

# Town Hall

Thursday, May 26th, 2022



# AGENDA

- 11:00 – Welcome!
- **11:05 - Agenda**
- 11:07 - Meeting Norms
- 11:10 - Update
- 11:35 - Q&A, moderated by Mary Gazdik, Library Director
- 11:55 - Closing remarks
- 12:00 - Conclude



# MEETING NORMS



## We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda\*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. Ask clarifying questions when in doubt
5. We will discuss policy, not politics\*\*

\*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

# PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please **write your questions on the comment card** and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, **we will respond to you via email or a phone call!**

Please include **legible contact information** to ensure a response.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
**CHRISSYHOULAHAN**  
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH US**

**LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

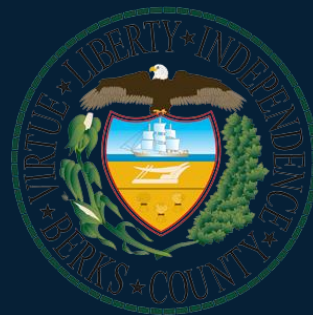
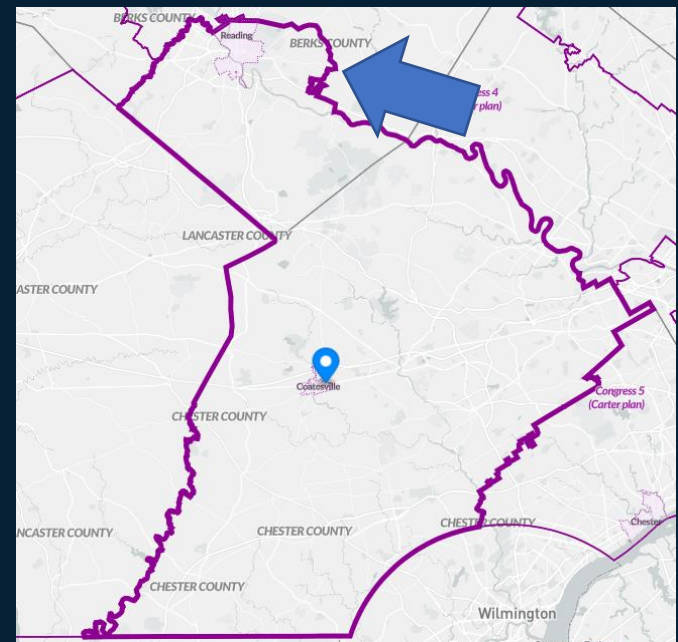
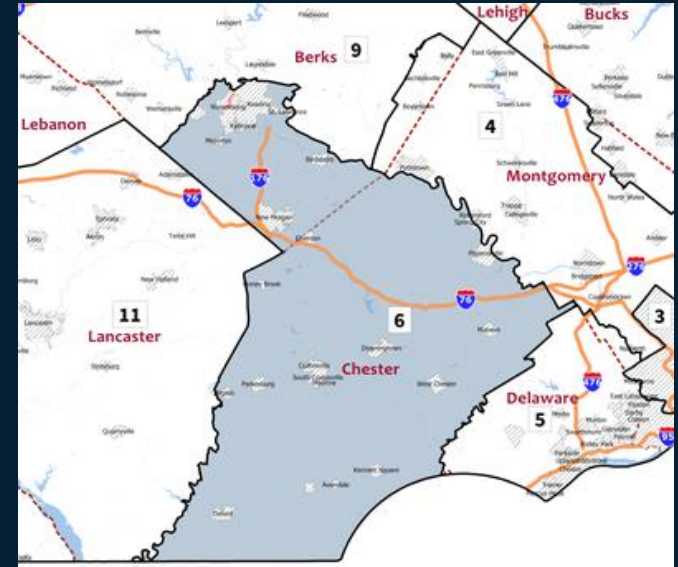
**WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Violence Prevention	_____
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# WHO DO I REPRESENT?

Right now, the Pennsylvanian Sixth district includes all of **Chester County** and the southeastern part of **Berks County**, including the City of Reading. That's over 700,000 people!

However, the PA Supreme Court just approved updated congressional maps as a result of the 2020 census, which adds an additional area in Berks County. This will go into effect next year.





# Congressional Update

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

Pennsylvania received the **3<sup>rd</sup> most infrastructure funding** of any state.



## DELIVERING FOR PENNSYLVANIA: THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



**\$1.4 Billion**  
to ensure clean water access



**\$355 Million**  
to upgrade our airports



**\$11.3 Billion**  
to repair our highways



**\$100 Million**  
to expand broadband access



**\$1.6 Billion**  
to rebuild our bridges



**\$2.8 Billion**  
to improve public transit

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**CHRISSE HOULAHAN**

# FIGHTING COVID

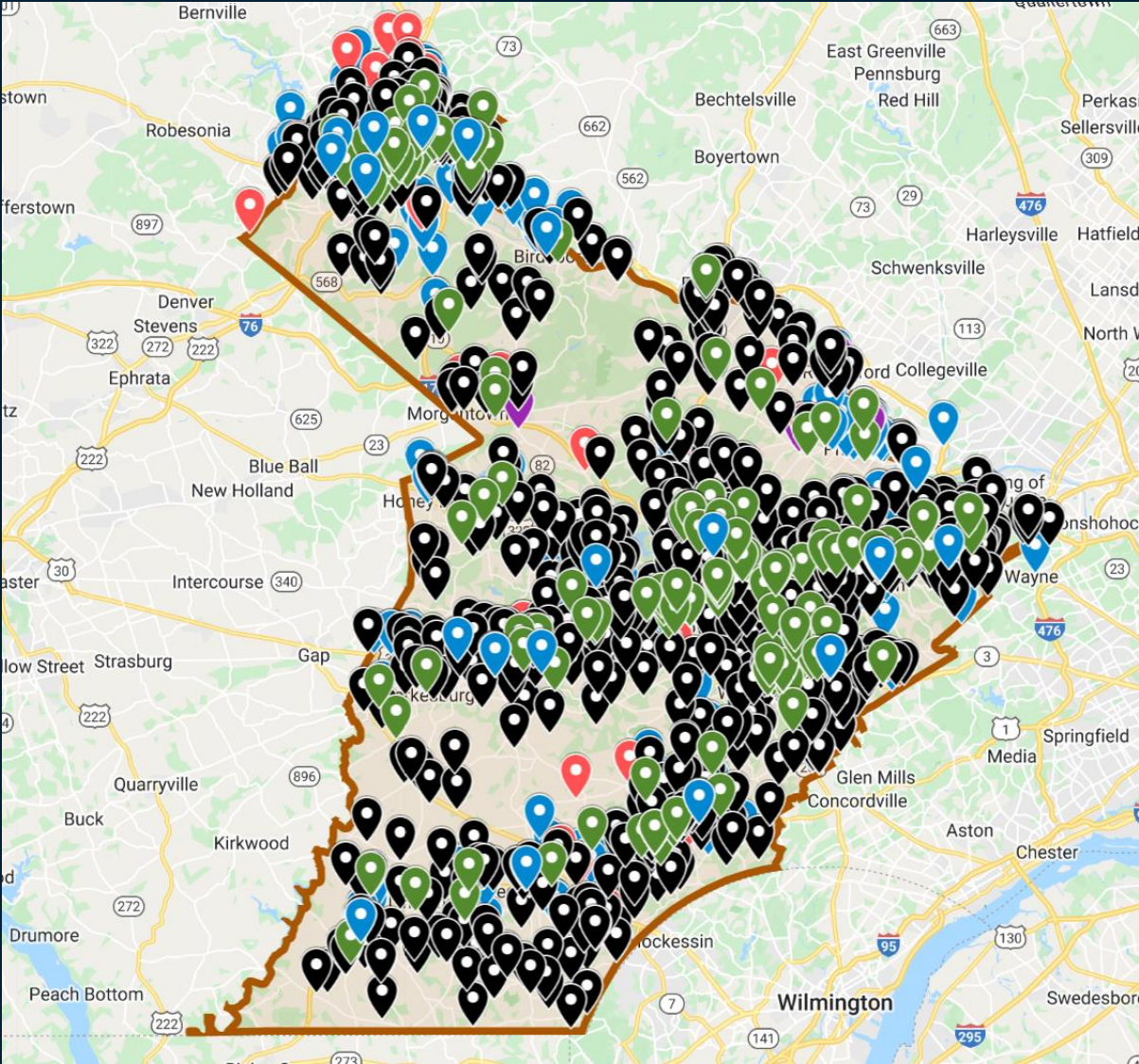
- **American Rescue Plan** has made vaccines widely available
- **8,617,267 Pennsylvanians** considered fully vaccinated
- Over **1 billion** COVID tests made available
- Schools are back open
- The Earned Income Payment and Child Tax Credit



*Visiting with COVID testing workers in Reading*



# FIGHTING COVID



# SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY



*Announcing American Rescue Plan funds at the Colonial Theatre*

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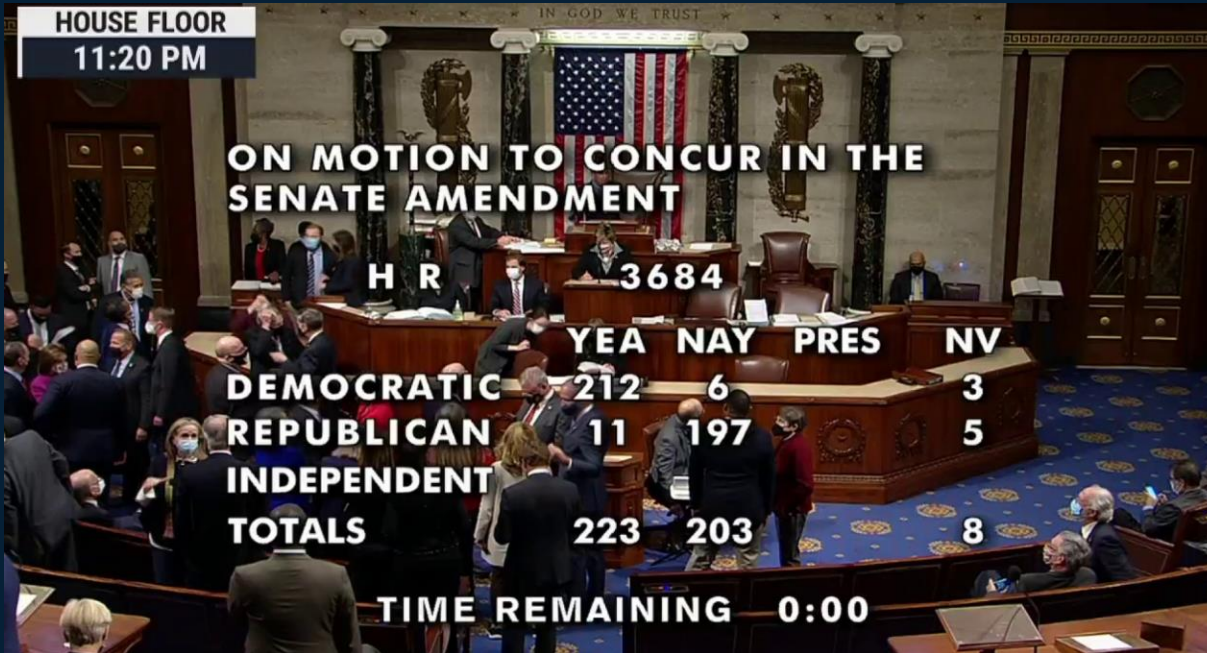
Our small business was in its infancy when covid hit. While we're hopefully beyond capacity limits and mask mandates we still face an uncertain future.

**To be here as long as we have  
is only because of the lifeline  
that was the Restaurant  
Revitalization Fund.**

Dan, Be Here Brewing - **AVONDALE**



# SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFLATION



COMMUNITIES / GOVERNMENT / VIDEO

## Houlihan Talks Financial Concerns, Inflation During Constituent Town Hall

February 10, 2022 - by MyChesCo

- Co-Founded the **Congressional Inflation Working Group**
- Appointed to Conference Committee for the **America COMPETES Act**
- **Addressing delays** caused by inadequate systems that lead to bottlenecks and higher costs
- Passed: **IIJA** and the **Ocean Shipping Reform Act**

# HEALTH CARE

- **Coverage increased by 21% due to the American Rescue Plan:** The increase to 14.5 million people represented a 21% increase over 2021 due to the expansions of cost-saving subsidies in the American Rescue Plan.
- **Lowering Drug Costs** by allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices
- Passed the **Affordable Insulin Now Act** to cap out of pocket insulin costs at **\$35 per month**
- Cosponsored the bipartisan **Telehealth Modernization Act**, which permanently removes Medicare's "geographic and originating site" restrictions, which require that the patient live in a rural area and use telehealth at a doctor's office or clinic.

<https://houlahan.house.gov/news/documentsingle>

## Chester County Hospital gets \$2.1 million in state funding ...

Jan 18, 2022 – The **funding**, made available through the federal American Rescue Plan, comes at a crucial time as communities across the **county** face Tower ...





# HEALTH CARE



*Paoli Hospital, Maternity Ward*



*Chester County Hospital*

# UPDATE: UKRAINE



**LIVE**

A split-screen news broadcast. On the left, a male anchor in a blue suit and glasses is speaking. On the right, two female anchors, one in a green top and one in a blue suit, are listening. The background shows a grand interior with columns.

**FOX NEWS channel**

**GOP & DEM LAWMAKERS CALL FOR MORE AID TO UKRAINE**

**WAR ON UKRAINE**

**ZELENSKY SPEECH TO CONGRESS**

**TODAY 9AM ET**



# UPDATE: UKRAINE



# UPDATE: HURRICANE IDA





# SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



- Support President Biden's budget proposal to increase funding to retain a dedicated workforce
- Introduced the **Invest to Protect Act** last week
- Joined the **Phoenixville Police Department** for a ride-along

# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

- **\$1,865,624** for Borough of Sinking Spring Roads
- **\$750,000** for Reading Rail Restoration
- **\$645,609** for Chester County EV Charging Stations
- **\$450,000** for United Community Services for Working Families
- **\$1,450,000** for Albright College Scientific Research Institute (SRI)
- **\$271,169** for West Grove Borough Sewers
- **\$500,000** for Penn State Health St. Joseph Mobile Health Medical Center
- **\$175,000** for Lincoln University DEI Center
- **\$100,000** for United Way of Chester County Financial Literacy



*Here I am at Albright College's Scientific Research Institute learning about their STEM opportunities for students.*

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

LATEST HEADLINES

\$10

Houlahan marks ~~9~~ million returned directly to Berks, Chester County families

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I called Rep. Houlahan's office for help with a delayed tax return from the IRS. The staff who answered the phone was terrific—very friendly and understanding.

**They took care of the situation promptly and quickly!**

**James - NOTTINGHAM**

**IN THE LAST 30 DAYS**



# SAVING COATESVILLE VAMC

THE MERCURY

Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save...

## Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save Coatesville VA

- Published an op-ed
- **Led PA delegation letter to VA Secretary McDonough**
- Hosted listening session with local veterans
- **Hosted VA Secretary Denis McDonough at the Coatesville VAMC on May 9** →



# FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES



Fixing the baby formula shortage

- Urged the FDA to better protect the baby formula supply chain
- **Called on the President to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase production (he did!)**
- Supported ByHeart in Reading

Defending women's reproductive rights and health

- Voted for the Women's Health Protection Act

# GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

As a third-generation military veteran, I support the Second Amendment and responsible gun ownership. I also believe that Congressional action to reduce and prevent gun violence is long overdue, and I am committed to taking meaningful federal action to prevent future tragedies. This Congress I took the following steps to address this critical public safety and national security issue:

- Cosponsored and voted for the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, which ensures individuals prohibited from gun possession are not able to obtain firearms. This bill passed the House and has been placed on the Senate calendar for consideration.
- Voted for and an original cosponsor of the Enhanced Background Checks Act, which extends from three to ten days the time allowed for a background check to be conducted. The bill passed the House and has been placed on the Senate calendar for consideration.
- Cosponsored Ethan's Law, which enforces new standards for firearm storage in homes with children.
- Cosponsored more than 10 pieces of legislation that will help reduce and prevent gun violence in our communities, including bills that would ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and create programs for law enforcement to alert the public of active shooters in their communities

# Q&A



# CLOSING REMARKS



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