for local governments, counties still need a way to ensure the social services safety net and those it serves are protected and adequately maintained for years to come. Counties cannot build programs without the assurance of long-term funding to sustain these programs.

## PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY LEAGUE RELEASES COUNTY COVID IMPACTS REPORT

In response to the impact of COVID-19 on Pennsylvania counties, CCAP partnered with the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) to administer a survey on the effects of COVID-19. Using county feedback from that survey, PEL developed a [report](#) displaying information on the impact of COVID-19 on counties and how counties are reacting to the pandemic. The results of the study are aimed to

help state and local governments, and organizations such as PEL, advocate for and assist counties during and after this crisis. The full report can be found on the PEL [website](#).

## PUC ANNOUNCES IMPACT FEE DISTRIBUTIONS

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) posted details of the distribution of the 2020 natural gas impact fees, which total a little more than \$146 million. This year's distribution is approximately \$32.6 million lower than last year, mostly due to a lower average price of natural gas in 2020 versus 2019, after a decline in impact fee revenues the prior year as well.

Under the Act 13 distribution formula, counties with spud wells will receive \$25.7 million this year, while all 67 counties will share about \$7.6 million in Legacy Fund monies for open space purposes, which counties should receive on or around July 1. Additional details about the distributions can be found on the CCAP website under [Resources and Reports](#).

In addition, the state's Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has released its [outlook](#) for the 2021 impact fee collections, which will be collected and distributed in 2022, suggesting two potential scenarios. The first predicts an increase in the cost of natural gas and the associated fee schedule, resulting in a projected increase of \$21.4 million in collections. The second, yet less likely, scenario is based on an even higher rate of price recovery and is predicted to yield a \$74.3 million increase in collections over CY 2020.

## PRE-BUDGET LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

As the General Assembly gears up for the passage of the FY 2021-2022 state budget before an expected summer recess, legislative activity on other bills has also been increasing. Along with the state budget and elections-related initiatives, CCAP has been monitoring several other bills of interest for counties that have seen recent movement in the House and Senate.

### **HB 264 – Tax Sale Bidder Registration**

CCAP submitted written comments on legislation regarding tax sale bidder registration. Introduced by Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon), HB 264 would create a program in each county to have prospective tax sale bidders register before each sale and certify that they do not have delinquent taxes or outstanding code violations. While counties believe this bill would capture a current best practice in statute, there are concerns with the mandatory provisions under the bill as currently drafted. The bill was recently voted out of Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee unanimously (11-0) and moves to the full Senate for consideration.

### **HB 1170/SB 478 – Contracts for Services When Bids are Requested but Not Received**

Senate Bill 1170, sponsored by Rep. Christina Sappey (D-Chester), would provide for situations where bids for contracts or purchases are required but not received, under the same terms as the current law. Specifically, if no bids are received for a contract for services after two advertisements, the local government would be able to initiate negotiations for a contract to obtain the services advertised. Further, the bill also assures that the terms of any negotiated contract, including the proposed contract price and identity of the parties, must be publicly announced at a meeting of the governing

body before the contract is executed. CCAP conveyed support of the bill to the House Local Government Committee, where it was approved unanimously (25-0) and now goes before the full House for consideration. In the Senate, Sen. Cris Dush's (R-Jefferson) identical legislation, SB 478, also received a unanimous vote by the full body and the bill now goes to the House for consideration.

#### **HB 1591 – Census County Classification Delay**

Former CCAP member Rep. Jerry Knowles (R-Schuylkill) has introduced legislation that would amend the County Code to delay impacts of census-based county class changes. Specifically, with more limited time this year due to 2020 census delays, HB 1591 would freeze any county class changes until 2030, unless a change based on population outcome is otherwise adopted via ordinance or resolution because the county deems it to be in their constituents' best interests. This bill was unanimously (25-0) reported by the House Local Government Committee and moves to the full House for consideration.

#### **SB 477 – Improving Submission of Building Permits**

Senate Bill 477, sponsored by Sen. Judy Ward (R-Blair), would improve proper and timely submission of building permits to county assessment offices by offering counties additional options to follow up with municipalities and third party agencies when they believe such submission is not occurring. The bill was approved by a vote of 46-1 in the Senate and moves to the House for consideration. Senate Bill 477 is a product of the Local Government Commission's Assessment Reform Task Force.

#### **SB 503 – Heart and Lung Expansion**

Senate Bill 503, introduced by Sen. Mike Regan (R-Cumberland), would expand the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, also known as the Heart and Lung Act, to include county corrections and probation officers. CCAP has continued to express opposition, citing the significant cost estimate to counties. As currently drafted, only participating counties would be impacted. While this provision is important to include since it would only include probation and corrections officers for the counties who elect to participate, the irrevocability of the provision is challenging since it could become an unfunded mandate for future boards of commissioners. The bill was unanimously approved in the Senate (50-0) and now goes to the House for consideration.

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## **2021 CCAP PRIORITIES STATUS UPDATE**

In January, CCAP members identified five priorities for 2021, including elections reforms, specifically pre-canvassing and mail-in ballot application deadlines, broadband expansion, solutions to the emergency medical services crisis, protect funding for county human services and increased funding for community mental health services. An update on counties' progress on these priorities can be found [here](#).

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## **NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference will be held in person and virtually in Prince George's County, Md., from July 9-12, 2021, including meetings of NACo's policy committees and the NACo Annual Business Meeting and Election. Additional details and registration for this hybrid conference are available on the [NACo website](#).

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**  
Reporter

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**To:** [Dan Moul](#); [tecker@pahousegop.com](mailto:tecker@pahousegop.com); [doug mastriano](#)  
**Subject:** Protect the County Funding  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:24:00 AM

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Please protect the county funding in the remaining 2020-2021 budget to be approved. We definitely need full funding, especially to cover the growing need for mental health. With our minimal increase in tax revenues for 2021 will be unable to keep pace with our expenses. We entered 2020 with a good financial position and good bond rating, but year end challenges and 2021 expenses will leave Adams County with a 2021 deficit. We will likely have to borrow from our reserves to keep a balanced budget; raising taxes is not an option for 2021. The funding that the counties receive in the remaining State Budget will have an extremely strong impact on our financial status for 2021. Your help is essential to the financial health of Adams County. JIM Martin County Commissioner

**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Barry Cockley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 11:14:00 AM

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Barry, I think you have an omission in your letter. You missed the word "not" before support in the last sentence of the first paragraph. A reason to send the letter again to correct your statement. Please send the letter to his personal email. Thanks for informing me of his letter. Please make arrangements so we can meet. JM

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**From:** Barry Cockley <[iba@group-benefits.net](mailto:iba@group-benefits.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** Marty Qually <[mqually@adamscounty.us](mailto:mqually@adamscounty.us)>  
**Cc:** Pete Socks <[petesocks@berwicktp.org](mailto:petesocks@berwicktp.org)>; Thomas Danner <[thomasdanner@berwicktp.org](mailto:thomasdanner@berwicktp.org)>; Earle Black <[earleblack@comcast.net](mailto:earleblack@comcast.net)>; Scott Kennedy <[kenncs@comcast.net](mailto:kenncs@comcast.net)>; Will & Suzanne Tallman <[tallmanwt@embarqmail.com](mailto:tallmanwt@embarqmail.com)>; Jim Martin <[jmartin@adamscounty.us](mailto:jmartin@adamscounty.us)>; Berwick Township <[office@berwicktp.org](mailto:office@berwicktp.org)>; Senator Doug Mastriano <[dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning

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Commissioner Qually –

I am shocked and saddened to receive this letter from you. If you were sincere in your concern, you would know that President Trump specifically stated at the gathering on the Mall in D.C. on January 6, 2021 that he wanted a peaceful protest. He stated that afternoon when news came to him of the breach of the Capital building by both Trump supporters and BLM and ANTIFA supporters dressed to look like Trump supporters, that this is not America. The President emphatically stated that he does support this lawless action and encouraged everyone to respect law and order and to go home.

Sadly, I am certain that you are aware of these truths. Even so, you choose to join the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in making false claims against the President of the United States and State Senator Doug Mastriano. The State Senator had every right to participate in a peaceful protest and left the premises when a handful of rogue players representing multiple political factions stormed the Capital.

I am appalled that you would attempt to use this dark time in our Nation's history as a partisan cudgel to bludgeon your political opposition. Shame on you!

Sincerely,

Barry Cockley  
Berwick Township Supervisor

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**From:** Berwick Township <[office@berwicktp.org](mailto:office@berwicktp.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 9:42 AM

**To:** Barry Cockley <[iba@group-benefits.net](mailto:iba@group-benefits.net)>; Earle Black <[earleblack@comcast.net](mailto:earleblack@comcast.net)>; Pete Socks <[petesocks@berwicktp.org](mailto:petesocks@berwicktp.org)>; Scott Kennedy <[kenncs@comcast.net](mailto:kenncs@comcast.net)>; Thomas Danner <[thomasdanner@berwicktp.org](mailto:thomasdanner@berwicktp.org)>

**Subject:** FW: Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning

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**From:** Marty Qually <[martyqually@gmail.com](mailto:martyqually@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 3:25 PM

**To:** Marty Qually <[martyqually@gmail.com](mailto:martyqually@gmail.com)>

**Cc:** [dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov)

**Subject:** Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning

Municipal elected officials,

On January 6th our nation suffered one of the most disgusting attacks on our government in our history. Like all of you and most Americans, I was glued to the television as the sickening events unfolded. Overshadowing my sense of disgust or concern for those involved, was a profound sense of powerlessness as an elected official. This is not how we govern in America.

Attached is a letter that I am sending to State Senator Mastriano asking for his resignation. Each of you represent municipalities within his district. While I doubt you all will agree with me on the need for this letter, I firmly believe that our senator's rhetoric leading up to January 6th and his presence in DC are a stain on his district. In each of our communities residents fought in the American Revolution and in many Southcentral communities blood was spilled during the Civil War to preserve America.

While my letter may not result in its intended goal, in good conscience I cannot remain quiet. We all know that we have residents in our communities who support the failed uprising in DC. While I value dissent, the actions in DC were profoundly unAmerican and those who have fanned these flames should be held accountable for their failed leadership.

Lastly, if you agree with the sentiment in my letter, I encourage you to sign on to it or draft your own. If you believe my comments are too strong, then I encourage you to write your own. Likewise if you agree with our Senator, make that publicly known. What I cannot encourage is for local leaders to remain quiet as the fabric of our democracy is being torn apart.

The views in this letter are mine alone and to my knowledge do not reflect the opinions of my fellow Adams County Commissioners.

All of my respect to you and for your dedication to your residents.

Marty Karsteter Qually  
Adams County Commissioner

**P.S. Since my contact list did not have the emails for each elected official, I ask that municipal secretaries or managers on this email please forward this request to your respective boards. Likewise, the database which I used to find email accounts may have been incomplete or duplicative, so I apologies if you receive multiple emails, if someone was missed due to a vacancy appointment, or if I did not have all of your peers' emails.**

**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com](mailto:asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Mastriano & DC  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 2:59:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Capitol Breach.docx](#)  
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Amber, please find attached my remarks. Thank you. JIM Martin

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**From:** Randy Phiel <[rphiel@adamscounty.us](mailto:rphiel@adamscounty.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** Jim Martin <[jmartin@adamscounty.us](mailto:jmartin@adamscounty.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Mastriano & DC

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From: "South, Amber" <[asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com](mailto:asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com)>  
Date: 1/8/21 9:57 AM (GMT-05:00)  
To: Randy Phiel <[rphiel@adamscounty.us](mailto:rphiel@adamscounty.us)>, Jim Martin <[jmartin@adamscounty.us](mailto:jmartin@adamscounty.us)>, Marty Qually <[mqually@adamscounty.us](mailto:mqually@adamscounty.us)>  
Subject: Mastriano & DC

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**  
Reporter

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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Walter Brown](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rally on the PA Capitol Steps on January 5, 2021  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 9:46:00 AM

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The system I am utilizing will not allow access to petition. I would sign if I could. I am interested in distribution of flyers. JIM Martin

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**From:** Walter Brown <wwbrown78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** Jim Martin <jmartin@adamscounty.us>  
**Subject:** Rally on the PA Capitol Steps on January 5, 2021

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Commissioner,

A group of Veterans across the State who worked on various Veterans for Trump Coalitions is planning a rally to take place on the PA Capitol Building steps **on January 5, 2021, at 1030**. The attached flyer pertains. The speakers' tentative list includes Representatives Frank Ryan, Mike Jones, Dawn Keefer, Russ Diamond, and Senator Doug Mastriano. We are also staffing a petition to the Legislature, which meets for its opening session **on January 5, 2021, at 1200**. The petition urges our Legislature members to declare the November 3, 2020 election results to be in dispute and notify Congress of the same. The petition is available at the below link.

[https://www.petitions.net/signatures/declare\\_pennsylvania\\_november\\_2020\\_election\\_in\\_dispute/?u=6618848](https://www.petitions.net/signatures/declare_pennsylvania_november_2020_election_in_dispute/?u=6618848)

We need your assistance with maximizing the distribution of both the flyer and the link for the petition. Are you able to assist us?

Respectfully,

Walt Brown

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**Subject:** RE: Ribbon cutting---August 18  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 11:39:23 AM

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**From:** Jennifer McCleaf <jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 11:23 AM  
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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Ebersole, Ruth](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Mastriano / District 33 Ribbon Cutting and Open House  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:44:00 AM

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May I suggest contacting the Adams County Republican Committee to put out an invitations to members and family to attend an open house. JIM Martin

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**From:** Ebersole, Ruth <rebersole@pasen.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 3:16 PM  
**Subject:** Senator Mastriano / District 33 Ribbon Cutting and Open House  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon,

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, the ribbon cutting and open house scheduled for Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> is now postponed until further notice.

We are so thankful to once again have an office in Adams County and look forward to working with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

Regards,

Ruth Ebersole  
Field Representative  
Senator Doug Mastriano  
37 South Main St., Suite 200  
Chambersburg, PA. 17201  
717-264-6100

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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Senator Doug Mastriano](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Mastriano: E-News 11/6/2020  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 2:38:00 PM

When integrity is of the utmost importance our Sec. of State failed us. I certainly agree with your stand to request the secretaries resignation. Congratulations on your victory. JM

**From:** Senator Doug Mastriano <dmastriano@pasen.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Jim Martin <jmartin@adamscounty.us>  
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## Senate Leaders Call for PA Secretary of State's Resignation

Pennsylvania's election process this year was among the most chaotic in the country, in large part due to the constantly shifting guidance and last-second edicts from the Department of State. Troublingly, many of the changes unilaterally instituted by Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar directly contradicted the clear language in the Election Code, the majority opinion of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and even the Secretary's own statements before both the state Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court in the past two weeks.

I firmly believe that every vote that was legally submitted by Election Day deserves to be counted, no matter whether those ballots were submitted in person or by mail. However, we cannot have faith in an agency leader who makes the law up as she goes. In light of the Secretary of State's numerous actions to undermine public confidence in Pennsylvania's elections, Senate leaders called for her resignation this week.

A [statement from Senate leaders](#) detailed many of the actions Secretary Boockvar has taken just this week to damage the integrity and public confidence in our elections, including directives that led to unequal treatment of voters in different counties and prevented ballots received after Election Day from being segregated as requested by the U.S. Supreme Court.

## New Laws Support First Responders, Veterans, and More

Several critical measures approved by the Senate recently were signed into law over the past two weeks, including bills to support Pennsylvania's first responders, veterans and military families, and much more.

The new laws include:

- Improvements to [funding programs for first responders](#).
- New protections for [first responders who are injured in the line of duty](#).
- Extending the [Military Family Relief Assistance Program](#).
- Expanding access to [prescription assistance programs for veterans](#).
- The creation of [veterans' courts](#).
- Strengthening the [Veterans Preference law](#).
- Displaying the [POW/MIA flag on state-owned properties](#).
- A measure [expanding access to the state's Clean Slate law](#).
- The establishment of the [PA Housing Tax Credit](#).
- A measure [protecting young victims of sexual assault](#).
- Bills to ensure [proper coverage for mental health and substance use disorders](#).
- Improved care and visitation for [long-term care facility residents](#).
- Expanding [access to broadband services](#).

## Low-Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Open Now

Pennsylvanians who have a heating emergency or are struggling to pay utility bills can apply now for assistance through the state's [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#). The program is open to households earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty rate.

LIHEAP provides grants to help low-income families pay heating bills during the coldest months of the year. Crisis grants are also available for heating emergencies such as a broken furnace, utility termination or fuel shortage. Eligibility and grant amounts are based on income and the number of people living in a household.

Applications for LIHEAP can be completed online on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services (COMPASS) website at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

## Open Enrollment in PA Health Exchange is Available Through January 15

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The open enrollment period for Pennsylvania’s new state-based health insurance exchange is open now through January 15. The state exchange – also known as Pennie – was created by lawmakers last year to transition Pennsylvania away from the federal exchange, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), and allow the state to take local control of operations and customer service to reduce costs to consumers.

The Pennie system is designed to help Pennsylvanians shop for quality health insurance and access financial assistance that may be available to them. State residents can learn more and enroll at [Pennie.com](https://www.pennie.com).

According to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, insurers offering coverage through the Affordable Care Act insurance exchange will provide plans in 2021 with a statewide average decrease of 3.3 percent for individual market plans.

## **New Scams Target Pandemic EBT Benefits, Unemployment Compensation**

The departments of Human Services and Labor & Industry are warning Pennsylvanians to be vigilant of new scams targeting Pandemic EBT benefits and Unemployment Compensation payments. Both scams involve individuals receiving unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information such as their Social Security number or account passwords. Neither department will ever contact individuals to request this kind of personal information.

If you have questions about whether a call, text or letter regarding EBT benefits is legitimate, contact the Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930. More information on how to identify and report fraud related to Unemployment Compensation benefits is [available here](#).

## **Honoring Our Nation's Heroes on Veterans Day**

Communities throughout the country will join together next week on November 11 to celebrate Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have

served our nation in the military.

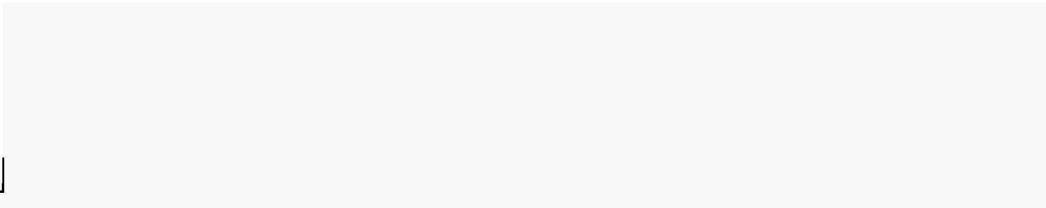
Our nation has paid a dear price to protect freedom and make the world a safer place, and we must never forget the individual and collective sacrifices that our men and women in uniform have endured to protect the principles and values that make America the greatest country in the world.

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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Senator Doug Mastriano](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement on DC violence  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 11:11:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Capitol Breach.docx](#)

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Thanks, I did receive. Attached is what I submitted to the Times as my remarks. It was edited, so I wanted you to receive it as written. Also I have been receiving the usual liberal rant built on their interpretation rather than the facts. They are not interested in facts when it interferes with an opportunity to denigrate their target. Best Regards and good health, JIM Martin

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**From:** Senator Doug Mastriano <[dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:26 PM  
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Lawmakers approved a proposed Constitutional amendment that would [create a two-year window for retroactive lawsuits](#) for victims whose statute of limitations has already expired. However, the Wolf Administration failed to properly advertise the amendment, meaning sexual assault survivors must now wait until 2023 at the earliest for the measure to be considered by voters.

Lawmakers weighed several different options to fully rectify the Wolf Administration's blunder. However, none of these options – including an emergency amendment to the Constitution or legislation to open a two-year window for lawsuits – were likely to withstand legal challenges and would have provided false hope to sexual assault survivors.

Creating a window for retroactive lawsuits would complete all the recommendations of a 2018 Grand Jury Report that detailed shocking cases of the sexual abuse of children.

Lawmakers have already created laws to address the other recommendations, including eliminating the criminal statute of limitations for future cases of sexual abuse of a child, as well as associated crimes such as human trafficking; extending the deadline for civil actions from age 30 to age 55; clarifying mandatory reporting standards for suspected cases of abuse; increasing penalties for mandated reporters who continue to fail to report suspected child abuse; and ensuring survivors who sign non-disclosure statements are not prohibited from speaking with law enforcement regarding their abuse.

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## **Budget Hearings Focus on Job Creation, Broadband, Corrections Costs**

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The Senate Appropriations Committee continued to study Governor Wolf's budget proposal on Monday with [budget hearings](#) with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), the Department of Corrections and the Board of Probation and Parole.

The conversation with DCED focused on programs designed to spur job growth, including tax credits to support manufacturing and other critical industries. Members of the committee also raised concerns about the governor’s proposed cuts to broadband funding for underserved areas.

Lawmakers also learned during the Corrections hearing that the number of inmates was reduced by more than 6,000 over the past year, which is the largest drop in Pennsylvania history, with an anticipated further reduction of 2,000 inmates next year.

Budget hearings are [scheduled to continue](#) on April 6.

## **Personal Income Tax Filing Deadlines Extended to May 17**

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The deadline for taxpayers to file their state and federal personal income tax returns has been extended from April 15 to May 17. The extension provides additional time for taxpayers to navigate the difficulties stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension applies both to tax filing and payments.

Pennsylvania taxpayers can now file their state personal income tax returns online at [my.path.pa.gov](https://my.path.pa.gov).

## **Eight Counties Added to Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine**

The [spotted lanternfly](#) is an invasive species that feeds on many types of plants that are important to Pennsylvania's economy. Eight counties were [recently added to the quarantine zone](#), bringing the statewide total to 34 counties under restriction.

One [estimate](#) found that under a worst-case scenario, the spotted lanternfly could lead to more than \$550 million in expected losses for Pennsylvania's economy and nearly 5,000 jobs lost. Pennsylvanians are encouraged to report sightings of the spotted lanternfly by calling 1-888-422-3359 and to destroy any egg masses or spotted lanternflies they see.

## **PennDOT CDL and Learner's Permit Extensions End March 31**

The expiration dates for commercial driver licenses (CDL) and commercial learner's permits have been extended several times during the COVID-19 pandemic. The final extension is scheduled to expire on March 31, and no additional extensions are expected to be offered.

Motorists who are covered by extensions that run from March 16, 2020, through March 31, 2021, are encouraged to renew these licenses and permits as soon as possible before they expire next week.

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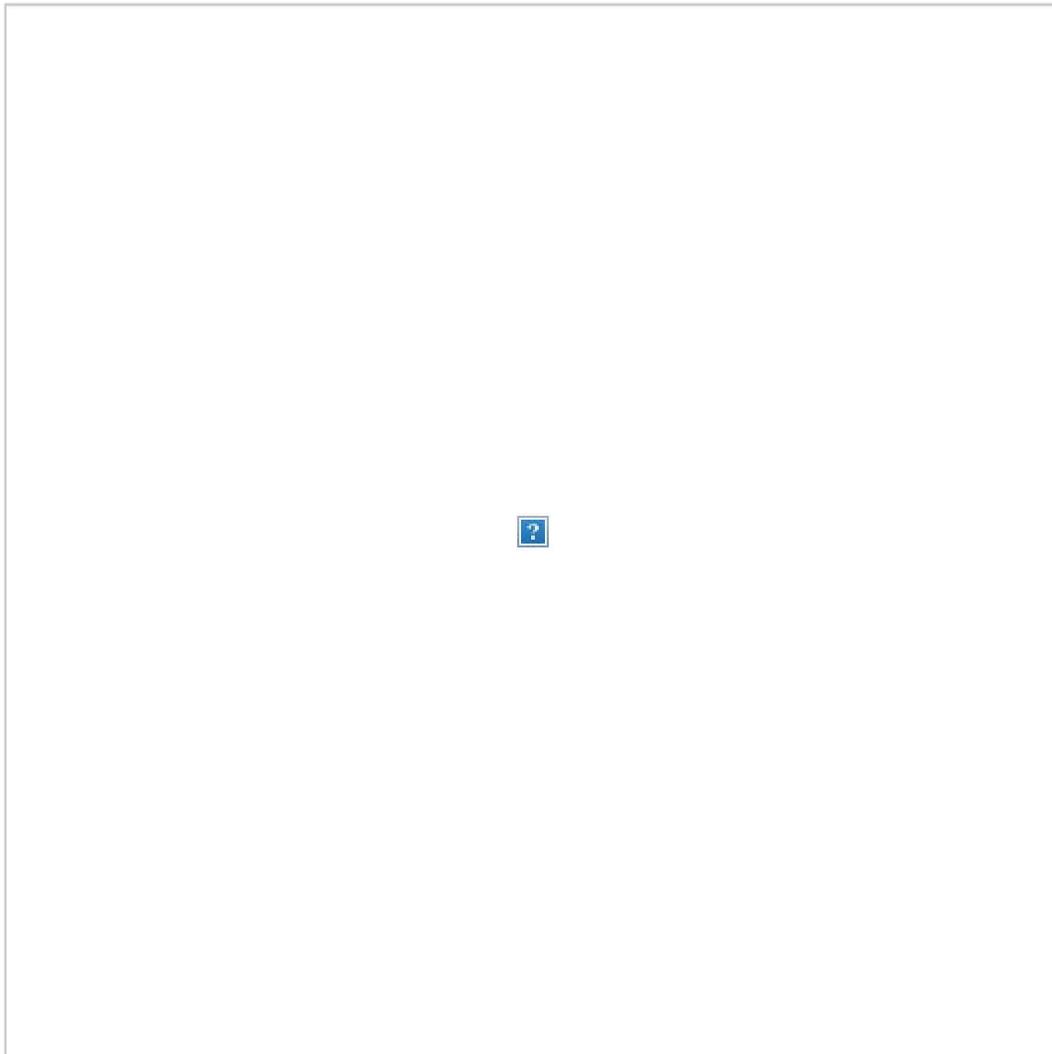
### In This Update:

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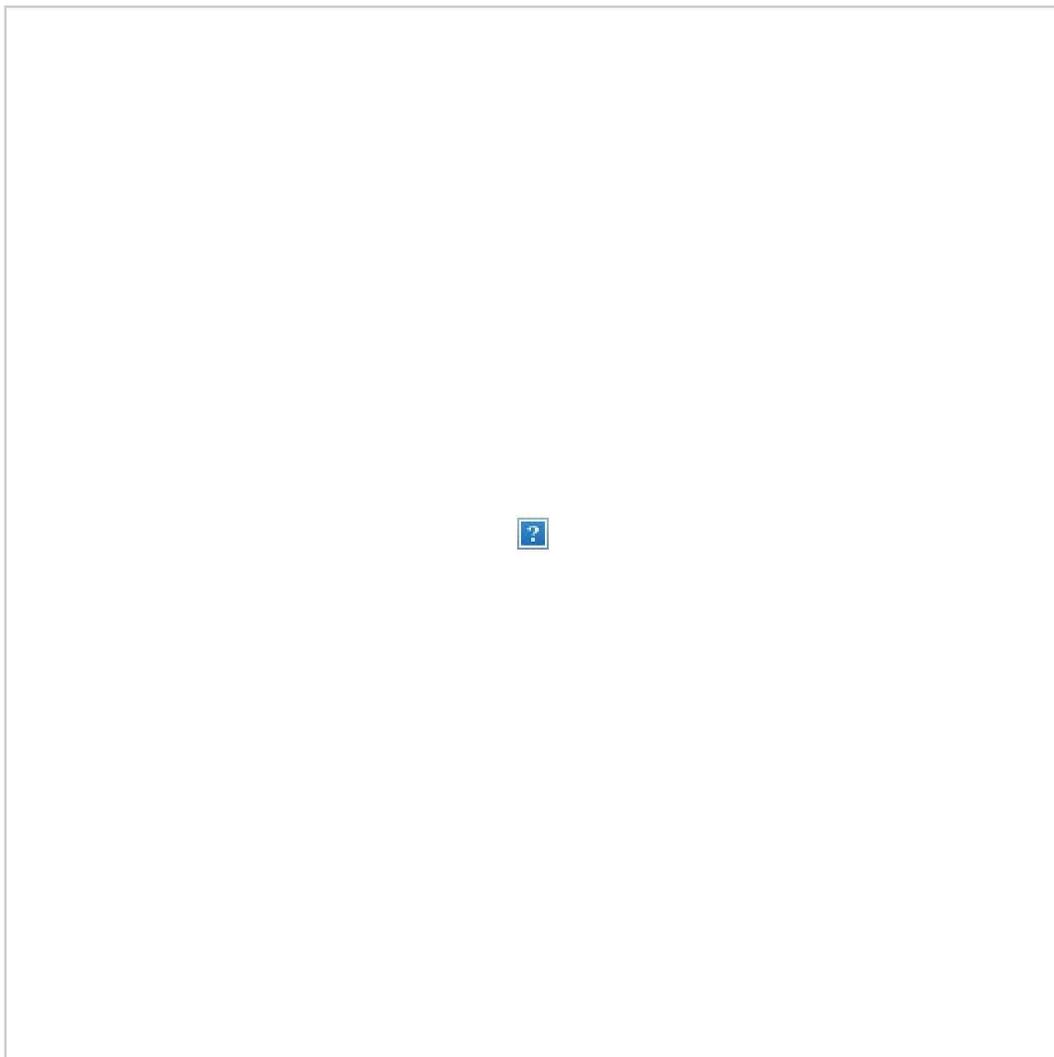


Many health care providers, schools, businesses and other entities have raised concerns about lawsuits being filed against them related to COVID-19, even if

they closely followed all health directives from state and federal health agencies. The Senate approved a bill this week that [would protect these entities from lawsuits if they acted in good faith](#) to protect public health.

The liability protection does not apply in cases in which these entities were responsible for any intentional wrongful acts or reckless acts. The legislation does not provide complete immunity for any person or group; it simply ensures they will not be held responsible for any harm that occurred when health directives were followed.

## Senate Approves Bills to Protect Second Amendment Rights of Pennsylvanians



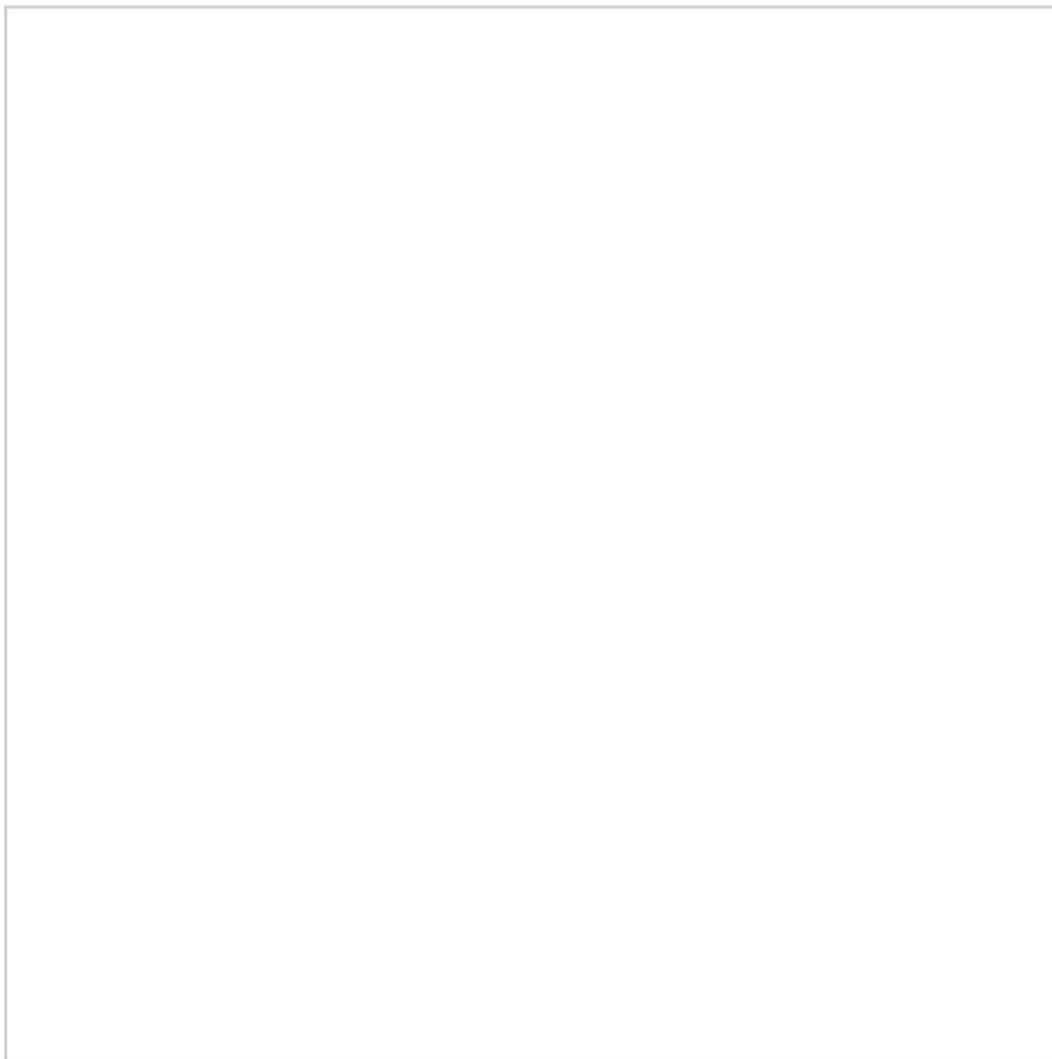
Two bills approved by the Senate this week would ensure the Second Amendment rights of Pennsylvanians are protected during emergency

declarations. Both bills were sent to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Under current law, the rights of law-abiding citizens to open carry firearms can be limited during a state of emergency. The Senate approved a bill that would [ensure these rights are not infringed during a state of emergency](#). The bill would also ensure firearm sales are not prohibited during an emergency declaration.

The Senate also approved a bill that would [establish the Hunting, Firearm, and Ammunition Life-Sustaining Business Act](#) to ensure shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities and firearm and ammunition manufacturers, retailers and distributors are considered life-sustaining businesses that will not be shuttered by state government during an emergency declaration.

## Bill Would Provide Flexibility for Teacher Certifications, Keystone Exams



Schools would have more flexibility to respond to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic under legislation that was approved by the Senate this week. The bill would [ease many certification and staff development requirements that are difficult to fulfill during the pandemic](#) and extend certain emergency permits when staff development requirements cannot be completed.

The bill would also delay the use of the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until the 2022-23 school year. Additional provisions are also included to deal with problems related to pupil transportation.

## General Assembly Approves Bill Cracking Down on Repeat DUI Offenders

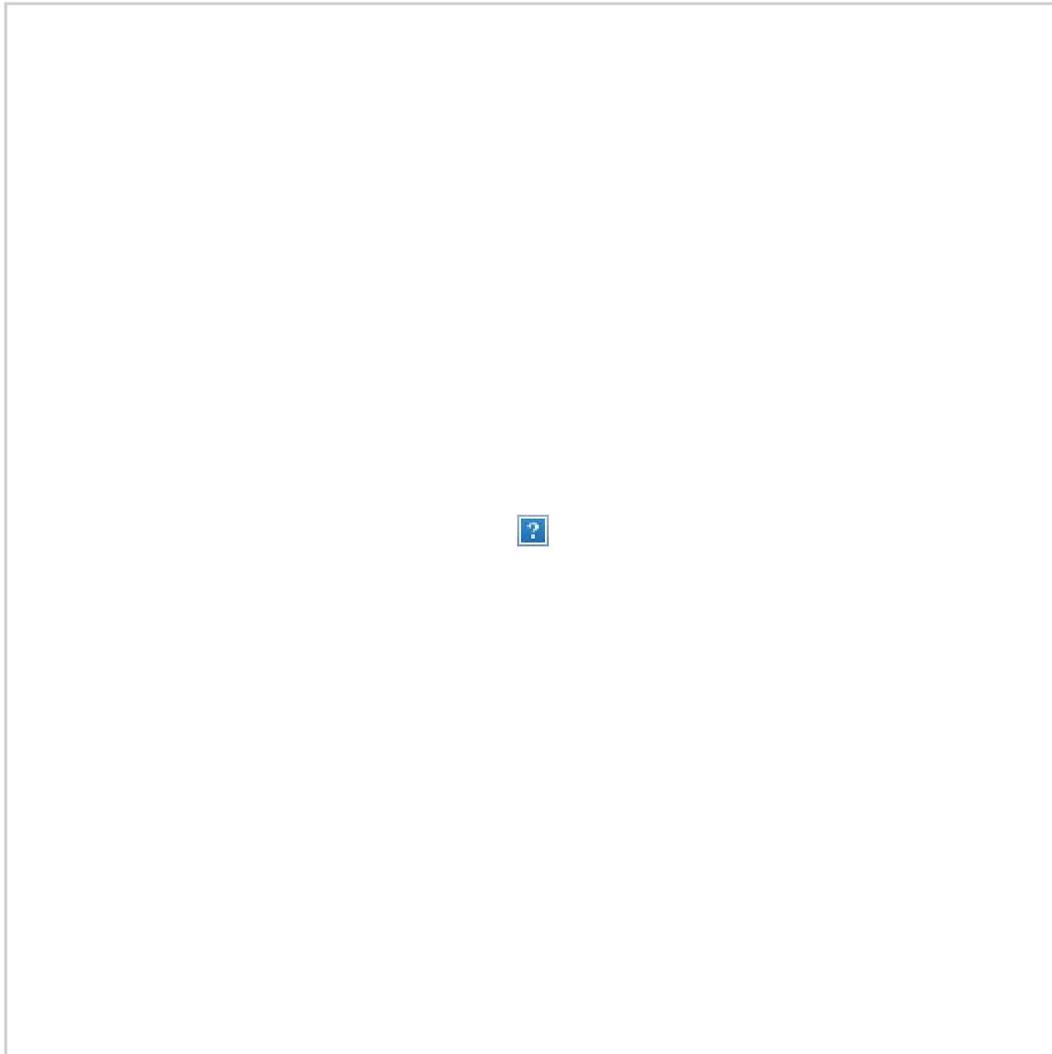


A bill that would [crack down on dangerous repeat DUI offenders](#) was approved by the Senate this week. The bill would increase jail time for certain repeat offenders, double the amount of time that repeat offenders must have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle and ensure repeat DUI offenders with two or more prior offenses serve their sentence consecutively to any other sentence imposed by the court.

The legislation, also known as Deana's Law, also mandates the use of continuous alcohol monitoring devices as a condition of probation, parole or bail. The devices, which are similar to home arrest monitors, are strapped to the wearer and automatically test for the presence of alcohol.

The legislation was named in honor of Deana Eckman, a Delaware County woman who was killed in 2019 in a head-on collision with a repeat DUI offender who was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

## Legislation Supports Organ and Tissue Donation



The Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund was created in 1994 to encourage residents to become organ donors. The program allows Pennsylvanians to voluntarily donate \$3 to the fund through a check-off box when they renew driver licenses, photo ID cards and vehicle registrations.

The General Assembly [approved a bill recently that updates the program](#) to reflect the fact that Pennsylvanians can now complete vehicle registrations on a biannual basis. The legislation allows state residents to donate \$6 instead of \$3 when they complete a biannual registration.

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## WEEKLY UPDATE FROM SENATOR DOUG MASTRIANO



### Serving Pennsylvania's 33<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District Update for November 19, 2020

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”  
Isaiah 40:31

As we look forward to Thanksgiving next week, it is a time to count our blessings. Despite the last few months, there is much to be thankful for. I am thankful for family and friends now more than ever. I am thankful for the citizens across Pennsylvania this year who have stood for their freedoms. We have become friends with literally thousands of you in our shared love of liberty. Freedom is a choice, it is time that we all walk as free people. The biggest thing that I am thankful for is God's love and grace for each of us.

As the election drama continues, I would like to remind everyone that in PA, the Judge of Elections, as well as Majority and Minority Inspectors are elected every four years. The next election for this is in 2021. Each voting precinct has these positions. If you are concerned about the integrity of our elections, you can make a difference. You can also apply to work appointed positions at the polls too. These positions can be hard to fill and volunteers would

be welcomed. You can find more information regarding this here:  
<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Be-a-Poll-Worker.aspx>

“A republic if we can keep it.” ~ Benjamin Franklin

### **Working for You**

Senate is in session this week. We are currently working on a budget for the next 6 months. You can watch these sessions live at: <https://www.facebook.com/PASenateGOP>

Two bills, HB 1747 and HB 2440, were passed this week that during an emergency declaration, would add more protection to your second amendment rights. These bills remove the power from the governor to limit or suspend the sale of firearms, as well as removing the restrictions on the use of firearms. They also designate sportsman clubs, hunting facilities, shooting ranges, and any business that relates to the sales of ammunition and firearms as life-sustaining.

Nearly 1.2 million in competitive grants has been awarded to 32 Career and Technical Centers, Area Vocation Technical Education Schools, and two school districts. These grants are for the purchase of new equipment aligned to training students in high demand occupations. Congratulations to Franklin County Career and Technology Center who was awarded \$37,000 and York County School of Technology who was awarded \$50,000.

### **PennDOT Update**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today there will be daylight lane restrictions for line painting this week and next week on a 12.3-mile resurfacing project on Interstate 81 in Cumberland County.

Lane restrictions will be in effect for this mobile operation from 10 AM to 3 PM weekdays this week through the middle of next week on I-81 from the Franklin County line in Shippensburg Township to the Kutz Road bridge in Penn Township.

This work is part of a pavement preservation project which includes milling, resurfacing, base repairs, concrete patching, guiderail upgrades, pavement markings, and minor bridge work on I-81 in Southampton, Shippensburg, South Newton, and Penn townships.

Motorists should be alert and drive with caution through the work area.

For more information on projects occurring or being bid this year, those made possible by or accelerated by the state transportation funding plan (Act 89), or those on the department’s Four and Twelve Year Plans, visit [www.projects.penndot.gov](http://www.projects.penndot.gov).

### **Community Events**

“Holidays in Waynesboro” will be happening on Saturday, November 21, with many activities throughout the day. From 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM there will be a holiday bazaar and marketplace throughout Waynesboro. This will be followed by a Christmas Holiday Market at 25 E. Main St. from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM, a Christmas Parade at 3:00 PM, and a tree lighting in center square at 5:30 PM. More information can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/cJZfGJjeK>

COVID has had a detrimental impact on small businesses throughout the commonwealth.

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. Many of our downtown businesses throughout the district are taking part in this. I encourage each of you to shop locally as much as possible. Let's do our part to keep these small businesses going!

Downtown Chambersburg will have "Shop Small Giveaways" during Small Business Saturday. More information on this can be found at: <https://fb.me/e/3LUM4NF3p>

December 4 at 5:30 PM, December 5 at 3:30 PM, and December 6 at 1:00 PM, Renfrew Museum and Park will be hosting Christmas on the Farm. Tickets are needed. Please visit <https://fb.me/e/3GQXtJ7Sv> for more information.

### **Upcoming Events**

A reminder, every Friday from noon – 12:30 PM, I am on the "Dean Malik Show." We discuss current events, legislation, and answer your questions. Please call 1-888-329-3306 to participate during the interactive portion. Tune in at <https://wwdbam.com/> or WWDB-AM TALK 860.

Also, a segment titled "Colonel on the Call" airs every Friday from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM on 103.7 FM. I take calls from constituents regarding current events, concerns, and legislation. The phone number to call in and speak with me is 1-877-709-1037. Listen live at <https://streamingv2.shoutcast.com/news-talk-1037-fm>.

### **Exercise your Constitutional Rights**

As COVID-19 continues to impact the Commonwealth, I work tirelessly on your behalf to get Pennsylvania open for business and back to normalcy. Unfortunately, the Governor and the Secretary of Health are the persons making decisions, keeping the state from completely opening. Please voice your concerns to the Governor and the Secretary of Health and respectfully tell them your story, how this shut down is impacting you. Their contact information is below:

Governor Wolf

PHONE: 717-787-2500

WEBSITE: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/>

Dr. Levine

PHONE: 717-787-6436

EMAIL: [rlevine@pa.gov](mailto:rlevine@pa.gov)

WEBSITE: <https://www.health.pa.gov>

You can legally request access to the decisions and documents generated by Governor Wolf and his staff. <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/HowToFile.cfm>

### **Conclusion**

During these unprecedented times, please look for opportunities to safely help others! We are

Pennsylvanians. We will, by God's grace, get through this together. Walk in freedom!!

If I can be of service, please email [dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov) or call 717-787-4651.

Sincerely,

**Doug Mastriano**

**Senator Doug Mastriano**

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“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

**1 Chronicles 16:34**

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## **MASTRIANO OP-ED: Double Standards & Hypocrisy – Governor’s Edicts Defy Common Sense.**

Recently I saw a meme depicting an agent of the state applying a battering ram to the front door of a home while shouting, “I know you bought a turkey that feeds more than 10 to 12!”. The outrageousness of the meme garnered a sarcastic chuckle from me but was nonetheless sobering.

To be clear, I am not anticipating anyone’s door to be broken down with a battering ram for the crime of purchasing a large turkey. However, in March, I was not expecting Governor Wolf to declare a state-wide business shutdown, save those with political connections and his family business. I also was not expecting all nursing homes to be on red-alert style lockdowns while the Health Secretary, Dr. Levine, removed a parent from such a facility and placed her in a posh hotel.

Speaking of hypocrisy, has anyone heard if you will catch the Coronavirus by having a drink without your turkey on Thanksgiving? If you mix a little bourbon in your eggnog after 11pm, will you catch the Coronavirus? If my nieces and nephews sit at my kitchen island bar stools, will they be in danger?

Or does this “science” only apply to our sinking small-business restaurants and bars?

It was quite a shock when the Governor placed restrictions on gatherings and then appeared marching in a densely-packed street during a political demonstration. If you recall, the Governor forbade us from singing in church but when thousands descended into Kutztown for the Pennsylvania Cannabis Festival, mum was the word.

Like me, you likely stood in long lines at big box stores to purchase everyday essentials like toilet paper and Clorox when our preferred small business couldn’t obtain a waiver. This hypocrisy is beyond the pale.

I certainly had some political differences with the Governor before the Coronavirus, but no one could have predicted the level of double standards promulgated by Tom Wolf. Recently, the Governor repeatedly chastised President Donald Trump for hosting rallies in the Keystone State. Yet we haven’t heard a peep of exhortation regarding the masses celebrating the early election results of vice-president Joe Biden.

Not one word.

Unfortunately, people could get sick in Philadelphia. Do the Governor or Health Secretary care?

On November 16, the Governor tweeted, *“Gatherings in our homes with people we care about feel comfortable, safe, and normal. But they’re helping drive unprecedented COVID spread. It only takes one COVID-positive person to make everyone sick. I urge PA’ians to take precautions to stay safe.”*

According to the Governor, we cannot continue one of the longest American traditions – Thanksgiving. Republicans cannot gather in support of a candidate, yet the Governor’s political party can celebrate in masses without a word of admonition. In fairness, perhaps the Governor is unaware of the rally on the Capitol steps.

After all, he hasn’t been in his office since March. At least I’ve not seen him in my 43 visits to his office.

Considering the antics from the Wolf administration throughout the last few months, have you heard members of the media asking probing questions or holding them accountable to their *own* words? I’ve heard a lot of noise and seen a lot of water carrying by the media and only two, perhaps three, reporters asking real questions to members of the Wolf administration. Perhaps members of the media are all actors in what one Pennsylvania lawmaker gleefully admitted is “political theatre”. Are you enjoying the show?

Even more painful for me than living under hypocritical edicts, is thinking about the thousands of families that lost loved ones in nursing homes. Those families could not be at their loved one’s bedside, say goodbye or have a proper funeral. Families will be looking at an empty spot around the dinner table this Thanksgiving due to Secretary Levine forcing nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients while simultaneously removing their mother from a facility. This thought breaks my heart but strengthens my resolve to fight this outlandish duplicity.

Governor Wolf may have stolen months from your life or more, but I ask that we not allow him to steal this holiday. Despite the last few months, there is much to be thankful for.

I’m thankful for close family and friends now more than ever. I am thankful for the citizens across Pennsylvania this year who have stood for their freedoms. We have become friends with literally thousands of you in our shared love of liberty. And I am thankful we have a national and state Constitution that guarantees our God-given rights, even if our Governor ignores them.

Freedom is a choice – it’s time that we all walk as free people.

The biggest thing that I am thankful for is God’s love and grace for each of us.

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## **MASTRIANO OP-ED: Mount Joy Solar Panel Project Warrants Thorough Investigation**

I have become increasingly alarmed about the lack of transparency regarding the proposed solar panel project in Mount Joy Township, Adams County.

Citizens are frustrated because they feel their voices are not being heard at the local level.

As a state lawmaker, it is important to understand that state officials do not get involved in local land-use matters. However, transparency is paramount – and we need some sunshine in Mount Joy Township.

If approved, a proposed massive industrial solar power plant will cover 1000 acres of prime farmland with 21 miles of eight-foot high barb wire fencing. Additionally, there will be more than 300,000 12-foot high rotating hazardous solar panels. These solar panels will have to be cleaned on a regular basis with well water. As a staunch environmental advocate, this could be devastating, as the project has the possibility of contaminating thousands of private homeowners' water for the next 35 years.

This can have devastating consequences on local residents by unleashing cancer and toxins into the environment.

It is my understanding that state agencies are aware of the concerns that have been raised by township citizens, and those departments are investigating the project.

Hopefully, the investigation will be swift and thorough. Answers are necessary.

Elected and appointed township officials have a solemn duty to uphold the oath of office, abide by state and federal codes, and to conduct themselves in a transparent manner, without any conflicts of interests.

No elected or appointed township official should be able to significantly profit from township decisions that are voted on by the Board of Supervisors. As such, statements of financial interest should be properly and accurately completed. Without following these important procedures, elected or appointed township officials should recuse themselves from any vote.

Transparency is a necessity, now more than ever.

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## **MASTRIANO: Senate Passes Bill to Provide Flexibility on Teacher Certifications.**

HARRISBURG – Schools would have more flexibility to respond to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic under legislation that was approved by the Senate this week, according to [State Senator Doug Mastriano \(R-33\)](#), who supported the bill.

[Senate Bill 1216](#) would ease many certification and staff development requirements that are difficult to fulfill during the pandemic, including waiving the basic skills exam requirement for teacher preparation programs until June 30, 2021; issuing temporary or provisional instructional certificates to individuals who meet certain criteria; extending special education certifications; and extending the deadline to satisfy staff development requirements until June 30, 2021.

“The pandemic has made it extremely difficult – if not impossible – for teachers and prospective teachers to comply with mandated certification requirements,” said Mastriano. “Efforts taken by the General Assembly will help streamline the process for educators to receive those necessary clearances.”

Emergency permit holders would also be allowed to continue to teach, even if they are unable to complete the requirements associated with the permit, because the program credits or assessment could not be completed.

In addition, the bill would delay the use of the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until the 2022-23 school year. Also, any student who completed a course in an academic content area associated with a Keystone Exam is not required to take the test related to that course.

Also, the state’s Education Secretary would have the authority to waive the National Institute for Metalworking Skills assessment and the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute exam requirements.

Additionally, the measure deals with several issues pertaining to pupil transportation. The legislation ensures school entities receive a subsidy payment that is equal to previous years and ensures contractors receive payment from the school entity at normal costs. Also, the bill provides for the transportation of nonpublic school students during the COVID-19 emergency, regardless of whether public schools are open during that time.

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Just an FYI regarding where CCAP stands on election reform issues.

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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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## COUNTY PRIORITY SPOTLIGHT: COUNTIES NEED JUST TWO ELECTIONS REFORMS FOR IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION

CCAP members continue to advocate for a bill that achieves two critical Election Code [priorities](#) to vastly improve their ability to administer elections: additional time for pre-canvassing and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline to 15 days prior to an election. Furthermore, counties urge members of the General Assembly to first focus fixing these two issues, which could solve a number of the challenges counties faced in recent elections, prior to making any more sweeping changes.

Currently, there are a number of elections under consideration in both the House and the Senate. The House State Government Committee on June 15 reported [HB 1300](#), sponsored by Chairman Seth Grove (R-York), a comprehensive Election Code bill that makes a number of significant changes to how elections would operate. While counties appreciate that HB 1300 addresses both pre-canvassing and the mail-in ballot application deadline, the bill also contains many other changes that would further complicate elections administration and warrant further discussion, time and resources for successful implementation. The legislation is expected to come before the full House for further legislative action the week of June 21.

In the Senate, the Special Committee on Election Integrity and Reform created at the beginning of 2021 released its [report](#) on June 14. Its recommendations comprise several legislative changes,

including the counties' two top priorities, as well as recommendations on removing deceased individuals from the voter registration rolls, security measures for drop boxes, training for poll workers and poll watchers, voter ID and further discussions on funding.

Recognizing there is a lot of interest in other updates and changes to the Election Code, CCAP and counties stand ready to serve as a partner in this process to assure any changes are well written and supported by the time and resources needed for successful implementation in order to achieve a bill that allows counties to continue to successfully administer elections.

## COUNTIES IN THE BUDGET: MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

As a part of the FY 2021-2022 state budget, counties have been focused on ensuring funding for county human services, especially increased and sustainable state funding for behavioral health services at a level that responds to societal and economy-driven increases in caseloads. Specifically, counties are requesting a minimum of \$28 million in new funding in the FY 2021–2022 state budget for community mental health services. In addition to new investments, rebuilding this system will require a sustained effort, and so counties are also asking for consideration of a multi-year commitment to provide a minimum 3% annual adjustment for inflation and increased costs.

Community-based mental health services meet people where they are in their communities, providing for upfront prevention and supplemental services that are critical to ensuring the health and wellbeing of those in our communities. These may include student assistance programs in schools, respite, hotlines, prevention, housing, community education and outreach, employment supports and other programs that are not covered under other insurance plans.

County community mental health services are facing a crisis due to being long underfunded, with no new state investments in these services in more than a decade. Further, the COVID-19 pandemic has served to accelerate and deepen the impact of inadequate funding as counties saw an increased need for services, but the overall environment did not allow for community programs. Counties expect to see a significant increase in demand for services due to pent-up need following the pandemic, serving individuals who are new to the county system or delayed seeking assistance on top of stretching already-limited resources before the pandemic.

Counties need the appropriate supports to address mental health concerns. Even with another federal aid package for local governments, counties still need a way to ensure the social services safety net and those it serves are protected and adequately maintained for years to come. Counties cannot build programs without the assurance of long-term funding to sustain these programs.

## PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY LEAGUE RELEASES COUNTY COVID IMPACTS REPORT

In response to the impact of COVID-19 on Pennsylvania counties, CCAP partnered with the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) to administer a survey on the effects of COVID-19. Using county feedback from that survey, PEL developed a [report](#) displaying information on the impact of COVID-19 on counties and how counties are reacting to the pandemic. The results of the study are aimed to

help state and local governments, and organizations such as PEL, advocate for and assist counties during and after this crisis. The full report can be found on the PEL [website](#).

## PUC ANNOUNCES IMPACT FEE DISTRIBUTIONS

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) posted details of the distribution of the 2020 natural gas impact fees, which total a little more than \$146 million. This year's distribution is approximately \$32.6 million lower than last year, mostly due to a lower average price of natural gas in 2020 versus 2019, after a decline in impact fee revenues the prior year as well.

Under the Act 13 distribution formula, counties with spud wells will receive \$25.7 million this year, while all 67 counties will share about \$7.6 million in Legacy Fund monies for open space purposes, which counties should receive on or around July 1. Additional details about the distributions can be found on the CCAP website under [Resources and Reports](#).

In addition, the state's Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has released its [outlook](#) for the 2021 impact fee collections, which will be collected and distributed in 2022, suggesting two potential scenarios. The first predicts an increase in the cost of natural gas and the associated fee schedule, resulting in a projected increase of \$21.4 million in collections. The second, yet less likely, scenario is based on an even higher rate of price recovery and is predicted to yield a \$74.3 million increase in collections over CY 2020.

## PRE-BUDGET LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

As the General Assembly gears up for the passage of the FY 2021-2022 state budget before an expected summer recess, legislative activity on other bills has also been increasing. Along with the state budget and elections-related initiatives, CCAP has been monitoring several other bills of interest for counties that have seen recent movement in the House and Senate.

### **HB 264 – Tax Sale Bidder Registration**

CCAP submitted written comments on legislation regarding tax sale bidder registration. Introduced by Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon), HB 264 would create a program in each county to have prospective tax sale bidders register before each sale and certify that they do not have delinquent taxes or outstanding code violations. While counties believe this bill would capture a current best practice in statute, there are concerns with the mandatory provisions under the bill as currently drafted. The bill was recently voted out of Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee unanimously (11-0) and moves to the full Senate for consideration.

### **HB 1170/SB 478 – Contracts for Services When Bids are Requested but Not Received**

Senate Bill 1170, sponsored by Rep. Christina Sappey (D-Chester), would provide for situations where bids for contracts or purchases are required but not received, under the same terms as the current law. Specifically, if no bids are received for a contract for services after two advertisements, the local government would be able to initiate negotiations for a contract to obtain the services advertised. Further, the bill also assures that the terms of any negotiated contract, including the proposed contract price and identity of the parties, must be publicly announced at a meeting of the governing

body before the contract is executed. CCAP conveyed support of the bill to the House Local Government Committee, where it was approved unanimously (25-0) and now goes before the full House for consideration. In the Senate, Sen. Cris Dush's (R-Jefferson) identical legislation, SB 478, also received a unanimous vote by the full body and the bill now goes to the House for consideration.

#### **HB 1591 – Census County Classification Delay**

Former CCAP member Rep. Jerry Knowles (R-Schuylkill) has introduced legislation that would amend the County Code to delay impacts of census-based county class changes. Specifically, with more limited time this year due to 2020 census delays, HB 1591 would freeze any county class changes until 2030, unless a change based on population outcome is otherwise adopted via ordinance or resolution because the county deems it to be in their constituents' best interests. This bill was unanimously (25-0) reported by the House Local Government Committee and moves to the full House for consideration.

#### **SB 477 – Improving Submission of Building Permits**

Senate Bill 477, sponsored by Sen. Judy Ward (R-Blair), would improve proper and timely submission of building permits to county assessment offices by offering counties additional options to follow up with municipalities and third party agencies when they believe such submission is not occurring. The bill was approved by a vote of 46-1 in the Senate and moves to the House for consideration. Senate Bill 477 is a product of the Local Government Commission's Assessment Reform Task Force.

#### **SB 503 – Heart and Lung Expansion**

Senate Bill 503, introduced by Sen. Mike Regan (R-Cumberland), would expand the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, also known as the Heart and Lung Act, to include county corrections and probation officers. CCAP has continued to express opposition, citing the significant cost estimate to counties. As currently drafted, only participating counties would be impacted. While this provision is important to include since it would only include probation and corrections officers for the counties who elect to participate, the irrevocability of the provision is challenging since it could become an unfunded mandate for future boards of commissioners. The bill was unanimously approved in the Senate (50-0) and now goes to the House for consideration.

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## **2021 CCAP PRIORITIES STATUS UPDATE**

In January, CCAP members identified five priorities for 2021, including elections reforms, specifically pre-canvassing and mail-in ballot application deadlines, broadband expansion, solutions to the emergency medical services crisis, protect funding for county human services and increased funding for community mental health services. An update on counties' progress on these priorities can be found [here](#).

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## **NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference will be held in person and virtually in Prince George's County, Md., from July 9-12, 2021, including meetings of NACo's policy committees and the NACo Annual Business Meeting and Election. Additional details and registration for this hybrid conference are available on the [NACo website](#).

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**  
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Please protect the county funding in the remaining 2020-2021 budget to be approved. We definitely need full funding, especially to cover the growing need for mental health. With our minimal increase in tax revenues for 2021 will be unable to keep pace with our expenses. We entered 2020 with a good financial position and good bond rating, but year end challenges and 2021 expenses will leave Adams County with a 2021 deficit. We will likely have to borrow from our reserves to keep a balanced budget; raising taxes is not an option for 2021. The funding that the counties receive in the remaining State Budget will have an extremely strong impact on our financial status for 2021. Your help is essential to the financial health of Adams County. JIM Martin County Commissioner

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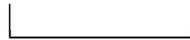
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I am not aware that the committee approached us for any insight. Adams County followed the law and did not alter even in the face of Brockvar directives. In reality we have been disenfranchised by other counties operating contrary to the election code. Many of our citizens have complained that their signatures were verified at the poll and main-in ballots were not required to have signatures verified. Integrity was violated. Adams County verified mail-in signatures and had only one drop box (inside courthouse with surveillance). Multiple drop boxes scattered about the county is a lack of control and weakening election integrity. We are on a dangerous path if we follow the promulgations of the Acting Sec. of State (Veronica De.....). A County or Counties that do things correctly needs to be at the table, I hope that is happening. Thanks for your time and help. JIM Martin

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## **After Wolf's Blunder, Senate Votes to Support Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse**

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The Senate re-started the process this week to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow victims of childhood sexual abuse to file lawsuits against their abusers even if the statute of limitations had expired. The resolution would address the issue after an egregious blunder by the Wolf Administration will prevent the amendment from appearing on the ballot in the spring primary election on May 18.

Lawmakers approved a proposed Constitutional amendment that would [create a two-year window for retroactive lawsuits](#) for victims whose statute of limitations has already expired. However, the Wolf Administration failed to properly advertise the amendment, meaning sexual assault survivors must now wait until 2023 at the earliest for the measure to be considered by voters.

Lawmakers weighed several different options to fully rectify the Wolf Administration's blunder. However, none of these options – including an emergency amendment to the Constitution or legislation to open a two-year window for lawsuits – were likely to withstand legal challenges and would have provided false hope to sexual assault survivors.

Creating a window for retroactive lawsuits would complete all the recommendations of a 2018 Grand Jury Report that detailed shocking cases of the sexual abuse of children.

Lawmakers have already created laws to address the other recommendations, including eliminating the criminal statute of limitations for future cases of sexual abuse of a child, as well as associated crimes such as human trafficking; extending the deadline for civil actions from age 30 to age 55; clarifying mandatory reporting standards for suspected cases of abuse; increasing penalties for mandated reporters who continue to fail to report suspected child abuse; and ensuring survivors who sign non-disclosure statements are not prohibited from speaking with law enforcement regarding their abuse.

## **Bipartisan Election Integrity Committee Meets to Gather State and Local Insights**

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The bipartisan Special Committee on Election Integrity and Reform [held its second public hearing](#) on Tuesday to gather testimony on the administration of the election from state and local officials, including representatives from the Department of State, county election officials and county commissioners.

State residents are encouraged to submit their thoughts and comments through the [online form](#).

## **Budget Hearings Focus on Job Creation, Broadband, Corrections Costs**

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The Senate Appropriations Committee continued to study Governor Wolf's budget proposal on Monday with [budget hearings](#) with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), the Department of Corrections and the Board of Probation and Parole.

The conversation with DCED focused on programs designed to spur job growth, including tax credits to support manufacturing and other critical industries. Members of the committee also raised concerns about the governor’s proposed cuts to broadband funding for underserved areas.

Lawmakers also learned during the Corrections hearing that the number of inmates was reduced by more than 6,000 over the past year, which is the largest drop in Pennsylvania history, with an anticipated further reduction of 2,000 inmates next year.

Budget hearings are [scheduled to continue](#) on April 6.

## Personal Income Tax Filing Deadlines Extended to May 17

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The deadline for taxpayers to file their state and federal personal income tax returns has been extended from April 15 to May 17. The extension provides additional time for taxpayers to navigate the difficulties stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension applies both to tax filing and payments.

Pennsylvania taxpayers can now file their state personal income tax returns online at [my.path.pa.gov](https://my.path.pa.gov).

## Eight Counties Added to Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine

The [spotted lanternfly](#) is an invasive species that feeds on many types of plants that are important to Pennsylvania's economy. Eight counties were [recently added to the quarantine zone](#), bringing the statewide total to 34 counties under restriction.

One [estimate](#) found that under a worst-case scenario, the spotted lanternfly could lead to more than \$550 million in expected losses for Pennsylvania's economy and nearly 5,000 jobs lost. Pennsylvanians are encouraged to report sightings of the spotted lanternfly by calling 1-888-422-3359 and to destroy any egg masses or spotted lanternflies they see.

## **PennDOT CDL and Learner's Permit Extensions End March 31**

The expiration dates for commercial driver licenses (CDL) and commercial learner's permits have been extended several times during the COVID-19 pandemic. The final extension is scheduled to expire on March 31, and no additional extensions are expected to be offered.

Motorists who are covered by extensions that run from March 16, 2020, through March 31, 2021, are encouraged to renew these licenses and permits as soon as possible before they expire next week.

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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Barry Cockley](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 11:14:00 AM

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Barry, I think you have an omission in your letter. You missed the word "not" before support in the last sentence of the first paragraph. A reason to send the letter again to correct your statement. Please send the letter to his personal email. Thanks for informing me of his letter. Please make arrangements so we can meet. JM

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**From:** Barry Cockley <[iba@group-benefits.net](mailto:iba@group-benefits.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** Marty Qually <[mqually@adamscounty.us](mailto:mqually@adamscounty.us)>  
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Commissioner Qually –

I am shocked and saddened to receive this letter from you. If you were sincere in your concern, you would know that President Trump specifically stated at the gathering on the Mall in D.C. on January 6, 2021 that he wanted a peaceful protest. He stated that afternoon when news came to him of the breach of the Capital building by both Trump supporters and BLM and ANTIFA supporters dressed to look like Trump supporters, that this is not America. The President emphatically stated that he does support this lawless action and encouraged everyone to respect law and order and to go home.

Sadly, I am certain that you are aware of these truths. Even so, you choose to join the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in making false claims against the President of the United States and State Senator Doug Mastriano. The State Senator had every right to participate in a peaceful protest and left the premises when a handful of rogue players representing multiple political factions stormed the Capital.

I am appalled that you would attempt to use this dark time in our Nation's history as a partisan cudgel to bludgeon your political opposition. Shame on you!

Sincerely,

Barry Cockley  
Berwick Township Supervisor

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**Subject:** FW: Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning

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**From:** Marty Qually <[martyqually@gmail.com](mailto:martyqually@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 3:25 PM

**To:** Marty Qually <[martyqually@gmail.com](mailto:martyqually@gmail.com)>

**Cc:** [dmastriano@pasen.gov](mailto:dmastriano@pasen.gov)

**Subject:** Letter for PA State Senator Mastriano's resigning

Municipal elected officials,

On January 6th our nation suffered one of the most disgusting attacks on our government in our history. Like all of you and most Americans, I was glued to the television as the sickening events unfolded. Overshadowing my sense of disgust or concern for those involved, was a profound sense of powerlessness as an elected official. This is not how we govern in America.

Attached is a letter that I am sending to State Senator Mastriano asking for his resignation. Each of you represent municipalities within his district. While I doubt you all will agree with me on the need for this letter, I firmly believe that our senator's rhetoric leading up to January 6th and his presence in DC are a stain on his district. In each of our communities residents fought in the American Revolution and in many Southcentral communities blood was spilled during the Civil War to preserve America.

While my letter may not result in its intended goal, in good conscience I cannot remain quiet. We all know that we have residents in our communities who support the failed uprising in DC. While I value dissent, the actions in DC were profoundly unAmerican and those who have fanned these flames should be held accountable for their failed leadership.

Lastly, if you agree with the sentiment in my letter, I encourage you to sign on to it or draft your own. If you believe my comments are too strong, then I encourage you to write your own. Likewise if you agree with our Senator, make that publicly known. What I cannot encourage is for local leaders to remain quiet as the fabric of our democracy is being torn apart.

The views in this letter are mine alone and to my knowledge do not reflect the opinions of my fellow Adams County Commissioners.

All of my respect to you and for your dedication to your residents.

Marty Karsteter Qually  
Adams County Commissioner

**P.S. Since my contact list did not have the emails for each elected official, I ask that municipal secretaries or managers on this email please forward this request to your respective boards. Likewise, the database which I used to find email accounts may have been incomplete or duplicative, so I apologies if you receive multiple emails, if someone was missed due to a vacancy appointment, or if I did not have all of your peers' emails.**

**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com](mailto:asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Mastriano & DC  
**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 2:59:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Capitol Breach.docx](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Amber, please find attached my remarks. Thank you. JIM Martin

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**From:** Randy Phiel <[rphiel@adamscounty.us](mailto:rphiel@adamscounty.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** Jim Martin <[jmartin@adamscounty.us](mailto:jmartin@adamscounty.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Mastriano & DC

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**  
Reporter

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## Response to January 6<sup>th</sup> breach of US Capitol

I am not privy to any information that rhetoric started the storming of the US Capitol. However, it was reminiscing of the storming of the Wisconsin Capitol a number of years ago. That act and the breach of the US Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> were gravely disheartening and reprehensible. My reaction to both of these, “this cannot be happening; this is not what America is about”. Our republic is based upon the foundational principles of respect for law and order and self-government. Those foundations were violated by the storming of the US Capitol on Wednesday. Such actions are not to be condoned and have no place in America.

My confidence in our Government rests in those that are wholly committed to a moral and civil society. I pray that that commitment will continue to be our compass. The breach of the US Capitol failed its ultimate mission because the majority of protesters, peaceful, would not disgrace the seat of our republic. Those that disgraced our Capitol should be brought to justice and punished to the fullest extent of the law. If we the people allow that kind of unrest to pervade in our nation, we will destroy the greatest opportunity of any nation to fulfill our pursuits protected by the US Constitution.

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**From:** [Walter Brown](#)  
**To:** [Jim Martin](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 1:36:36 PM

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**From:** [Jim Martin](#)  
**To:** [Ebersole, Ruth](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Mastriano / District 33 Ribbon Cutting and Open House  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:44:00 AM

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May I suggest contacting the Adams County Republican Committee to put out an invitations to members and family to attend an open house. JIM Martin

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**From:** Ebersole, Ruth <rebersole@pasen.gov>  
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**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon,

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, the ribbon cutting and open house scheduled for Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> is now postponed until further notice.

We are so thankful to once again have an office in Adams County and look forward to working with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

Regards,

Ruth Ebersole  
Field Representative  
Senator Doug Mastriano  
37 South Main St., Suite 200  
Chambersburg, PA. 17201  
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**Subject:** RE: Senator Mastriano: E-News 11/6/2020  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 2:38:00 PM

When integrity is of the utmost importance our Sec. of State failed us. I certainly agree with your stand to request the secretaries resignation. Congratulations on your victory. JM

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### Senate Leaders Call for PA Secretary of State's Resignation

Pennsylvania's election process this year was among the most chaotic in the country, in large part due to the constantly shifting guidance and last-second edicts from the Department of State. Troublingly, many of the changes unilaterally instituted by Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar directly contradicted the clear language in the Election Code, the majority opinion of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and even the Secretary's own statements before both the state Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court in the past two weeks.

I firmly believe that every vote that was legally submitted by Election Day deserves to be counted, no matter whether those ballots were submitted in person or by mail. However, we cannot have faith in an agency leader who makes the law up as she goes. In light of the Secretary of State's numerous actions to undermine public confidence in Pennsylvania's elections, Senate leaders called for her resignation this week.

A [statement from Senate leaders](#) detailed many of the actions Secretary Boockvar has taken just this week to damage the integrity and public confidence in our elections, including directives that led to unequal treatment of voters in different counties and prevented ballots received after Election Day from being segregated as requested by the U.S. Supreme Court.

## New Laws Support First Responders, Veterans, and More

Several critical measures approved by the Senate recently were signed into law over the past two weeks, including bills to support Pennsylvania's first responders, veterans and military families, and much more.

The new laws include:

- Improvements to [funding programs for first responders](#).
- New protections for [first responders who are injured in the line of duty](#).
- Extending the [Military Family Relief Assistance Program](#).
- Expanding access to [prescription assistance programs for veterans](#).
- The creation of [veterans' courts](#).
- Strengthening the [Veterans Preference law](#).
- Displaying the [POW/MIA flag on state-owned properties](#).
- A measure [expanding access to the state's Clean Slate law](#).
- The establishment of the [PA Housing Tax Credit](#).
- A measure [protecting young victims of sexual assault](#).
- Bills to ensure [proper coverage for mental health and substance use disorders](#).
- Improved care and visitation for [long-term care facility residents](#).
- Expanding [access to broadband services](#).

## Low-Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Open Now

Pennsylvanians who have a heating emergency or are struggling to pay utility bills can apply now for assistance through the state's [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#). The program is open to households earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty rate.

LIHEAP provides grants to help low-income families pay heating bills during the coldest months of the year. Crisis grants are also available for heating emergencies such as a broken furnace, utility termination or fuel shortage. Eligibility and grant amounts are based on income and the number of people living in a household.

Applications for LIHEAP can be completed online on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services (COMPASS) website at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

## Open Enrollment in PA Health Exchange is Available Through January 15

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The open enrollment period for Pennsylvania’s new state-based health insurance exchange is open now through January 15. The state exchange – also known as Pennie – was created by lawmakers last year to transition Pennsylvania away from the federal exchange, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), and allow the state to take local control of operations and customer service to reduce costs to consumers.

The Pennie system is designed to help Pennsylvanians shop for quality health insurance and access financial assistance that may be available to them. State residents can learn more and enroll at [Pennie.com](https://www.pennie.com).

According to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, insurers offering coverage through the Affordable Care Act insurance exchange will provide plans in 2021 with a statewide average decrease of 3.3 percent for individual market plans.

## **New Scams Target Pandemic EBT Benefits, Unemployment Compensation**

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The departments of Human Services and Labor & Industry are warning Pennsylvanians to be vigilant of new scams targeting Pandemic EBT benefits and Unemployment Compensation payments. Both scams involve individuals receiving unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information such as their Social Security number or account passwords. Neither department will ever contact individuals to request this kind of personal information.

If you have questions about whether a call, text or letter regarding EBT benefits is legitimate, contact the Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930. More information on how to identify and report fraud related to Unemployment Compensation benefits is [available here](#).

## Honoring Our Nation's Heroes on Veterans Day

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Communities throughout the country will join together next week on November 11 to celebrate Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have

served our nation in the military.

Our nation has paid a dear price to protect freedom and make the world a safer place, and we must never forget the individual and collective sacrifices that our men and women in uniform have endured to protect the principles and values that make America the greatest country in the world.

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## Response to January 6<sup>th</sup> breach of US Capitol

The breach of the US Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> was gravely disheartening and reprehensible. My first reaction reaction, “this cannot be happening; this is not what America is about”. Our republic is based upon the foundational principles of respect for law and order and self-government. Those foundations were violated by the storming of the US Capitol on Wednesday. Such actions are not to be condoned and have no place in America.

My confidence in our Government rests in those that are wholly committed to a moral and civil society. I pray that that commitment will continue to be our compass. The breach of the Capitol failed its mission because our nation was built to follow a different course. Should a different course be followed than what our nation was built upon , we will fall from the greatest opportunity of any nation to fulfill our pursuits as governed by US Constitution.

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**FROM:** Ashley Lenker White, Director of Government Relations

**DATE:** June 1, 2021

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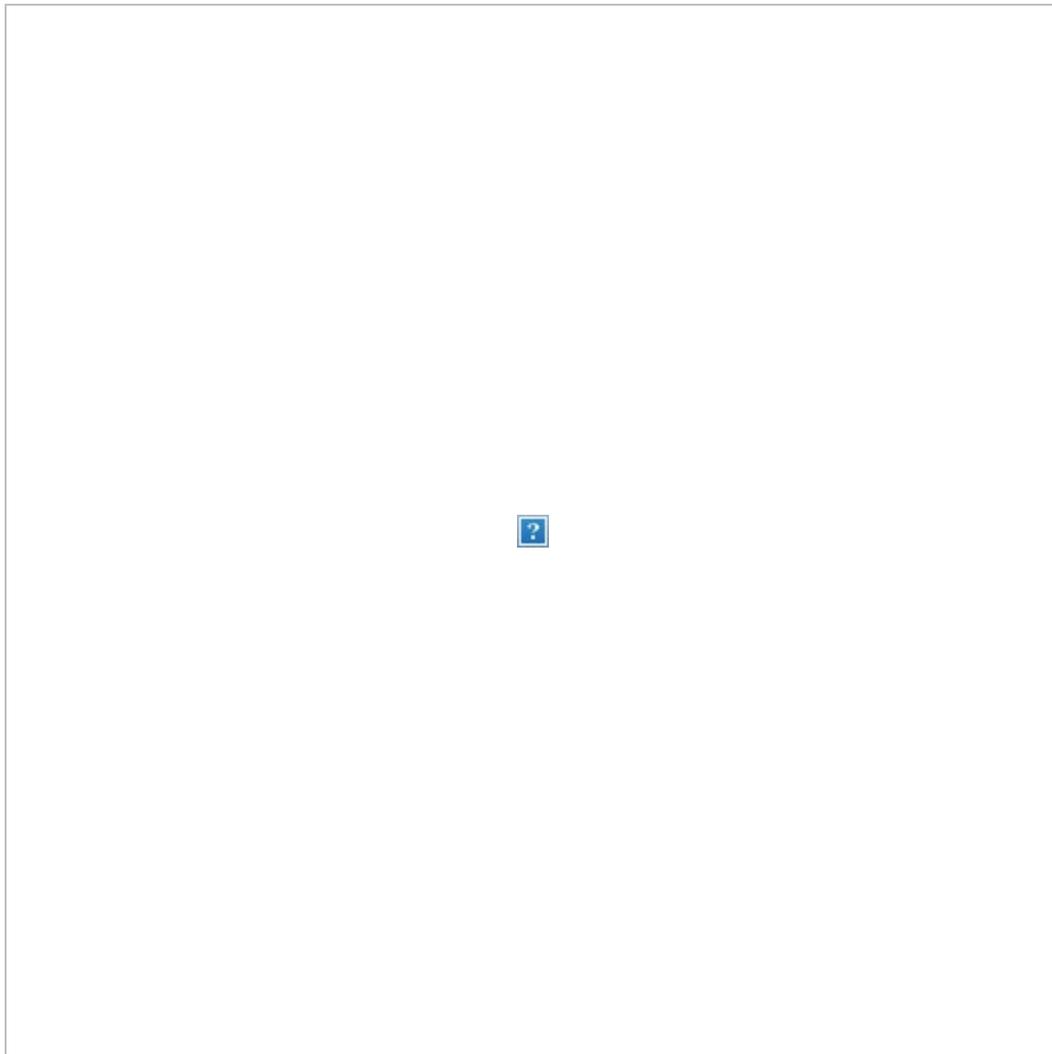
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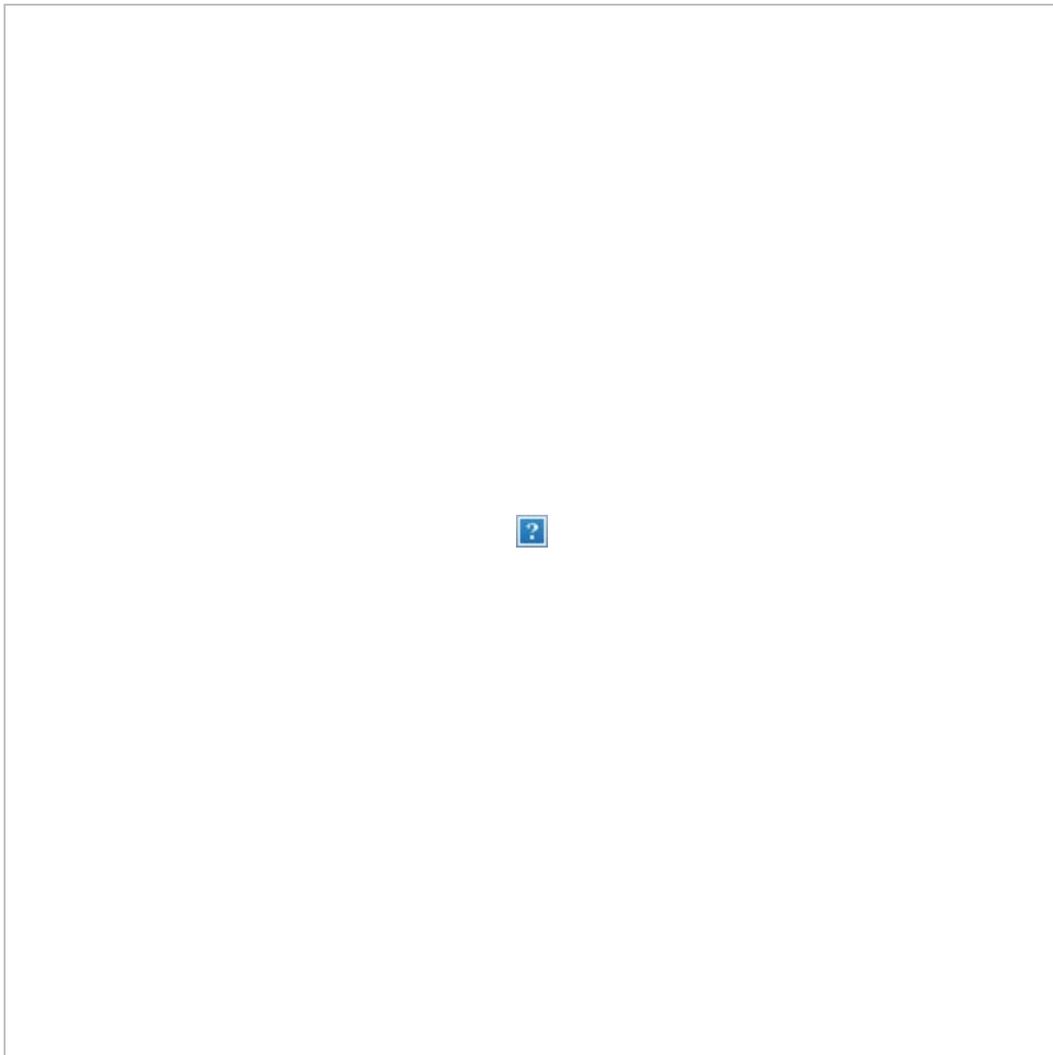


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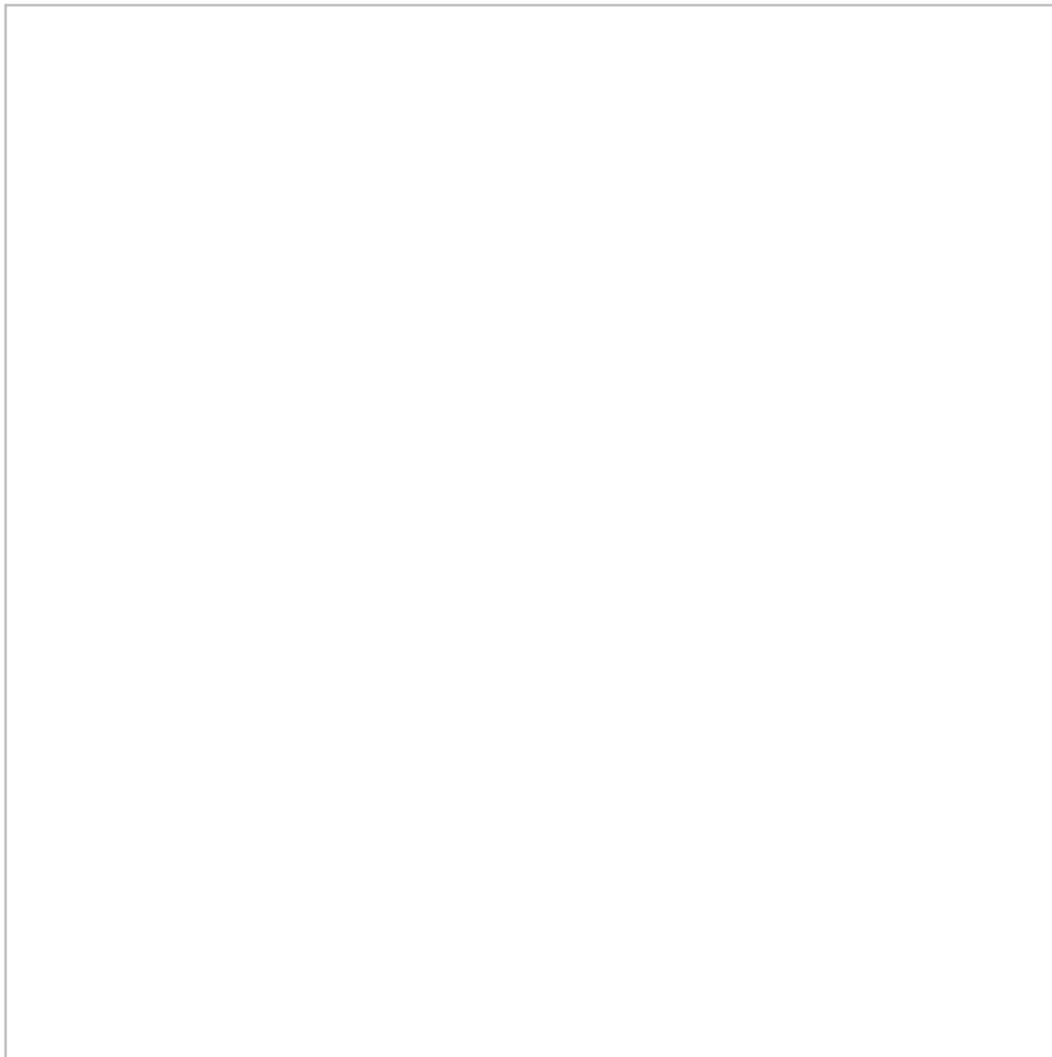
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declarations. Both bills were sent to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Under current law, the rights of law-abiding citizens to open carry firearms can be limited during a state of emergency. The Senate approved a bill that would [ensure these rights are not infringed during a state of emergency](#). The bill would also ensure firearm sales are not prohibited during an emergency declaration.

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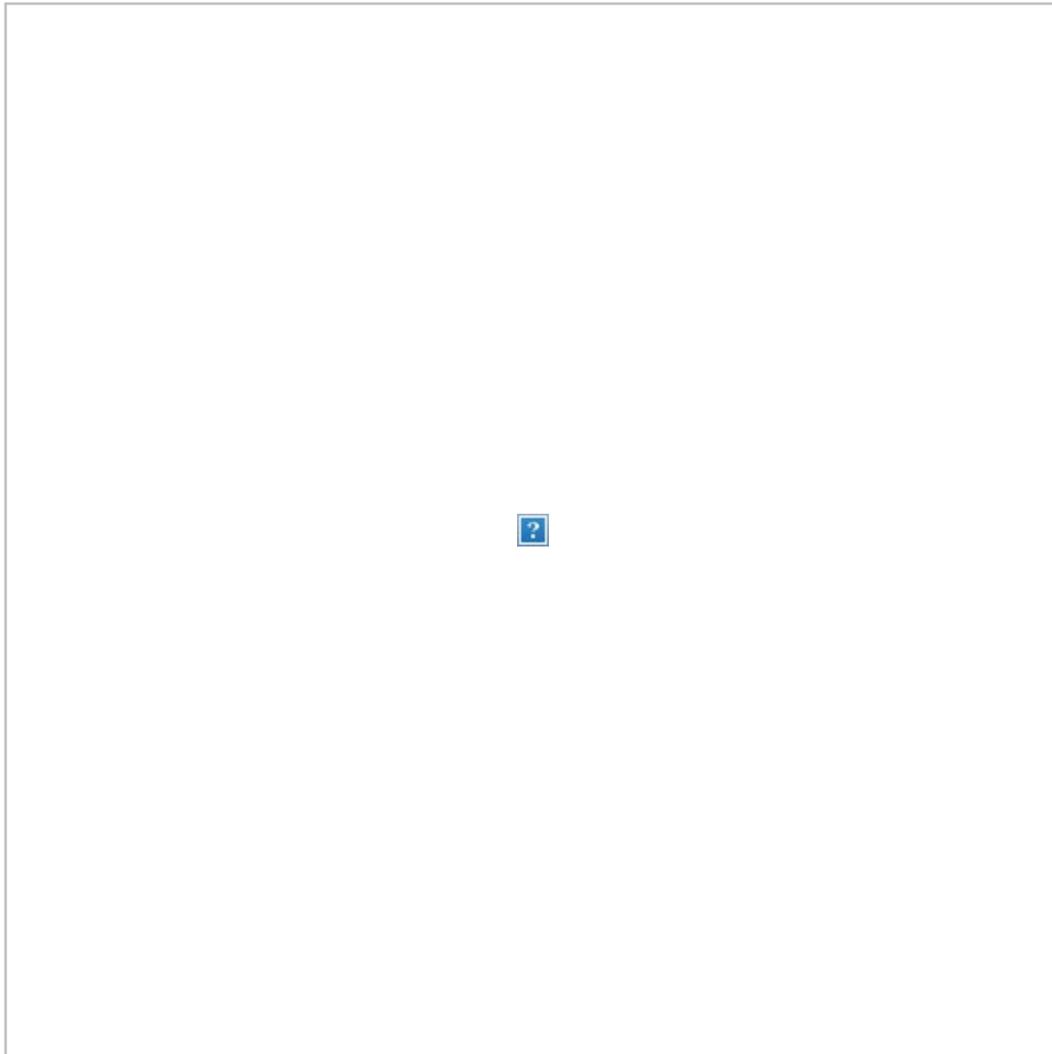


A bill that would [crack down on dangerous repeat DUI offenders](#) was approved by the Senate this week. The bill would increase jail time for certain repeat offenders, double the amount of time that repeat offenders must have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle and ensure repeat DUI offenders with two or more prior offenses serve their sentence consecutively to any other sentence imposed by the court.

The legislation, also known as Deana's Law, also mandates the use of continuous alcohol monitoring devices as a condition of probation, parole or bail. The devices, which are similar to home arrest monitors, are strapped to the wearer and automatically test for the presence of alcohol.

The legislation was named in honor of Deana Eckman, a Delaware County woman who was killed in 2019 in a head-on collision with a repeat DUI offender who was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

## Legislation Supports Organ and Tissue Donation



The Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund was created in 1994 to encourage residents to become organ donors. The program allows Pennsylvanians to voluntarily donate \$3 to the fund through a check-off box when they renew driver licenses, photo ID cards and vehicle registrations.

The General Assembly [approved a bill recently that updates the program](#) to reflect the fact that Pennsylvanians can now complete vehicle registrations on a biannual basis. The legislation allows state residents to donate \$6 instead of \$3 when they complete a biannual registration.

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## **MASTRIANO OP-ED: Double Standards & Hypocrisy – Governor’s Edicts Defy Common Sense.**

Recently I saw a meme depicting an agent of the state applying a battering ram to the front door of a home while shouting, “I know you bought a turkey that feeds more than 10 to 12!”. The outrageousness of the meme garnered a sarcastic chuckle from me but was nonetheless sobering.

To be clear, I am not anticipating anyone’s door to be broken down with a battering ram for the crime of purchasing a large turkey. However, in March, I was not expecting Governor Wolf to declare a state-wide business shutdown, save those with political connections and his family business. I also was not expecting all nursing homes to be on red-alert style lockdowns while the Health Secretary, Dr. Levine, removed a parent from such a facility and placed her in a posh hotel.

Speaking of hypocrisy, has anyone heard if you will catch the Coronavirus by having a drink without your turkey on Thanksgiving? If you mix a little bourbon in your eggnog after 11pm, will you catch the Coronavirus? If my nieces and nephews sit at my kitchen island bar stools, will they be in danger?

Or does this “science” only apply to our sinking small-business restaurants and bars?

It was quite a shock when the Governor placed restrictions on gatherings and then appeared marching in a densely-packed street during a political demonstration. If you recall, the Governor forbade us from singing in church but when thousands descended into Kutztown for the Pennsylvania Cannabis Festival, mum was the word.

Like me, you likely stood in long lines at big box stores to purchase everyday essentials like toilet paper and Clorox when our preferred small business couldn’t obtain a waiver. This hypocrisy is beyond the pale.

I certainly had some political differences with the Governor before the Coronavirus, but no one could have predicted the level of double standards promulgated by Tom Wolf. Recently, the Governor repeatedly chastised President Donald Trump for hosting rallies in the Keystone State. Yet we haven’t heard a peep of exhortation regarding the masses celebrating the early election results of vice-president Joe Biden.

Not one word.

Unfortunately, people could get sick in Philadelphia. Do the Governor or Health Secretary care?

On November 16, the Governor tweeted, *“Gatherings in our homes with people we care about feel comfortable, safe, and normal. But they’re helping drive unprecedented COVID spread. It only takes one COVID-positive person to make everyone sick. I urge PA’ians to take precautions to stay safe.”*

According to the Governor, we cannot continue one of the longest American traditions – Thanksgiving. Republicans cannot gather in support of a candidate, yet the Governor’s political party can celebrate in masses without a word of admonition. In fairness, perhaps the Governor is unaware of the rally on the Capitol steps.

After all, he hasn’t been in his office since March. At least I’ve not seen him in my 43 visits to his office.

Considering the antics from the Wolf administration throughout the last few months, have you heard members of the media asking probing questions or holding them accountable to their *own* words? I’ve heard a lot of noise and seen a lot of water carrying by the media and only two, perhaps three, reporters asking real questions to members of the Wolf administration. Perhaps members of the media are all actors in what one Pennsylvania lawmaker gleefully admitted is “political theatre”. Are you enjoying the show?

Even more painful for me than living under hypocritical edicts, is thinking about the thousands of families that lost loved ones in nursing homes. Those families could not be at their loved one’s bedside, say goodbye or have a proper funeral. Families will be looking at an empty spot around the dinner table this Thanksgiving due to Secretary Levine forcing nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients while simultaneously removing their mother from a facility. This thought breaks my heart but strengthens my resolve to fight this outlandish duplicity.

Governor Wolf may have stolen months from your life or more, but I ask that we not allow him to steal this holiday. Despite the last few months, there is much to be thankful for.

I’m thankful for close family and friends now more than ever. I am thankful for the citizens across Pennsylvania this year who have stood for their freedoms. We have become friends with literally thousands of you in our shared love of liberty. And I am thankful we have a national and state Constitution that guarantees our God-given rights, even if our Governor ignores them.

Freedom is a choice – it’s time that we all walk as free people.

The biggest thing that I am thankful for is God’s love and grace for each of us.

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I have become increasingly alarmed about the lack of transparency regarding the proposed solar panel project in Mount Joy Township, Adams County.

Citizens are frustrated because they feel their voices are not being heard at the local level.

As a state lawmaker, it is important to understand that state officials do not get involved in local land-use matters. However, transparency is paramount – and we need some sunshine in Mount Joy Township.

If approved, a proposed massive industrial solar power plant will cover 1000 acres of prime farmland with 21 miles of eight-foot high barb wire fencing. Additionally, there will be more than 300,000 12-foot high rotating hazardous solar panels. These solar panels will have to be cleaned on a regular basis with well water. As a staunch environmental advocate, this could be devastating, as the project has the possibility of contaminating thousands of private homeowners' water for the next 35 years.

This can have devastating consequences on local residents by unleashing cancer and toxins into the environment.

It is my understanding that state agencies are aware of the concerns that have been raised by township citizens, and those departments are investigating the project.

Hopefully, the investigation will be swift and thorough. Answers are necessary.

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No elected or appointed township official should be able to significantly profit from township decisions that are voted on by the Board of Supervisors. As such, statements of financial interest should be properly and accurately completed. Without following these important procedures, elected or appointed township officials should recuse themselves from any vote.

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[Senate Bill 1216](#) would ease many certification and staff development requirements that are difficult to fulfill during the pandemic, including waiving the basic skills exam requirement for teacher preparation programs until June 30, 2021; issuing temporary or provisional instructional certificates to individuals who meet certain criteria; extending special education certifications; and extending the deadline to satisfy staff development requirements until June 30, 2021.

“The pandemic has made it extremely difficult – if not impossible – for teachers and prospective teachers to comply with mandated certification requirements,” said Mastriano. “Efforts taken by the General Assembly will help streamline the process for educators to receive those necessary clearances.”

Emergency permit holders would also be allowed to continue to teach, even if they are unable to complete the requirements associated with the permit, because the program credits or assessment could not be completed.

In addition, the bill would delay the use of the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until the 2022-23 school year. Also, any student who completed a course in an academic content area associated with a Keystone Exam is not required to take the test related to that course.

Also, the state’s Education Secretary would have the authority to waive the National Institute for Metalworking Skills assessment and the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute exam requirements.

Additionally, the measure deals with several issues pertaining to pupil transportation. The legislation ensures school entities receive a subsidy payment that is equal to previous years and ensures contractors receive payment from the school entity at normal costs. Also, the bill provides for the transportation of nonpublic school students during the COVID-19 emergency, regardless of whether public schools are open during that time.

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**To:** [Dan Moul](#); [tecker@pahousegop.com](mailto:tecker@pahousegop.com); [Jim Martin](#)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 8:37:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[HB2626 Election Updates House 20200902.pdf](#)

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FYI. I reached out to CCAP and received the following response FYI

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:19 PM  
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Hi Randy, thanks so much for reaching out, and for sharing this feedback. For your reference, I wanted to share a copy of the memo we sent to the House regarding HB 2626 last session – if you have any questions or want to discuss, please feel free to call or email.

Best,

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**Cc:** Molly Mudd <[mmudd@adamscounty.us](mailto:mmudd@adamscounty.us)>  
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Hi Randy and Jim,

I am in agreement with you that our election code needs fixing. I disagree with you in that we, in the House, did address the very issues that you and CCAP are stating **“URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities – Counties May Be Collateral Damage in Political**

**Standoff**". Last year and yes, last session, after a lengthy discussion with Randy I had introduced my bill, HB2626. This bill would have addressed everything you, CCAP, the governor, directors of all 67 county election offices and the media asked for last fall, and more. House bill 2626 passed the House on September 2, 2020, with a vote of 112-90. There was ample time for the Senate to take up my bill and pass it to the governor for his signature. My question is this, "Why didn't CCAP push for passage of my bill?"

Now here we are, 6 months into 2021 and you, CCAP and others are asking the General Assembly take action. I have again reintroduced my HB2626 compiled in a package of election reform bills. Therefore, if we do bring forth election reform bills addressing your "urgent action" items, we need you, CCAP and the others going to stand united behind us in supporting the bills we pass out of the House.

Dan

*Dan Moul*

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**Subject:** FW: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities

FYI. It seems that counties are victims of this stand-off. Please support these 2 initiatives!

**Randy L. Phiel**

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**TO:** Commissioners, Council Members, Executives, Chief Clerks, Administrators, Solicitors

**FROM:** Ashley Lenker White, Director of Government Relations

**DATE:** June 1, 2021

**RE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities – Counties May Be Collateral Damage in Political Standoff**

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### THE ISSUE

As you heard this morning during our membership call, while the General Assembly is discussing a myriad of election reforms, there has been no action on counties' top priorities: additional pre-cavassing time and moving the ballot application deadline. With no legislative movement and only a month of session left before the summer recess, the time to accomplish these necessary election reforms in time to implement any changes for the November election is dwindling. The next several days are extremely critical for CCAP and counties to convince the General Assembly how important these reforms are, or our window may be perilously close to closing completely to achieving these priorities before the November election.

### TAKE ACTION

Please call and/or email **both** your state House and Senate members by **FRIDAY, JUNE 4**, and ask them to contact their leadership immediately to support county requested changes to Act 77, primarily allowing counties to begin pre-cavassing mail-in ballots before Election Day and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline.

**THE ASK: We call on the General Assembly and Governor to approve legislation for expanded pre-cavassing and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline before the summer recess so counties will have time to implement these changes before the November election.**

- Counties have been calling for these changes as a priority for months.
- We are frustrated by the lack of movement on these two simple issues that would address so many of the challenges we have faced in implementing mail-in ballots.
- We know there is a lot of interest in other updates and changes to the Election Code and

we are absolutely interested in working with the General Assembly on those, but first and foremost, what we really need is two simple fixes to help us improve the processes currently in law.

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**

Reporter

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Good afternoon Randy,

The following dates and times work for Dan at this time:

March 29 – any time after 9:30 am  
March 30 – any time after 9:30 am  
March 31 – 9:30 am – 10:30 am  
April 1 – any time after 1:00 pm  
April 8 – any time after 10:00 am

I will place a hold on each of these dates until I receive confirmation of the date and time for the meeting. If you would like, we can host the meeting here at our office.

Thank you,  
Chris

*Chris Ann Kimple*

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“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” Henry Ford

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**From:** Randy Phiel <rphiel@adamscounty.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:17 PM  
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**Subject:** Court Funding Concern Meeting

Good Afternoon Doug, Dan & Torren:

The current legislative discussion on funding regarding court services is very concerning for us and has very serious ramifications for counties. Potentially covering this in county funding will create a dilemma for counties. Regardless of politics, counties could be left filling a wide gap.

We feel the seriousness of this situation merits an in-person meeting between the Commissioners, County Manager, President Judge, Court Administrator, and our state legislative delegation. I thus respectfully request that your staff assist in coordinating a meeting regarding that subject at a mutually convenient time and place. I have asked Chief Clerk Paula Neiman to coordinate the particulars for the County.

Thanks to each of you for your service to Adams County!

**Randy L. Phiel**  
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Thank you to everyone for taking the time from your very busy schedules to meet with the county and the courts! Randy

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**Cc:** Randy Phiel <[rphiel@adamscounty.us](mailto:rphiel@adamscounty.us)>  
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Thank you for your prompt reply. A meeting invite will be coming out shortly.

Paula Neiman, Chief Clerk  
County of Adams

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**From:** Catherine Wallen <[Cwallen@pahousegop.com](mailto:Cwallen@pahousegop.com)>  
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Good Morning,  
April 8<sup>th</sup> works for Torren!

*Catherine J. Wallen*

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**Subject:** Court Funding Meeting  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Everyone!

Commissioner Phiel has asked me to schedule an in-person meeting with our State Legislative Delegation and our Courts to discuss our concerns on funding court services. As Commissioner Phiel stated in his previous email this will have serious ramifications for counties. The following dates and times are being offered.

Monday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 30 and 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m.

These dates and times are open for the Board of Commissioners, County Manager Steve Nevada, Solicitor Molly Mudd and Representative Dan Moul. Please let me know at your earliest if any of these dates and times will work with your schedule. A meeting place will be determined after the date has been confirmed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Paula Neiman, Chief Clerk  
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Good morning Randy!  
I will forward your email to Judy Wilson.  
Judy takes care of our grant projects.  
Have a great weekend and stay warm. It's brutal out there.  
Thanks!  
Bev

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**From:** Randy Phiel <rphiel@adamscounty.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Moul, Dan <dmoul@pahousegop.com>; Mastriano, Senator Doug <dmastriano@pasen.gov>  
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Good Morning Doug & Dan:

Attached is an executive summary for the Stratton Street Gettysburg Station Project. This project has been a priority of this Board since we came into office 9 years ago. The project has had a record number of starts and stops over the past 20 years. We have done some heavy lifting in order to jump start this project, including loaning the Adams Economic Alliance 1M to payoff ACNB several years ago. We have been somewhat selective as to the mix of development and would like to see a blend of residential, commercial and retail. As you know this property is in close proximity to the downtown and sits beside the transit station and Gettysburg Parking Garage.

It is my understanding that a Multimodal Transportation Grant has been submitted for an access road and that the grant application period has been moved forward from May to March. Thus, February is a critical month for attempting to move the application forward. An appropriate developer has stepped forward and is willing to contribute private funding toward this initiative.

I am requesting your consideration in contacting the leadership of your respective chambers to stress the importance of this project to your constituents. We are aware of the budget environment and historically limit our requests to matters of significant community need and benefit. This is very high on our priority list and certainly could be considered a legacy economic development, housing and quality of life project for the community. Your assistance would be both appreciated and noted!

Stay Well!

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Thank you, Randy. Much appreciated

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**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** South, Amber <asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Mastriano & DC

I have gotten several requests regarding my position to Wednesday's events. I have and will continue to lead by my actions - which speak much louder than words. I will continue to mediate and facilitate in a fair and even handed manner using the resources available to me for all constituents. County business will continue to be conducted respectfully and civilly in Adams County government. I do feel a responsibility to comment on Wednesday's events and will do. Below is my statement which appeared in the Gettysburg Times this morning.

*"To watch events unfold yesterday were stunning, frustrating, unacceptable and a travesty to our ideals of our democracy's free speech with peaceful protest. When you reach a certain point, fanning the flames of protest that are primed to reach that level of criminality is unacceptable. We all need to take and accept responsibility for our own actions. Those who engaged in criminal activity in Washington on Wednesday should be held accountable. This was a very dark day in our nation's history. As a former career federal law enforcement officer who was involved in numerous large and potentially volatile 1<sup>st</sup> amendment protests, and a current county government official, it was especially painful for me to watch police lines overwhelmed, our nations house breached, ransacked and vandalized while our legislators were escorted to secure quarters. This was the culmination of a national divide that keeps growing wider with no compromise from either side. Working for the greater good seems to have become a waning principal of good government; while throwing down the gauntlet and drawing a line in the sand while engaging in vitriol seems to have gained momentum and favor. We can only hope that this*

*egregious incident causes all factions to take a deep breath and become more tolerant, respectful and civil while retaining your beliefs. This was a traumatic event. On a positive note we started to view signs of reduced antagonism when Congress re-convened Wednesday evening to finish the electoral business they started. We can only hope that memory retention can prevail. I will repeat that the election process in Adams County was carried out with the utmost integrity, in a very difficult election year, thanks to dedicated county staff and poll workers. We are hopeful that our state legislators will listen to county input from around the Commonwealth and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, to institute several changes to our electoral process for both security and administrative benefit. Serving our residents and providing human services is the primary reason that county government exists. I am proud to say that Adams County government affairs are conducted in a manner of respect and professionalism that enhances the ability to more effectively serve our residents. We have operated in that manner since the beginning of our tenure and have no intention of deviating from that course!*

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**

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**Subject:** RE: Ribbon cutting---August 18  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 2:02:33 PM

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Is on my calendar. I must leave by 4:10. Thanks Randy.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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It's a bit hard to believe that mid-August is right around the corner!

If you're still on this message stream I haven't heard from you yet about your attendance for this one. Could you please check your schedule and let me know ASAP?

***Jennifer McCleaf***

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On Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 4:33 PM Jennifer McCleaf <[jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org)> wrote:

Dr. Faye Pleso and Gettysburg Montessori Charter School would like us to help them celebrate the dedication of the newest addition to the school with a ribbon cutting ceremony. It is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18.

The address to the school is 888 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Please check your schedule and let me know if you are able to attend.

Thanks!  
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**Subject:** RE: SB 312 and SB 552  
**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:13:00 AM  
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Gentleman:

Your consideration of SB 312 & SB 552 would be very much appreciated. They both have significant benefit to counties. Commercial requests have morphed into an unreasonable and unsustainable level. I ask your consideration of these two matters in support of counties!

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Dan, I do not have a good answer why CCAP was not pushing your bill. Lisa Shaffer may be able to offer you some insight. JM

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**To:** [Dan Moul](#); [tecker@pahousegop.com](mailto:tecker@pahousegop.com); [Senator Doug Mastriano](#)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities  
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**DATE:** June 1, 2021

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FYI. I reached out to CCAP and received the following response FYI

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:19 PM  
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Hi Randy, thanks so much for reaching out, and for sharing this feedback. For your reference, I wanted to share a copy of the memo we sent to the House regarding HB 2626 last session – if you have any questions or want to discuss, please feel free to call or email.

Best,

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Hi Randy and Jim,

I am in agreement with you that our election code needs fixing. I disagree with you in that we, in the House, did address the very issues that you and CCAP are stating “**URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities – Counties May Be Collateral Damage in Political**

**Standoff**". Last year and yes, last session, after a lengthy discussion with Randy I had introduced my bill, HB2626. This bill would have addressed everything you, CCAP, the governor, directors of all 67 county election offices and the media asked for last fall, and more. House bill 2626 passed the House on September 2, 2020, with a vote of 112-90. There was ample time for the Senate to take up my bill and pass it to the governor for his signature. My question is this, "Why didn't CCAP push for passage of my bill?"

Now here we are, 6 months into 2021 and you, CCAP and others are asking the General Assembly take action. I have again reintroduced my HB2626 compiled in a package of election reform bills. Therefore, if we do bring forth election reform bills addressing your "urgent action" items, we need you, CCAP and the others going to stand united behind us in supporting the bills we pass out of the House.

Dan

*Dan Moul*

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**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Melissa Anese, Government Relations Associate

**DATE:** September 2, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **CCAP Comments on House Bill 2626 – Election Reforms**

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On behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), representing all 67 counties in the commonwealth, I write to share our comments on HB 2626, which provides for a number of election procedure reforms to be implemented in advance of the 2020 General Election.

Current language in House Bill 2626 updates several mail-in voting procedures that may be needed to protect voter and election staff health and safety as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and gives counties additional time to complete election procedures. CCAP greatly appreciates prompt action on this bill so that election officials statewide may implement changes as soon as possible in preparation for the election.

**CCAP supports the following provisions currently in HB 2626:**

- **Allowing the pre-canvass period to begin prior to election day, up to 21 days in advance**, which will offer critical time to begin processing mail-in and absentee ballots so that they can be tabulated on election night and timely and accurate results can be provided to the public.
- **Moving the deadline for applications for absentee and mail-in ballots back to 15 days before an election** to allow more time for ballots to be mailed from the county to the voter and back to the county prior to election day. Voters will be assured that their ballot was received through their confirmation email, so that they do not need to come to the polling place or find other means of returning their ballot. At the same time, counties will have more time to assure poll books are as current as possible with those voters who have applied for, and submitted, mail-in ballots, all adding up to more efficient polling place operations as well as preventing unnecessary crowds as counties continue to implement COVID-19 risk management strategies.

**Important note:** Changing the receipt deadline to allow ballots postmarked by election day

and received up to three days after the election, instead of moving back the deadline, *will likely cause a delay in results and disruption at the polls*. This “solution” will do nothing to discourage voters from waiting until the last minute to return ballots, requires additional clarity on what constitutes a postmark as voters seek other delivery methods, and will lead to more provisional voting at the polls as, again, voters who do not yet have confirmation that their mail-in ballot was received will still show up in person to be on the safe side. This will only cause unnecessary lines, crowds, more time spent in the polling location and a longer wait on election results as counties must then reconcile mail-in and provisional ballots for accuracy). Moving the application deadline back is the best opportunity to enfranchise our mail-in voters.

**CCAP offers the following comments on other election reform proposals:**

- **Oppose a requirement to record pre-canvassing proceedings.** To be clear, counties support transparency in the pre-canvass process, currently permitted by allowing each candidate in an election and each political party to have a representative present to observe the process, the same as for the traditional canvassing process. However, counties are concerned that the language is confusing about what would be expected procedurally, costs and expectations of how to implement this proposal and share the recording with the public. In particular, it is unclear whether public inspection includes both in-person viewing and copying the recording, or only in-person viewing – if the former, may counties charge for the media devices on which to store them, and is there an issue of those recordings end up on the internet? If the latter, when must the recordings of the canvassing be made available? With so many unanswered questions that are likely to lead to confusion at best and litigation at worst, counties oppose rushing such a provision through for November.
- **Moving the date back for when counties have to start sending ballots – rather than encouraging the courts to timely resolve challenges – raises concern that 28 days is too far out to ensure that any court proceedings needed for ballot verification can be completed.** A prime example exists with the current federal litigation as Judge Ranjan has allowed for plaintiffs to appeal the stay if a state decision is not rendered by Oct. 5 – 29 days prior to the election. If this timeframe must be moved, CCAP recommends no more than 21 days as the final date to be considered.
- **Address all other issues after November if they are not vital to assuring ballots are received by 8 p.m. or to assuring timely election results.** Any provision which is not necessary for the November election, particularly if it may delay the legislative process, should be postponed for further consideration. Counties and voters need as few changes as possible to make sure they can be implemented smoothly, and thus the current legislative effort should remain focused on that narrow set of issues.

Counties have a significant responsibility in assuring elections remain fair and secure at every step of the process, and we appreciate our strong partnership with the state to meet the needs

of Pennsylvania's voters. We look forward to working with the commonwealth to continue to fulfill this responsibility, and the responsibility to protect the health and safety of our residents, as we work through implementing reforms in advance of the 2020 General Election.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if we can answer any questions or be of further assistance.



**From:** [South Amber](#)  
**To:** [Randy Piel](#); [Jim Martin](#); [Marty Qually](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, January 8, 2021 9:57:49 AM  
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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**

Reporter

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Good afternoon Randy,

The following dates and times work for Dan at this time:

March 29 – any time after 9:30 am  
March 30 – any time after 9:30 am  
March 31 – 9:30 am – 10:30 am  
April 1 – any time after 1:00 pm  
April 8 – any time after 10:00 am

I will place a hold on each of these dates until I receive confirmation of the date and time for the meeting. If you would like, we can host the meeting here at our office.

Thank you,  
Chris

*Chris Ann Kimple*

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“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” Henry Ford

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**Subject:** Court Funding Concern Meeting

Good Afternoon Doug, Dan & Torren:

The current legislative discussion on funding regarding court services is very concerning for us and has very serious ramifications for counties. Potentially covering this in county funding will create a dilemma for counties. Regardless of politics, counties could be left filling a wide gap.

We feel the seriousness of this situation merits an in-person meeting between the Commissioners, County Manager, President Judge, Court Administrator, and our state legislative delegation. I thus respectfully request that your staff assist in coordinating a meeting regarding that subject at a mutually convenient time and place. I have asked Chief Clerk Paula Neiman to coordinate the particulars for the County.

Thanks to each of you for your service to Adams County!

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Thank you to everyone for taking the time from your very busy schedules to meet with the county and the courts! Randy

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**Cc:** Randy Phiel <[rphiel@adamscounty.us](mailto:rphiel@adamscounty.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Court Funding Meeting

Thank you for your prompt reply. A meeting invite will be coming out shortly.

Paula Neiman, Chief Clerk  
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**From:** Catherine Wallen <[Cwallen@pahousegop.com](mailto:Cwallen@pahousegop.com)>  
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Good Morning,  
April 8<sup>th</sup> works for Torren!

*Catherine J. Wallen*

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**Subject:** Court Funding Meeting  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Everyone!

Commissioner Phiel has asked me to schedule an in-person meeting with our State Legislative Delegation and our Courts to discuss our concerns on funding court services. As Commissioner Phiel stated in his previous email this will have serious ramifications for counties. The following dates and times are being offered.

Monday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 30 and 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m.

These dates and times are open for the Board of Commissioners, County Manager Steve Nevada, Solicitor Molly Mudd and Representative Dan Moul. Please let me know at your earliest if any of these dates and times will work with your schedule. A meeting place will be determined after the date has been confirmed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Paula Neiman, Chief Clerk  
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**To:** [Randy Phiel](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Gettysburg Station  
**Date:** Friday, January 29, 2021 9:54:47 AM  
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Good morning Randy!  
I will forward your email to Judy Wilson.  
Judy takes care of our grant projects.  
Have a great weekend and stay warm. It's brutal out there.  
Thanks!  
Bev

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**From:** Randy Phiel <rphiel@adamscounty.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Moul, Dan <dmoul@pahousegop.com>; Mastriano, Senator Doug <dmastriano@pasen.gov>  
**Cc:** Frey, Bev <bfrey@pasen.gov>; Chris Kimple <ckimple@pahousegop.com>; Pitzer, Scot <spitzer@pasen.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Gettysburg Station

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Good Morning Doug & Dan:

Attached is an executive summary for the Stratton Street Gettysburg Station Project. This project has been a priority of this Board since we came into office 9 years ago. The project has had a record number of starts and stops over the past 20 years. We have done some heavy lifting in order to jump start this project, including loaning the Adams Economic Alliance 1M to payoff ACNB several years ago. We have been somewhat selective as to the mix of development and would like to see a blend of residential, commercial and retail. As you know this property is in close proximity to the downtown and sits beside the transit station and Gettysburg Parking Garage.

It is my understanding that a Multimodal Transportation Grant has been submitted for an access road and that the grant application period has been moved forward from May to March. Thus, February is a critical month for attempting to move the application forward. An appropriate developer has stepped forward and is willing to contribute private funding toward this initiative.

I am requesting your consideration in contacting the leadership of your respective chambers to stress the importance of this project to your constituents. We are aware of the budget environment and historically limit our requests to matters of significant community need and benefit. This is very high on our priority list and certainly could be considered a legacy economic development, housing and quality of life project for the community. Your assistance would be both appreciated and noted!

Stay Well!

**Randy L. Phiel**  
**Adams County Commissioner, Chairman**  
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**From:** [South, Amber](#)  
**To:** [Randy Phiel](#)  
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Thank you, Randy. Much appreciated

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**Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** South, Amber <asouth@PublicOpinionNews.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Mastriano & DC

I have gotten several requests regarding my position to Wednesday's events. I have and will continue to lead by my actions - which speak much louder than words. I will continue to mediate and facilitate in a fair and even handed manner using the resources available to me for all constituents. County business will continue to be conducted respectfully and civilly in Adams County government. I do feel a responsibility to comment on Wednesday's events and will do. Below is my statement which appeared in the Gettysburg Times this morning.

*"To watch events unfold yesterday were stunning, frustrating, unacceptable and a travesty to our ideals of our democracy's free speech with peaceful protest. When you reach a certain point, fanning the flames of protest that are primed to reach that level of criminality is unacceptable. We all need to take and accept responsibility for our own actions. Those who engaged in criminal activity in Washington on Wednesday should be held accountable. This was a very dark day in our nation's history. As a former career federal law enforcement officer who was involved in numerous large and potentially volatile 1<sup>st</sup> amendment protests, and a current county government official, it was especially painful for me to watch police lines overwhelmed, our nations house breached, ransacked and vandalized while our legislators were escorted to secure quarters. This was the culmination of a national divide that keeps growing wider with no compromise from either side. Working for the greater good seems to have become a waning principal of good government; while throwing down the gauntlet and drawing a line in the sand while engaging in vitriol seems to have gained momentum and favor. We can only hope that this*

*egregious incident causes all factions to take a deep breath and become more tolerant, respectful and civil while retaining your beliefs. This was a traumatic event. On a positive note we started to view signs of reduced antagonism when Congress re-convened Wednesday evening to finish the electoral business they started. We can only hope that memory retention can prevail. I will repeat that the election process in Adams County was carried out with the utmost integrity, in a very difficult election year, thanks to dedicated county staff and poll workers. We are hopeful that our state legislators will listen to county input from around the Commonwealth and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, to institute several changes to our electoral process for both security and administrative benefit. Serving our residents and providing human services is the primary reason that county government exists. I am proud to say that Adams County government affairs are conducted in a manner of respect and professionalism that enhances the ability to more effectively serve our residents. We have operated in that manner since the beginning of our tenure and have no intention of deviating from that course!*

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Hello, commissioners:

I am working on a story for Chambersburg Public Opinion and several other local media outlets about the fallout of Sen. Doug Mastriano's attendance at the events in DC this week. He says he left once rioting began, but Democratic state lawmakers are calling for him to resign. They say his rhetoric contributed to the environment.

As leaders in Adams County, do you – individually or as a group – have any comment?

Thank you,

**Amber South**

Reporter

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**Cc:** [Moyer-Schwille, Kelley](#); [Paula Neiman](#); [Lisa Moreno-Woodward](#); [Catherine Wallen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Ribbon cutting---August 18  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 2:02:33 PM

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Is on my calendar. I must leave by 4:10. Thanks Randy.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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It's a bit hard to believe that mid-August is right around the corner!

If you're still on this message stream I haven't heard from you yet about your attendance for this one. Could you please check your schedule and let me know ASAP?

***Jennifer McCleaf***

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On Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 4:33 PM Jennifer McCleaf <[jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org)> wrote:

Dr. Faye Pleso and Gettysburg Montessori Charter School would like us to help them celebrate the dedication of the newest addition to the school with a ribbon cutting ceremony. It is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18.

The address to the school is 888 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Please check your schedule and let me know if you are able to attend.

Thanks!  
Jenn

***Jennifer McCleaf***

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**From:** [Randy Phiel](#)  
**To:** [Jim Martin](#); [dargall@pasen.gov](mailto:dargall@pasen.gov); [Senator Doug Mastriano](#)  
**Cc:** [Molly Mudd](#); [Steve Nevada](#)  
**Subject:** RE: SB 312 and SB 552  
**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:13:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Gentleman:

Your consideration of SB 312 & SB 552 would be very much appreciated. They both have significant benefit to counties. Commercial requests have morphed into an unreasonable and unsustainable level. I ask your consideration of these two matters in support of counties!

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**To:** [Randy Phiel](#); [Jim Martin](#); [Torren Ecker](#); [Doug Mastriano](#)  
**Cc:** [Molly Mudd](#)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities  
**Date:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:18:44 AM  
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**TO:** Commissioners, Council Members, Executives, Chief Clerks, Administrators, Solicitors

**FROM:** Ashley Lenker White, Director of Government Relations

**DATE:** June 1, 2021

**RE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities – Counties May Be Collateral Damage in Political Standoff**

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#### THE ISSUE

As you heard this morning during our membership call, while the General Assembly is discussing a myriad of election reforms, there has been no action on counties' top priorities: additional pre-cavassing time and moving the ballot application deadline. With no legislative movement and only a month of session left before the summer recess, the time to accomplish these necessary election reforms in time to implement any changes for the November election is dwindling. The next several days are extremely critical for CCAP and counties to convince the General Assembly how important these reforms are, or our window may be perilously close to closing completely to achieving these priorities before the November election.

## TAKE ACTION

Please call and/or email **both** your state House and Senate members by **FRIDAY, JUNE 4**, and ask them to contact their leadership immediately to support county requested changes to Act 77, primarily allowing counties to begin pre-canvassing mail-in ballots before Election Day and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline.

**THE ASK: We call on the General Assembly and Governor to approve legislation for expanded pre-canvassing and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline before the summer recess so counties will have time to implement these changes before the November election.**

- Counties have been calling for these changes as a priority for months.
- We are frustrated by the lack of movement on these two simple issues that would address so many of the challenges we have faced in implementing mail-in ballots.
- We know there is a lot of interest in other updates and changes to the Election Code and we are absolutely interested in working with the General Assembly on those, but first and foremost, what we really need is two simple fixes to help us improve the processes currently in law.
- Other reforms that have been suggested would require significant changes, resources and time to implement, particularly in a short period of time, and will cause additional stress on an already overwhelmed system, when counties are confident that our two simple reforms will instead ease a vast majority of the challenges we have faced in recent elections.

Also, please contact your local media outlets (newspaper, TV, radio and online) to promote the changes needed, as well as to educate media representatives and show local residents that you are seeking changes that will enable your county to continue administering elections fairly, securely and accurately.

Additional elections reforms and complete talking points can be found in the CCAP [2021 Spring Advocacy Guide](#) or on the CCAP website, [www.pacounties.org](http://www.pacounties.org), under the Legislative Action Center.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information for House members is available [here](#), and for Senate members [here](#).

## QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

If you have any questions or feedback to share from your legislators, please contact Lisa Schaefer at [lschaefer@pacounties.org](mailto:lschaefer@pacounties.org) or 717-649-1541, Ashley Lenker White at [awhite@pacounties.org](mailto:awhite@pacounties.org) or 717-319-9396 or Melissa Gates at [mgates@pacounties.org](mailto:mgates@pacounties.org) or 330-931-8262. You can also share any feedback from your legislators by emailing [PACountiesGR@pacounties.org](mailto:PACountiesGR@pacounties.org).

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Dan, I do not have a good answer why CCAP was not pushing your bill. Lisa Shaffer may be able to offer you some insight. JM

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**FROM:** Ashley Lenker White, Director of Government Relations

**DATE:** June 1, 2021

**RE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Election Reforms Negotiations Ignoring Realities – Counties May Be Collateral Damage in Political Standoff**

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## THE ISSUE

As you heard this morning during our membership call, while the General Assembly is discussing a myriad of election reforms, there has been no action on counties' top priorities: additional pre-canvassing time and moving the ballot application deadline. With no legislative movement and only a month of session left before the summer recess, the time to accomplish these necessary election reforms in time to implement any changes for the November election is dwindling. The next several days are extremely critical for CCAP and counties to convince the General Assembly how important these reforms are, or our window may be perilously close to closing completely to achieving these priorities before the November election.

## TAKE ACTION

Please call and/or email **both** your state House and Senate members by **FRIDAY, JUNE 4**, and ask them to contact their leadership immediately to support county requested changes to Act 77, primarily allowing counties to begin pre-canvassing mail-in ballots before Election Day and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline.

**THE ASK: We call on the General Assembly and Governor to approve legislation for expanded pre-canvassing and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline before the summer recess so counties will have time to implement these changes before the November election.**

- Counties have been calling for these changes as a priority for months.
- We are frustrated by the lack of movement on these two simple issues that would address so many of the challenges we have faced in implementing mail-in ballots.
- We know there is a lot of interest in other updates and changes to the Election Code and we are absolutely interested in working with the General Assembly on those, but first and foremost, what we really need is two simple fixes to help us improve the processes currently in law.
- Other reforms that have been suggested would require significant changes, resources and time to implement, particularly in a short period of time, and will cause additional stress on an already overwhelmed system, when counties are confident that our two simple reforms will instead ease a vast majority of the challenges we have faced in recent elections.

Also, please contact your local media outlets (newspaper, TV, radio and online) to promote the changes needed, as well as to educate media representatives and show local residents that you are seeking changes that will enable your county to continue administering elections fairly, securely and accurately.

Additional elections reforms and complete talking points can be found in the CCAP [2021 Spring Advocacy Guide](#) or on the CCAP website, [www.pacounties.org](http://www.pacounties.org), under the Legislative Action Center.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information for House members is available [here](#), and for Senate members [here](#).

## QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

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