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PENNSYLVANIA US SENATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

The US Constitution prescribes that the Senate be composed of 100 members (two Senators from each state). One third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every two years. Senators must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years and be a resident of the State from which s/he is chosen at the time of the election. Senators write and vote in favor of or against final bills and serve on various policy committees. The Senate has several exclusive powers not granted to the House, including advice/consent on presidential nominations and treaties and conducting the trial of federal officials impeached by the House.

Term: 6 years

Base Salary: \$174,000

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DEMOCRAT

ALEX KHALIL (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Montgomery

Occupation: IT Quality Specialist

Education: BS Electrical Engineering Technology from Temple, MS Information and Library Science from Drexel, JD, from Temple Law School

Qualifications: I am a Jenkintown Boro council member elected twice, activist, attorney, single mom of a dyslexic child and a daughter of immigrants, educator and small business owner

Campaign Website: http://www.alexkhalilforussenate.com

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Lower prescription drugs, bring back manufacturing to the US, economic and environmental renewal. Focus on clean water, air and healthy soil. Combat climate change. Stand for Human Rights. Healthcare as a human right.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. Alex supports and will protect the right of every eligible American citizen to vote by mail in ballot or in person voting. Voter suppression will not be tolerated in any form and will fight for the right to vote. Alex supports stiff penalties for those who try to suppress the vote. Voting is a part of democracy and should be protected.

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. Stop the confiscation of Native American lands by mining companies. Support regenerative farming to prevent runoff that can harm PA waterways. Alex supports providing tax credits to farmers who switch to regenerative farming. Provide more regulation and oversight on all mining to ensure protection of waterways. Currently \$15 billion worth of mine reclamation yet to be completed in PA. Convert old coal mines to geothermal systems. Convert old coal power plants to battery storage facilities. Ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to clean drinking water. Stop pipeline construction near fresh water and all water ways, schools, homes and parks. Require Methane capping for gas and oil wells.

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. We need a Marshall Plan for the United States not endless wars. Over the last 50 years our foreign policy has cost us the opportunity to ensure the economic security of the American people. Stop supporting brutal dictatorships and focus on fighting poverty and promoting peace worldwide. Alex opposes all dictatorships and encourages and supports fair elections around the world. Alex supports the boycott of any country that utilizes child labor or benefits from child labor. The US must speak out in support of political prisoners around the world including the Uyghurs and Tibetans of China. Alex supports the boycott of products from any company, state or country that profits from human suffering.

CONOR LAMB (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Allegheny

Occupation: U.S. Representative, PA-17

Education: BA, University of Pennsylvania;

JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Qualifications: U.S. Marine 2009-2013; Asst. U.S. Attorney 2013-2017; U.S. Representative, 2018-current

Campaign Website: http://conorlamb.com

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. My first priority is to do my part to help protect our democracy. That starts, I believe, with eliminating the filibuster so that we can pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. I will also work to pass the many other important bills that we've passed in the House -- including to raise the minimum wage, protect the right to choose, cut prescription drug prices, prevent gun violence, and Build Back Better, among others.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. I will vote to eliminate the filibuster and to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act, as I have in the House, so that we can prevent states from passing the kind of discriminatory voting restrictions that we're seeing come out of Republican state legislatures across the country. I will also continue working to reform our campaign finance laws.

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. The world emits 51 billion tons of greenhouse gases each year, and we need to get to zero by 2050 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. I support a comprehensive plan to accomplish that, and a flexible energy policy that invests in several different energy sources. I believe natural gas has a role to play as a bridge fuel as we continue to expand renewable energy sources and develop the technology we need to store renewable energy

at grid scale. In the House, I helped increase research funds for solar and wind, as well as for modernizing the grid. I also passed a law to reinstate tough methane standards. And I support major investments in carbon and methane capture technology. You can read more about my plan at <https://conorlamb.com>

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. That's a very broad question, particularly when there are so many challenges to the international community right now, and different challenges require very different responses. In general, I think it is important for the U.S. to stay actively engaged with the rest of the world, to play the leading role in building international coalitions to confront problems like climate change and COVID that affect all of us, and to support democracies and promote peace and human and civil rights wherever they are threatened.

**MALCOLM KENYATTA (DEM)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

County: Philadelphia

Occupation: Representative in Pennsylvania General Assembly

Education: Bachelors - Temple University, Masters - Drexel University

Campaign Website:

<http://www.malcolmkenyatta.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I'm in this race to make sure the basic bargain is accessible to all folks, good jobs backed by a union, the ability to go to the doctor and to afford the prescription you may need and to go to a safe school and get an education.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. The insurrection on January 6, where armed white supremacists tried to execute elected officials to forcibly overturn the certified results of a fair and free election, has already begun inspiring lawmakers throughout the US to make it harder for marginalized communities to vote. 48 states, including Pennsylvania, have introduced or passed oppressive voting bills that restrict access to the ballot box. Increased voting by mail allowed a surge in democratic participation across communities and demographics in 2020, resulting in the high I have outlined an 8 point plan for protecting our democracy and moving forward legislation that matters here. <https://malcolmforspa.medium.com/a-new-day-for-american-democracy-an-eight-point-plan-24bd7f32f324>

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. Our planet is rapidly approaching the point of no return as global temperatures continue to rise. The United States must lead the world in responding to the climate crisis on the scale, scope, and urgency this moment requires. But climate justice isn't limited to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. That means we need a moratorium on new fracking and to end tax breaks to oil and gas giants, shifting our resources to fund a just transition and investments in green energy technology so Pennsylvania remains an energy leader. Climate justice means investment in green union jobs for workers leaving the fossil fuel industry, accountability for the communities poisoned by fossil fuel extraction, and innovation. Especially in states like PA where

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. The US must continue to protect our NATO allies, Israel, and other major non-NATO allies across the world. pa.medium.com/a-new-day-for-american-democracy-an-eight-point-plan-24bd7f32f324

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**JOHN FETTERMAN (DEM)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

County: Allegheny County

Occupation: Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania

Education: Albright College, B.S. 1991 University of Connecticut., M.B.A. 1993 Harvard University Kennedy School, M.P.P. 1999

Qualifications: Risk-Management Insurance Underwriter, Chubb & Son 1993-1994 Member, AmeriCorps 1995-1997 Program Coordinator, Braddock Out-Of-School Youth 2001-2007 Founder & President, Braddock Redux 2003-2017 Mayor of the Borough of Braddock, 2006-2019 Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania, 2019-Presen

Campaign Website:

<http://johnfetterman.com/>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Among my top issues are tackling income inequality and economic injustices; raising wages and benefits for working families; reforming the criminal justice system; codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law; passing anti-discrimination protections for the LGBTQ+ community; protecting and expanding the right to vote; and protecting and expanding the union way of life.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. I would strongly support legislation in Congress, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the For the People Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act, which aim to expand voting rights. It is important that we make it easier for people to vote, eliminate dark money in politics, and knock down restrictions that marginalize voters, mostly voters of color. I would proudly eliminate the filibuster to do it. In the aftermath of the 2020 elections, I was removed from the floor of the PA state Senate after resisting Republican efforts to refuse to seat Senator Jim Brewster after he fairly won his election. We must enshrine the right to vote into federal law to stop Republicans from undermining it, and as Senator I will do everything to make that happen.

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. Climate change is an existential threat, and we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible. I have never taken a dime from the fossil fuel industry, and I never will. It's a totally false choice that we have to choose between jobs and a clean environment. We can have both, that's why I am always going to fight for creating thousands upon thousands of good-paying green union jobs as we transition, all while increasing our energy independence. My plan for the transition to clean energy starts with immediate investments into research and development and innovation; expanding renewable energy sources; and ensuring clean transportation infrastructure; and investing in environmental justice measures.

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. I am very happy that President Biden is rebuilding the US's standing in the international community after former President Trump damaged it so much. As a world leader, America must first and foremost ensure proper diplomatic relations, protect its allies, and engage in vigorous diplomacy across the globe. In addition, where there is a need, and to the extent that we can, America must help. That includes accepting refugees fleeing war in their countries, or providing humanitarian aid, military aid, and other support to countries like Ukraine that are defending themselves from attacks on their sovereignty by brutal dictators like Putin.

REPUBLICAN

**KATHY BARNETTE (REP)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

County: Montgomery

Occupation: MOM | Veteran | Author | Political Commentator

Education: College Graduate

Qualifications: Kathy Barnette is a veteran, former adjunct professor of corporate

finance, sought-after conference speaker, & conservative political commentator. Kathy served her country proudly for 10 years in the Army reserves.

Campaign Website:

<http://www.barnetteforsenate.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I will work to make America energy independent again. As your U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania, I sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that reverses the hostile environment in the energy sector that Biden and Democrats have created and reinstate drilling for natural gas and oil on federal lands.

I will work to grow our economy by creating an environment where our companies do not have to flee our nation to escape onerous taxes and regulations. I will work to create an economy where the middle class are not perpetually squeezed. And, I will work to create an economy where those who find themselves below the bottom rung of the economic ladder believe there is hope for them to work to create a different life for themselves.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. If the election of 2020 has taught us anything it is that elections have consequences and that nothing is more important than the people knowing that their vote counts. I will work to enforce the obvious fact that IDs matter and must be shown before a person is allowed to vote. I will work to remove dead people from the voter rolls. I will work to remove those people who no longer live in the state. I will work to reverse Act 77. I will work to make it illegal for third-party entities to spend massive amounts of money to assist states with their elections (i.e., Zuckerberg's entities spending money to install drop boxes in certain areas)

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. I will work to make America energy independent again. No one is going to produce energy as clean and as safe as America.

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. America is the face of freedom. When we "lead from behind" we create a vacuum and as we are all watching unfold today, despotic regimes will move rapidly to fill that void. Today, the Biden Administration's foreign affair's strategy looks like a game of wack-o-mole. There's no discernable end game. There's no deliberate strategy and as a result the world is now a more dangerous place. If your concern is the health of the climate then the Biden Administration's lack of a credible foreign affairs strategy is enemy #1. America's #1 challenge today is the need to re-prioritize what is important to America first. Our nation must be made strong again.

MEHMET OZ (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

**GEORGE BOCHETTO (REP)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

County: Philadelphia

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time, then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government-issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable, such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

If you are not a new voter and are not voting at your polling place for the first time, you are NOT required to bring or provide identification.

Occupation: Attorney
Education: University at Albany - SUNY; Temple University School of Law
Qualifications: Attorney, Former State Boxing Commissioner, Constitutional expert, Endorsed by law enforcement, Defended President Trump from impeachment, Fought to keep a cop killer in prison, Preserved historic statues in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, from Pennsylvania
Campaign Website:
<http://BochettoForSenate.com/>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?
A. Law and order has to come first. I would work with others on legislation to fund law enforcement agencies, uphold qualified immunity for police officers, enhance penalties for violent offenses, and remove district attorneys who abdicate their responsibilities. Every elected official's primary responsibility is to protect their constituents, and I would seek bipartisan support for these initiatives.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?
A. Voting must be uniform and accessible to everyone, and voters should have confidence that their elections are honest and accurate. That is why all voters should be able to vote in person, on a paper ballot, unless they have a legitimate need for an absentee ballot, such as a disability or service in the armed forces.

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?
A. Clean air and clean water are critical to the health of every community. The United States should remain a world leader when it comes to environmental health and conservation. However, more focus needs to be on the world's worst polluters, such as China, India, and Russia. If the world doesn't force them to make real changes, we will not see enough progress.

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?
A. The United States must remain the leader of the free world, and peace is only achievable through strength. That does not mean that we should be the world's police, but it does mean that we should maintain a credible threat of force against any nation, organization, or actor who wishes harm upon us or our allies. We must also take a leadership role in producing energy, medical supplies, semiconductors, and other critical materials. The coronavirus pandemic has exposed a severe vulnerability and dependence on hostile foreign actors, and we have an opportunity now to prepare for a stronger and more prosperous future.

JEFF BARTOS (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DAVE MCCORMICK (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

SEAN GALE (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

CARLA SANDS (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

PENNSYLVANIA US REPRESENTATIVE

JOB DESCRIPTION
The US Constitution requires that the House of Representatives be composed of Representatives from each state, elected in proportion to population. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives, with 17 Representatives allotted to Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. A US Representative must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and be a resident of the state they seek to represent at the time of the election (though not necessarily the same district). The House of Representatives is responsible for introducing and voting on bills, resolutions and amendments, and for approving the budget. Representatives also serve on various policy committees. The House may send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate and elects

the President if there is a tie in the Electoral College.

Term: 2 years
Base Salary: \$174,000

DISTRICT 8

DEMOCRAT

MATT CARTWRIGHT (DEM)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
County: Lackawanna
Occupation: U.S. House of Representative PA08

Education: Graduated magna cum laude with a history degree from Hamilton College in 1983. Earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1986, was a member of law review.

Qualifications: I have spent my entire career sticking up for working people, first as a trial attorney and now as the Congressman in Pennsylvania's Eighth District since 2103. I also serve as Chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice and Science.

Campaign Website:
<http://cartwrightcongress.com/>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I'll work with anyone for everyone, and, over my years in Congress, I've introduced over 70 pieces of legislation, often with bipartisan support. In fact, I have been recognized for working across the aisle and introducing more bipartisan bills than any other House Democrat. I'm committed to strengthening the middle class, creating good-paying jobs, ensuring quality health care and lowering prescription drug costs, protecting seniors and Social Security, and supporting veterans and military families. The nonpartisan Center for Effective Lawmaking named me one of the most effective members of the U.S. House for my record of advancing real solutions to the biggest issues our nation faces.

Q. What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

A. I support clean and fair elections and have voted for significant reforms as part of the For the People Act. They include protecting states' voting and vote count systems, increasing voting hours, shining a light on dark money in politics by requiring donor disclosure, expanding conflict of interest laws, and closing influence loopholes for lobbyists. My Time Off to Vote Act would guarantee paid leave to vote in a federal election.

Q. What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

A. This Congress, I voted for a \$555 billion in climate change mitigation initiatives, which would be the largest ever such investment, to help the U.S. get more clean power from the wind and sun, speed the shift to electric vehicles, and make our homes and workplaces more efficient. It would invest heavily in strengthening public transit, expanding affordable housing, and cutting pollution in disadvantaged communities. These initiatives were part of the Build Back Better Act, and they should be enacted either as part of that package or separately.

Q. How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

A. The U.S. should take a leadership role in combating terrorism, nuclear proliferation, human rights abuses, the erosion of democracy, climate threats, and other multilateral problems, challenges, and opportunities. Our current leadership role in helping Ukraine, and responding to the humanitarian crisis there should be continued. We would work with like-minded countries to address security and economic challenges that effect the entire international community.

REPUBLICAN

JIM BOGNET (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

MIKE MARSICANO (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 9

DEMOCRAT

AMANDA R. WALDMAN (DEM)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

REPUBLICAN

DAN MEUSER (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA Senate consists of 50 members, representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Senators must be at least 25 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The Senate develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the House of Representatives). In addition, the Senate tries officials impeached by the House and authorizes executive appointments. Senators serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation. There are no term limits to this office.

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$95,432

DISTRICT 20

DEMOCRAT

JACKIE BAKER (DEM)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

REPUBLICAN

LISA BAKER (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 22

DEMOCRAT

MARTY FLYNN (DEM)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

REPUBLICAN

JOE ALBERT (WRITE-IN) (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 27

REPUBLICAN

JOHN GORDNER (REP)
As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

If you have any questions or need to report any problems, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance in English or Spanish or 1-888-API-VOTE for assistance in Asian languages.

DISTRICT 29

REPUBLICAN

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

Description of office: The Governor is the chief executive officer of the Commonwealth, executing the laws of the state through Executive Agencies. A Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he manages the financial affairs of the state and must annually present a balanced budget to the General Assembly. The Governor has extensive appointive powers, may recommend legislation, and signs or vetoes bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly (subject to 2/3 override). S/he is Commander-in-Chief of the state National Guard, except when they are called into the actual service of the United States. The Governor can grant reprieves, pardons, and paroles. The holder of this office may only be reelected once.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$213,026

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DEMOCRAT

JOSH SHAPIRO (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Montgomery

Occupation: Attorney General of Pennsylvania

Education: University of Rochester, BA;

Georgetown University Law Center, JD

Qualifications: Whether as a State Rep., the leader of PA's third-largest county, or Attorney General, I've brought people together to get things done. As Governor, I'll continue to tackle the challenges facing Pennsylvanians and will move our Commonwealth forward.

Campaign Website: <http://joshshapiro.org>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. As Governor, my top priorities are creating opportunity for Pennsylvania children by improving our education system, building a stronger economy by creating jobs, cutting taxes and lowering costs, and making our communities safer all across the Commonwealth. In order to move Pennsylvania forward and build a better future for our children, we must work together to achieve these key priorities.

Throughout my career – and every day as Attorney General – I work hard to bring people together, solve problems, and get things done for Pennsylvania. As Governor, I will continue to do just that so that we can solve our biggest problems – because that's how we will deliver results for people across our Commonwealth and move Pennsylvania forward.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Defending democracy is the foundation for making progress in Pennsylvania. I believe that if we want to grow our economy, improve our schools, and make our communities safer, then we need a stable democracy where all Pennsylvanians' voices can be heard. As Governor, I will continue my work to ensure voters have access to the ballot box and that every legal vote is counted in every election. That's why I released a ten-step plan to defend democracy, ensure access to the ballot, and improve our elections by appointing a pro-democracy Secretary of State, allowing counties to pre-canvass and cure ballots, establishing automatic voter registration and early in-person voting, and vetoing any attempt to restrict mail-in voting in Pennsylvania.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Throughout my entire career, I have worked to defend Pennsylvanians' constitutional right

to clean air and pure water – and as Governor, I will continue that work by investing in clean energy and clean transportation, adopting the 2020 Grand Jury Report recommendations to minimize health hazards arising from fracking, plugging orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells, and addressing lead contamination in order to keep protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

As Governor, my priority will be ensuring Pennsylvania has a comprehensive climate and energy policy that protects consumers, creates jobs, capitalizes on our strength as an energy hub, safeguards our environment, and moves our Commonwealth forward.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Every Pennsylvanian deserves to feel safe at home, at school, and in their community – and I know we can achieve that while upholding Pennsylvanians' rights and traditions.

Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in law enforcement and with local communities across our Commonwealth to fight gun violence and keep Pennsylvanians safe, taking thousands of illegal guns off our streets, shutting down gun trafficking rings, and working to close the ghost gun loophole. As Governor, I will support common sense gun legislation to close background check loopholes, keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals, and work with the legislature to increase funding for gun safety training programs.

REPUBLICAN

LOU BARLETTA (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Franklin

Occupation: Senator

Education: PhD, History; Masters Strategic Intelligence; Masters Airpower Theory; Masters Military Operational Art; Masters Strategic Studies, Bachelor of Arts, History

Qualifications: 1986-Commissioned in the US Army, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2ACR) on the Iron Curtain, 2ACR Desert Storm in Iraq, Afghanistan (three deployments), Senior leader of NATO unit in Afghanistan comprised of 18 nations, Award winning author, Professor of Army War College (Carlisle)

Campaign Website: <http://doug4gov.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Infrastructure, Energy Production, Road / Transportation Improvements, School Choice, the Right to Life

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Voter ID, Poll Watcher Protection, Increased Penalties for violating voting law, Repeal Act 77

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I'm an Eagle Scout and respect the environment - we are stewards of the land

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Uphold the constitutional protections delineated in our state and federal constitutions

NCHE ZAMA (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

WRITE-IN VOTING

Information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place.

DAVE WHITE (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

MELISSA HART (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Allegheny

Occupation: Attorney and Consultant
facebook HartforPA, twitter @HartofPgh

Education: J.D. University of Pittsburgh, B.A. Washington & Jefferson College

Qualifications: Attorney and former State Senator and Congresswoman with significant accomplishments and coalition building as a Republican from a Democratic district

Campaign Website: <http://HartforPA.org>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Cut bureaucracy, end regulatory overreach, and work with the legislature to effect change-cut out excessive use of executive orders and constitutional amendments. Have respect for the process developed by the Founders.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Repeal Act 77 and clarify that our voting system be compliant with the PA constitution allowing for voting on election day in person and also by absentee ballot for voters who qualify, to be received by mail or delivery by the voter by election day at the board of elections with an absentee ballot that a voter must apply for in advance, voter ID must be instituted. No delivery other than by the voter or by the post office should be permitted, that is no "drop boxes" or other places that are not secure.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Enforce regulations that are designed to allow development and industry with an eye to long term impact on air water and the environment. We must balance our responsibilities to maintain our beautiful state with the people's needs for a robust economic environment. If we do this, we will see more advances in clean energy production and environmentally sensitive development because Pennsylvanians will be able to create and develop new technologies with resources from a robust economic environment.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I support the 2nd amendment and a citizen's rights to own firearms. Communities and organizations offer safety courses for young and old all over the commonwealth. I am supportive of these and have participated in them. PA currently has laws requiring background checks.

BILL MCSWAIN (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

CHARLIE GEROW (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Cumberland

Occupation: Businessman

Education: JD Villanova Law School

Qualifications: Business owner, vice chairman of CPAC

Campaign Website:

<http://charlieforgovernor.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. My priorities will be a thriving economy, a great education system and election integrity. I will do as I have always done, building coalitions and finding common ground to find winning solutions to the challenges we face.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. I would sign a law to repeal Act 77. I will appoint a Secretary of the Commonwealth who is both experienced in conducting elections and fully committed to the rule of law.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. The constitutional guarantees of Article 1, Section 27 are vital to the future of Pennsylvania. As governor, I will appoint cabinet and agency officials committed to the protection of our environment and good stewards of our natural resources.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I am deeply committed to the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Pennsylvanians gun owners as well as Article 1 Section 21 of the Pennsylvania constitution.

JOE GALE (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

JAKE CORMAN (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Centre

Occupation: President Pro Tempore, Pennsylvania State Senate

Education: Jake received an Associates Degree from the Pennsylvania College of Technology and then a Bachelor of Arts from the Pennsylvania State University.

Qualifications: Dedicating his life to public service, Jake built a reputation as a champion for personal freedoms, education, creating jobs, public safety and as a strong fiscal watchdog for Pennsylvania taxpayers, defeating all of Tom Wolf's tax increases.

Campaign Website:

<http://www.cormanforpa.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Election reform, education, jobs and public safety. I have a track record of working with members of my own party and Democrats to forge compromise. As Americans, we must be committed to a government that seeks compromise, while also fighting for what we believe to be right. I've been able to help Pennsylvania make historic investments in the education of our children, while defeating tax increases that would hurt working families. We negotiated my pension reform bill with a Democrat governor but defeated tax increase proposals. We can't be ruled by partisanship and talking points; we have to be willing to roll up our sleeves and get things done. When I'm governor, I'll get to work immediately with our legislature and put people first.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. If we don't have faith in our elections, we have nothing. That's why I launched our review of the 2020 election in a transparent fashion. Gov. Tom Wolf ignored Act 77 by giving illegal, last-second directions to county voting offices on mail-in ballots. This behavior led two counties in one senatorial district to tabulate votes differently and change the outcome of an election. Our Supreme Court, outside of their judicial mandate, added unsecured ballot drop boxes. As governor, I will support reform legislation that eliminates drop boxes, institutes photo ID requirements, and ends what has been a disastrous, no-excuse mail-in-ballot program.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I have a strong track record of supporting our environment and natural resources, namely Pennsylvania's landmark Growing Greener program. In June 2002, we doubled the funding to over a half billion dollars. In doing so, we've cleaned up abandoned mines; funded local parks and trails; expanded farmland preservation and protected some of Pennsylvania's most beautiful open spaces. I believe we have a responsibility to be guardians of our natural resources.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Further gun control measures concentrate more power in the hands of government. If we go down the path of giving government more authority to decide who can and

cannot possess a firearm, that's a slippery slope that could seriously erode our Second Amendment rights. We all want safer streets and safer communities. Our prosecutors must be committed to prosecuting criminals who commit crimes with guns, not let them walk free like we're seeing in Philadelphia with District Attorney Larry Krasner and his soft-on-crime mentality.

PENNSYLVANIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Lieutenant Governor will be elected jointly with the Governor in the General Election although candidates are nominated separately in the Primary. A Lieutenant Governor must be at least 30 years old and have been a US citizen and resident of the state for seven years preceding the election. S/he is President of the Senate, presiding over the Senate but having no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. S/he is Chair of the Board of Pardons and the PA Emergency Management Council. The PA Constitution provides that in case of the death, conviction or impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation, or other disability of the Governor, the powers, duties, and compensation of the office shall be transferred to the Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term or until the disability is removed. There are no term limits to this office.

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$178,940

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DEMOCRAT

AUSTIN DAVIS (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Allegheny

Occupation: State Representative

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications: Austin Davis is currently a PA State Representative where he serves as Chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and Vice Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. Previously, Austin served as Senior Advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for 6 years.

Campaign Website:

<http://www.shapiroadavis.org>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. The issues I plan to prioritize as Lt. Governor are working to create family sustaining jobs, building ladders of opportunity for folks to help them succeed, and ensuring every child receives a quality education, regardless of their zip code. I have a track record of getting things done as a State Representative, and I will continue to use my platform as Lt. Governor to push these issues forward.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. The right to vote is sacred, held by all Pennsylvanians, and I will always work to strengthen that right for every member of our Commonwealth. I believe expanding access to democracy is always the right thing to do and I would support measures such as automatic voter registration to do this.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Every Pennsylvanian deserves the right to clean air, pure water, and a good environment. Unfortunately, this isn't the case in many instances across the Commonwealth. I believe in holding bad actors who pollute our communities accountable and I have a track record of doing so as State Representative. However, in order to further protect these constitutional rights, we must reinvest in our Department of Environmental Protection, which has been gutted over the past several decades. We must strengthen their ability to enforce existing laws, as well as increase their funding which will allow them to do a more efficient and effective job at protecting Pennsylvania's environment.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation

being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Gun violence has become all too common across the country, including right here in Pennsylvania. I support common sense gun reforms, such as the ones listed above, in order to better protect our communities. I also support the idea of classifying gun violence as a public health issue, which would allow for more resources to be used to combat it. In fact, as senior advisor to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I helped to create the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Health to do just that.

RAY SOSA (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Montgomery

Occupation: Consultant to Management

Education: Leadership Certified, Harvard University. BS in Business Administration.

Insurance licensed in all 50 states (8 lines of authority)

Qualifications: Ray has been appointed by three different US Governors to lead districts in coordinating Emergency Management Response. Ray was the Chairman of the Governor's Human Rights Advocacy Committee for 10 years, fighting for hospitals, juvenile justice centers, foster care, equality, and nursing homes.

Campaign Website:

<http://raysosaltgov2022.com/>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Criminal Justice Reform, have a fairer bond regulation that does not impact our minority, and indigent population, and meritory commutations of sentences with a path to rehabilitation. Revamping our emergency response system and infrastructure to withstand a natural disaster due to climate change. I have 15 years of experience reaching across the isle to get legislation signed into law. As the future president of PA senate, I would be the peacekeeper of the senate. Keeping in mind that the PA Lt. Governor is the Lt. Governor for everyone, there are plenty of opportunities to create good will if I allow everyone regardless of political party to share their points and voice their opinions. That's how you get things done!

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. There is a growing trend in PA where electoral maps are being challenged and redrawn to benefit only one party. There is also a trend to restrict the manner in which you choose to cast your vote. I would oppose any law that seeks to limit voting rights or represents an attempt at voter suppression. Our focus must be in facilitation and extending our voting options to defend our constitutional right to cast our vote. This is regardless of the party you belong to.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I believe that our incumbents have not paid any attention to our air and water quality for the last 10 years, at least. The water quality in most of our major cities is deplorable and as a result the air quality is disastrous as well. It has come to a point that most water resources are unusable and represent a threat to the health of the population. I would support legislation that aggressively imposes fines for polluters in the state. I would also support funding for programs that actively reverse the damage. I consider this well within the duties of the Lt. Governor as the chair for the Emergency Management Commission for the state. Our water and air quality is an emergency and it should be treated as such.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I believe that while we all have the right to bear arms, it should be contingent on a background check to assess criminal or violent behavior history. I am a firm believer in keeping military style weapons away from the general population, banning "Ghost Guns" and any attachments that could be used to

make a regular weapon automatic. Firearms safety courses should be mandatory and we should eliminate the “Gun Show Loop”. As a society we must balance the rights of our community with the safety of our people.

BRIAN SIMS (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Philadelphia

Occupation: Pennsylvania State House Representative (D-182)

Education: J.D. in International and Comparative Law, Michigan State University College of Law; B.S., Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Qualifications: I’ve served as a PA Rep. for a decade. I worked as a disability and civil rights attorney and served as staff counsel at the Philadelphia Bar Association. I also served as the president of the board of directors of Equality Pennsylvania and as the chairman of Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia.

Campaign Website: <http://sims4pa.com/>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. The Lt. Governor serves as the President of the Pennsylvania Senate and chairs the Board of Pardons. Pennsylvania needs a progressive President of the Senate who knows how to operate in, under, and around Republican rules to stop the onslaught of bigoted and discriminatory legislation from advancing and promote the passage of equity-focused legislation. I will be the first civil rights attorney to chair the Board of Pardons and will work towards decarceration. Our state has unjustly imprisoned far too many individuals, and while the deeply racist and classist roots of our criminal justice system make reforming it impossible, the Board of Pardons is one of the few places where we can bring justice to those who are falsely imprisoned.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?

A. I’ve spent a decade fighting for legislation to ensure access to the ballot for all. I’m a member of the State Government committee—the committee that passes laws regarding elections—and I’ve sponsored legislation to create early voting, expand vote by mail, and make registration easier. I’m the prime sponsor of a package of bills that aim to make voting more accessible for returning citizens. As Lt. Governor I’ll stand against voter suppression laws that come through the Senate and will use the statewide platform to push for early voting, automatic voter registration, election day as a public holiday, and the re-enfranchisement of returning citizens. I’ll do everything in my power to protect and expand voting rights for all Pennsylvanians.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I am the only candidate in the race for Lt. Governor that is against fracking. Pennsylvanians deserve clean air and water, and the continuation of fracking in our Commonwealth is in direct opposition to that goal. I am the proud sponsor of HB 100 which aims to transition Pennsylvania to one hundred percent renewable energy by 2050. Our state needs to invest in renewable energy sources and green infrastructure in order to complete the transition away from fossil fuel dependence. As Lt. Governor, I will work with Democratic leaders in the Senate and the Governor to eliminate fracking in the Commonwealth and pass necessary legislation like HB100 that will transition Pennsylvania to one hundred percent renewable energy sources.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. With a gun violence epidemic affecting families across Pennsylvania, we desperately need comprehensive background checks and safety training. I support the enforcement of red flag laws, lost-gun reporting laws, eliminating straw purchases, and comprehensive background checks to decrease the likelihood that guns fall into the wrong hands. I am the prime sponsor of HB393 which would only allow licensed firearms

dealers to sell ammunition and businesses to use existing licenses to sell both firearms and ammunition. Nearby states have passed such laws, and there is no reason Pennsylvania cannot do the same. As Lt. Governor, I will work with members of our legislature to curb gun violence so that our Commonwealth is a safer place for all.

REPUBLICAN

CLARICE SCHILLINGER (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

JAMES EARL JONES (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Montgomery

Occupation: Petroleum Consultant

Education: BS/MBA

Qualifications: Military Retired/Businessman

Campaign Website:

<http://www.jonesfortgovernorpa.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I would prioritize legislation and laws to focus on the economy, environment, education and energy programs. Economy: use various measures to control and regulate both private and public sectors. Environment: support legislation to protect jobs and industry while reducing threats to the environment and increasing public health. Education: allow for school choice in providing for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education. Energy: support governmental actions affecting the production, distribution, and consumption of energy in a business manner. As President of the Senate, I would advocate meeting with both the Senate leaders and the House of Representative leaders of both parties on a monthly basis.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?

A. To me, voting is a sacred American right. In the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 7 is clear on how voting in the Commonwealth is conducted. After the 2020 election, I see the need to push for more restrictive voting laws (such as voter identification) designed to protect against accusations that future elections will not be stolen with fraud and against security failures. Also, due to issues created with Act 77, I would support an RFP (Request for Proposal) to address specific gaps or complaints discovered in the current electronic machines to increase voter integrity. I will work to protect our right to vote and protect our election systems from partisan or foreign interference, and help build trust in our democracy.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. One of the pillars of my campaign is protection of the Commonwealth’s environment and our natural resources. I would urge the Governor to remove the job killing REGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) and any other obstructive legislation. Regulations protecting our natural resources must be (1) compliant with all applicable statutes relevant to the protection of the public’s natural resources (2) demonstrate a reasonable effort to reduce the environmental incursion to a minimum (3) more beneficial in reducing environmental harm than the costs incurred implementing the regulations. I would push for improving technology and educating the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) on the best measures to safeguard our natural resources.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. The language is clear in Article I, Section 21 of the Pennsylvania State Constitution, stating: “The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned”. Additionally, the US Constitution, 2nd Amendment states those rights “shall not be infringed”. My position on red flag laws is they are unconstitutional. I am in favor of gun merchants and local

law enforcement background checks and individual requested firearm safety training programs.

RICK SACCONI (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

JOHN BROWN (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

CHRIS FRYE (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Lawrence

Occupation: Mayor (New Castle, PA)

Education: Bachelors from Gannon University in Social Work and Masters from University of Pittsburgh in Social Work with a concentration in Community Organizing and Social Administration

Qualifications: Current mayor (New Castle), responsible for day-to-day management of employees; chief executive, proposes & manages \$26M budget; 15 years of executive/management experience; serves on executive and legislative committees Municipal League; workforce development & juvenile probation experience.

Campaign Website:

<http://www.CitizensForChrisFrye.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. As lieutenant governor, my role would be to primarily work to advance the governor’s agenda. However, it is my desire to work as a conduit between the governor’s office and the more than 2,500 municipalities. I know, first hand, as mayor of a Pennsylvania municipality, that Harrisburg often disregards us. They never ask what we need. They pass unfunded mandates and leave us to fend for ourselves. I will support and push an agenda that take into consideration the effects legislation has on local communities. As mayor, I have an agenda, but that agenda is based in large part on input from the community. I take a bottoms up approach. Listen to the voters & community so they can help shape the agenda and have a stake & say-so in their community.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania’s voting laws?

A. I support limiting mail in ballots. I support requiring ID to vote. I support auditing to be sure that we have integrity in our elections.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I believe in legislation that protects our environment; however, we must allow the private sector to tap into our natural resources, specifically our energy resources, to bring in new revenue sources and lower the tax burden on our taxpayers. I am not opposed to limited government oversight to insure that our environment is not destroyed, however, I do not believe a large government bureaucracy that regulates an industry into the ground is what we need.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I support the second amendment and am myself a conceal carry permit holder. I believe that the government has no right to interfere with our right to bear arms. I am not opposed to limited laws that are truly intended to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands. However, I would fight against legislation that makes it hard for good, law abiding citizens to purchase fire arms. We cannot allow the minority (criminals) to dictate our laws.

JEFF COLEMAN (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Cumberland

Occupation: Principal, Churchill Strategies

Education: BS, Liberty University

Qualifications: Small business owner, former borough councilman, former two-term state representative

Campaign Website:

<http://www.Colemanforpa.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in

government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. The centerpiece of my campaign has been the urgent need to restore civil discourse in our public dialogue. While the lieutenant governor's role in policy is limited to the priorities of the governor, I believe there is a need to expand the participation of parents in the education of their children, offer a renewed vision for struggling small towns, and create a path to work, community, and good citizenship for ex-offenders.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Maintaining—and in too many cases, restoring—public confidence in our electoral process is a challenge that can be addressed in a level-headed, bipartisan way free of rancor over past or looming elections. I am confident that with the right leadership Pennsylvania can do this without sacrificing our centuries-old tradition of welcoming the vote of every citizen.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. As a son of rural Pennsylvania I am deeply aware of the beauty of our environment and the harm that has been done in the past exploiting natural resources. It is a core mission of government to properly balance the obligation to protect the environment with the need to ensure that farmers are not harmed and the economic life of small communities is not destroyed.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I support the provisions of the federal and state constitutions outlining the rights and responsibilities of gun ownership, which I do not believe to be inconsistent with maintaining public safety. While the lieutenant governor has no vote on these or other policy issues—outside of breaking a tie on procedural votes—I am a strong advocate for promoting of safe, responsible use of firearms.

RUSS DIAMOND (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

CARRIE LEWIS DELROSSO (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Allegheny

Occupation: Member of State House of Representatives

Education: University of Pittsburgh

Qualifications: Oakmont Council Member 2018-2020; State House Member 2021

Campaign Website:

<http://www.CarrieForPA.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Lower CNIT- Push for PA to more attractive state to manufacture and produce, Provide a better return on investment with k-12 education, Fully fund law enforcement, Fully fund infrastructure, Secure Elections, Promote Ag Growth

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Voter ID

Provide a more efficient system for early/absentee voting and deadlines

Voter Confidence -ballot security

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Promote energy growth and independence in PA while always mindful of our environment.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Protect our 2nd Amendment; right to people to bear arms

TEDDY DANIELS (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVES

JOB DESCRIPTION

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service. The House develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, and passes laws (including redistricting in collaboration with the Senate). The House also has the exclusive authority to impeach public officials. Representatives also serve on various policy committees that may propose legislation.

Term: 2 years

Salary: \$95,432

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DISTRICT 116

DEMOCRAT

YESENIA RODRIGUEZ (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Luzerne

Occupation: Self-employed small business owner

Education: HS Graduate, Medgar Evers College, classes in Business Administration

Qualifications: Small business owner, active community member, active with non-profits

Campaign Website:

<http://www.friendsofyesenia.com>

Campaign Facebook URL:

<http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofYesenia>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Public education, fair funding, job creation, economic development, especially for small business owners, helping startup and capital availability, assistance for senior citizens and those on a fixed income, including property tax reform.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Strengthen secure elections and mail-in voting, expand early voting and provide additional funding for county election and day of election staff.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Strengthen oversight of companies and their interaction and what they are doing to protect our air, water and our environment.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I support comprehensive background checks, red flag laws and firearm safety training.

REPUBLICAN

DYLLAN ANGELO-OGURKIS (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

JOHN CHURA (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Luzerne

Occupation: self-employed

Education: High School Graduate

Qualifications: I am the proud owner of a third generation family business that has operated in the same location for over 67 years. I have served West Hazleton Borough for the last 17 years as a member on the zoning board, a councilman and currently on my second term as mayor of West Hazleton.

Campaign Facebook URL:

<http://www.facebook.com/>

JohnChuraforStateRepresentative

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. The elimination or reduction of property taxes for our senior citizens would be one of my top priorities. I would work to introduce bills or co -sponsor bills with other state representatives.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. I believe you should have to show id to vote to ensure the integrity of the election process.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I would strive to enforce the laws we currently have in place. I would hold companies accountable for their actions when laws are broken, and strive to keep our state a cleaner and more beautiful place for generations to come.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I believe we have sufficient gun control laws, they just need to be enforced. I strongly support the 2nd Amendment.

GARY PERNA (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Schuylkill

Occupation: Executive Assistant

Education: College graduate

Qualifications: Worked in local government for 15 years and in media for 10

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Proper police protection, proper funding for our emergency services. Work on property tax reform and medical insurance reform. I would also work on new laws to help rid our communities of blight

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. I would work to require IDs for voting. We require ID cards for just about everything else, we should require them for voting.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I love the outdoors as a person that owns a camper, my wife and I enjoy our beautiful natural resources. We spend countless weekends camping at our state parks. I would fight to keep our parks and make sure our water and air stay clean.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I am a supporter of the second amendment, I will fight to keep our right to keep our firearms.

MIKE LAROCCA (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Luzerne

Occupation: Business Owner

Education: Hazleton Area High School Graduate, Class of 1997

Qualifications: Mike LaRocca is a lifelong resident of the 116th District. He is perhaps best known for his time as one of the area's Snap-on® Tools franchise owners. His background as a businessman, his strong interpersonal skills, and his familiarity with our area will ensure we are not forgotten in Harrisburg.

Campaign Website: <http://mikelarocca.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. Our seniors are being hit very hard with the current economy. Property taxes are a particularly large burden.

DISTRICT 117

REPUBLICAN

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CLINT J. LANNING (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Wapwallopen, PA

Occupation: machinist/mechanic

Education: BS in Park and natural resources

management from Slippery Rock University

Qualifications: Managing a Small Business,

working as a park law enforcement officer,

and working for PA bureau of forestry have

prepared me to take on this job.

Campaign Website: lanningforstaterep.com

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I think that our schools are a big issue to many people. I would work to pass legislation that would ensure curriculum transparency parents should know what their children are being taught, parents rights the parent should have the final say on their child whether it is health related or what they are taught, and school choice I believe we as parents should choose what school is best for our children. To get this passed I would talk all the other lawmakers get their suggestions on what should be included and use the best ideas while reaching out to the public to have them encourage to reach their lawmakers and give their opinion on the topic and what they would like to see done.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. I believe we need to repeal no excuse mail in ballots and remove the drop boxes that are not monitored and already deemed unconstitutional. I also would want to go to voting machines that are offline and have a paper backup that would be required to be counted after the election to be sure they match the machines.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. With a background in natural resource management and a avid outdoorsman. I strongly believe we need to preserve our environment for future generations while sustainable using the resources we need today.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. As a lifelong firearms owner and hunter I will strongly support our 2nd amendment right. I am against universal background checks the criminalize private transfer of firearms even among friends and family. I am strongly against redflag laws with violate our constitutional right to due process and and presumes guilt. While firearms safety training is very important and encourage everyone to take it I do not want to see in mandated for gun ownership.

EUGENE ZIEMBA (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

ANDY GEGARIS

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

MICHAEL STASH

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

MIKE CABELL

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 118

DEMOCRAT

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ALLISON LUCARELLI (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Lackawanna

Occupation: Pharmacist

Education: Doctor of Pharmacy

Campaign Website: <http://allison4rep.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in

government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. I believe we need to give the opportunity and access for voting to all Pennsylvanians who are of age and meet the requirements to be considered a citizen of our Commonwealth. Whatever safe and legal methods can be used to allow this should be enacted and furthered so we can meet the basic function of our citizenry to be involved in selecting those who govern us.

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Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I would firmly protect these rights by advocating for and abiding by the PA constitution. Whether it is fostering legislation that bolsters protection of our environment, or fighting against and revealing legislation that harms our most precious resources of life.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I am for safe and legal gun ownership. That includes comprehensive and in depth background checks before firearms can be purchased. I also think that there should be measures of safety training that go with what particular weapon is being purchased. I believe that there should be limitations of purchasing and possible sanctions depending on previous history with firearms or other illegal activities. Red Flag laws are one of the deterrents that are necessary to protect our citizens from those who may have undo access to weapons with potential intent to use them illegally.

JIM HADDOCK (DEM)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Luzerne

Occupation: Prothonotary and Clerk of

Courts Manager Luzerne County

Education: Pennsylvania Bankers Association

Advanced School of Banking

Qualifications: Thirty-five year owner operator of a small business, Haddock Rentals; over twenty-five years in the banking industry working in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties; ; nine years in the insurance industry; ten years working in County Government.

Campaign Website:

<http://www.friendsofjimhaddock.com>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. The environment has always been a passion of mine. I have proven this as Mayor of Avoca when I advocated for residents impacted by an corporate poluttor, Kerr McGee corp. I plan to work on funding for our infrastructure, for example just look at the closed bridge in Pittston & West Pittston and the other Pittston and West Pittston bridge is in disrepair for years. We must properly fund public education so we can lower property taxes for homeowners. I have been able to to work across party lines as a School Director and Mayor. So I can work with Republicans to get things done.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Many of our voting laws have changed drastically in the past few years. We must protect and expand the right to vote. It is important to keep the right to vote and give people the opportunities to vote. There are many safety provisions built in for mail in ballots. Pre-canvassing of mail ballots must be allowed to begin sooner than current law allows.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water,

I believe seniors on fixed incomes, and veterans who have risked their lives for our freedom should be relieved from their property tax obligations. (This was what the casino gaming revenue was supposed to accomplish.)

I am firmly opposed to any form of interstate tolling. I believe the "Rain Tax" should be eliminated, which is a burden to property owners in our district. Our citizens need financial help, not more taxes.

I will always fight to protect the right to medical coverage for those with pre-existing conditions.

As your State Representative, I will strive to secure more grant money to improve our local infrastructure.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Our election system is one of the most important elements of our structure of government. Without secure and fair elections, us citizens no longer have a voice. I support Voter ID to increase the security of our elections.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I fully support both the United States and Pennsylvania Constitution. Moreover, corporate greed should never come before our right as citizens to clean air and pure water.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. As State Representative, I will not support any measures which infringe or diminish the Second Amendment.

NICO R. MAKUTA (REP)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

County: Schuylkill

Occupation: Quality Assurance Supervisor

Education: Bachelor's Degree

Campaign Facebook URL:

<http://www.facebook.com/nicoforpa>

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. My Three-Point Plan is fairly simple. 1. Assist in creating careers, not just jobs in Pennsylvania. 2. Fight for the beautification of Pennsylvania. 3. Work to create sense of unity back to our communities in Pennsylvania.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. A total of 35 states have laws requesting or requiring voters to show some form of identification at the polls, Pennsylvania is not one of them. I would support laws to require voters to show an identification document that has a photo on it, such as a driver's license, state-issued identification card, military ID, tribal ID, or another form of ID.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I would support laws that would guarantee the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment, so long as it does not burden the tax payer of Pennsylvania. I was born and raised in Northeastern Pennsylvania and I have seen the scars of our coal mining past. Today, we continue to fight for mine reclamation in our district and I am committed to continue that fight.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I am committed to protect our rights provided to us under the Second Amendment. As I will support laws to require voters to show an identification document for election integrity, I also believe that we must continue to have integrity in our licensure system to own or carry a firearm.

DANE WATRO (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 121**DEMOCRAT****EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI (DEM)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Wilkes-Barre****Education:** B.S. Music, Wilkes Univ./M.,
Equiv. Penn State**Occupation:** State Legislator**Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?**

A. Health care. The health system uses 3 words to describe the objectives of our healthcare system - Affordable, Accessible and Quality. Professional staff on all levels and qualified managers to provide quality care and professional and operational standards.

- Cost of higher education and planning to allow everyone that wants an education to be able to get the education from anyone of our Community Colleges, Trade Schools, our state higher educational schools and our four state affiliated colleges, through a process called the Delayed Payment Plan.
- Introduce the NIB-National Infrastructure Bank. This amazing plan was successfully used by Washington, Adams, Lincoln, Hoover and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. These projects address our obvious needs for new bridges and roads, broadband, freight and passenger rail, pure water, and affordable housing utilizing made in America material and built by 25 million union/Davis bacon paid jobs and much more

Education:

- The Governor and my party have presented many proposals to reduce the local tax burden and utilize the state resources to balance the states responsibility to appropriately fund all our public schools.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. Early voting. We should make voting as easy and practical as can be. Consider voting over the weekend or making voting day a holiday. It's time to work together to design and initiate an accurate safe, secure process to make sure every single American citizen's vote is counted.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. Clean air, pure water, and environmental preservation - Well, if we don't have clean air and water, we will die in minutes and days

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I believe in the 2nd Amendment, and I support a person's right to own a gun, the right to bear arms, but also responsibility that accompanies that ownership. Please, keep in mind that the 2nd Amendment was written in the 1700s, over 250 years ago. To be clear a responsible gun owner would have no objection to register, test and obey all laws designed to protect the owner, property, and bystanders. I also have the utmost respect and sincere appreciation for our police officers on every level. They are well trained, and I trust them to protect me and my family by keeping our streets, cities and every community safe, so we can be free to enjoy life safely. I say this because any weapon that was designed to be used to kill the enemy in a war should not be available to the average citizen. We have our highly trained and qualified police officers to keep the peace.

REPUBLICAN**ERYN HARVEY (REP)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Wilkes-Barre City****Education:** 2012 graduate of Coughlin High School, 2016 graduate of King's College with a bachelor's degree in communications and a**and the preservation of the environment.****What actions would you take to protect these rights?**

A. I already have as Mayor of Avoca fought and won against one of the largest environmental polluters in our Country's history, the Kerr McGee Corp. Kerr McGee had polluted the air, ground and water in parts of Old Forge, Moosic, Avoca, Dupont, Duryea, Hugestown, Pittston Twp., Pittston City. My work secured justice for over 5,000 residents and stopped Kerr Mcgee Corp. from operating in our area again. So I will continue to strongly support Article 1, Section 27 of the Pa. constitution.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I am a gun owner and avid outdoorsmen. I serve as President of our hunting club, I believe in the right to bear arms per the 2nd Amendment. I also believe responsible people should not have on issue with a background check to be able to purchase handguns.

REPUBLICAN**JAMES MAY (REP)**

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

JOHN LOMBARDO (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

DISTRICT 119**DEMOCRAT****VITO MALACARI (DEM)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION****County:** Pennsylvania**Occupation:** Teacher**Education:** Bishop Hoban High School; King's College Bachelor of Arts in History; Wilkes University Master of Science in 21st Century Education**Qualifications:** I have 13 years in education (2 years in alternative education and 11 years at Northwest Area); Delegate on the NEPA Health Trust Consortium for 8 years; Volunteer coordinator for Veterans Day services and food drive at Northwest area for 8 years; Took part in inaugural IMPACT Leadership Program**Campaign Website:** <http://vitoforpa.com>**Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?**

A. Priority needs include education and education funding, infrastructure, and healthcare. I would ensure that every child in Pennsylvania has an equitable education regardless of their zip code. The state needs to step up and fully fund our public schools. We need to expand current property tax rebate programs to capture more seniors, Veterans, and vulnerable populations and reduce their tax burden. We need to address our aging infrastructure by increasing funding to replace outdated water and sewer lines along with roads and bridges. We must ensure that all people have access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. I would work with others to find common ground and compromise. A pragmatic approach must be at the forefront of government.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. The changes I would make to our voting laws would be to expand access to the ballot in Pennsylvania. I would maintain Act 77 with some modifications. We need to allow counties to canvass ballots before election day so we get results faster. We should pre-register young people to vote so that when they turn 18 they are already registered and ready to vote. We should automatically register people by using other government agencies like the DOT. We need to ensure voters are informed and fight against voter misinformation with rigorous civics education in high school. I would also want to see open primaries to allow more participation along with early voting options expanded to allow for greater participation.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these**rights?**

A. The environment must be a priority so that future generations have a place to play, enjoy, and use for recreation. I would ensure this through a pragmatic approach of using federal funding to clean up streams, like Solomon's Creek, from acid mine drainage. Acid mine drainage is something that needs a long-term plan and investment, but we can do it to provide clean water for all people to use. We need to use federal funds to retrofit older plants, homes, and schools to be as energy-efficient as possible as a way to reduce fossil fuel consumption and minimize emissions. We need to leverage federal funds to conserve land around our region so people can hunt, fish, hike, and bike while enjoying the splendor that is NEPA.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. Gun control measures that take a common-sense approach are something that I support. Increasing safety training is something that can reduce firearm accidents and something we should do. Firearm safety training courses taught by professionals are highly effective in understanding proper usage. Tightening background checks, eliminating the gun show loopholes, limiting high capacity magazines, and bump stocks can help reduce gun-related deaths. Red flag laws can be appropriate when taken up by the courts on a case-by-case basis as each one is unique to that situation.

ALEC J. RYNCAVAGE

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

REPUBLICAN**TOM WILLIAMS (REP)
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION****County:** Luzerne**Occupation:** Retired newscaster**Education:** BA Journalism Pennsylvania State University**Qualifications:** More than 30 years experience in Journalism reporting on issues important to Northeast Pennsylvania, holding public officials accountable, promoting the region and supporting many area charities and causes.**Campaign Website:** <http://Tom4pa.com>**Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?**

A. Priority one would be to pave roads and replace our crumbling bridges. It seems to be the number one issue with voters that I've talked to. I would work with house colleagues to find a bipartisan funding solution to fix our aging infrastructure.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. I want to make sure every legal vote is counted. Pennsylvanians need to trust the election process. Requiring voters to show picture ID at the polling place would help accomplish this.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. I would hold DEP accountable. Make sure the agency is doing its job, monitoring our air and water quality.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. I believe FBI background checks at the time of a gun purchase are sufficient. I don't believe gun owners should be deprived of their second amendment rights without due process. I recommend gun owners should take advantage of safety training but I would not require it.

DISTRICT 120**REPUBLICAN**

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AARON KAUFER (REP)

As of May 9, 2022, Candidate did not respond.

minor in marketing.

Occupation: Candidate. Previously the Deputy Director of Elections for Luzerne County, and media/constituent relations for State Senator John Yudichak.

Q. What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

A. From rising property taxes and home energy costs to business shutdowns and a lack of family sustaining jobs, northeastern Pennsylvania families are hurting. If elected I would focus my efforts on helping families who are dealing with skyrocketing inflation, supporting businesses so they can create good paying jobs and protecting our personal freedoms and liberties. My experience as a State Senator's aide, allowed me to appreciate the ability to work together - Republican, Democrat and Independent - to get things

done for the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Q. What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?

A. During my time working for the Luzerne County elections department, I saw first-hand the confusion and the potential for cheating that the legislation authorizing no-excuse mail in ballots created. I want voters to be able to trust the election process and I will support common-sense reforms, such as voter identification, that make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

Q. Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment.

What actions would you take to protect these rights?

A. We should always look for new ways to protect the environment and the natural

beauty that Pennsylvania possesses. I believe we need a balance between preservation of the environment and looking out for the needs of Northeastern Pennsylvanians and their families.

Q. There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?

A. The 2nd Amendment of the Constitution guarantees a right to keep and bear arms. I support the 2nd Amendment and if elected will defend the rights of law abiding gun owners. I believe that we should look for ways that protect our safety, and will not infringe upon the Constitution.

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