

# **West Grove Town Hall**

**Monday, June 27th, 2022**

# AGENDA

- 1:00 – Welcome!
- **1:02 - Agenda**
- 1:05 - Meeting Norms
- 1:10 - Update
- 1:35 - Q&A, moderated by Greg McCummings, Borough Manager
- 1:55 - Closing remarks
- 2:00 - 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  
**CHRISSY HOULAHAN**  
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH US**

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

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

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

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

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

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

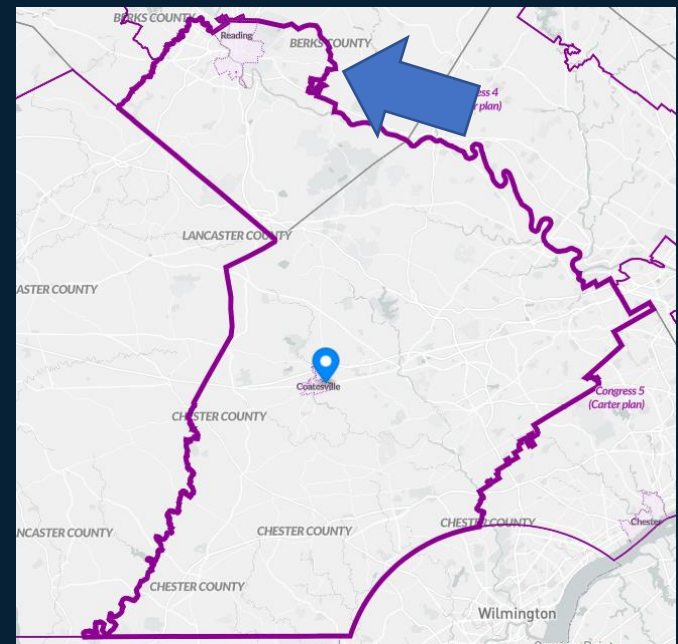
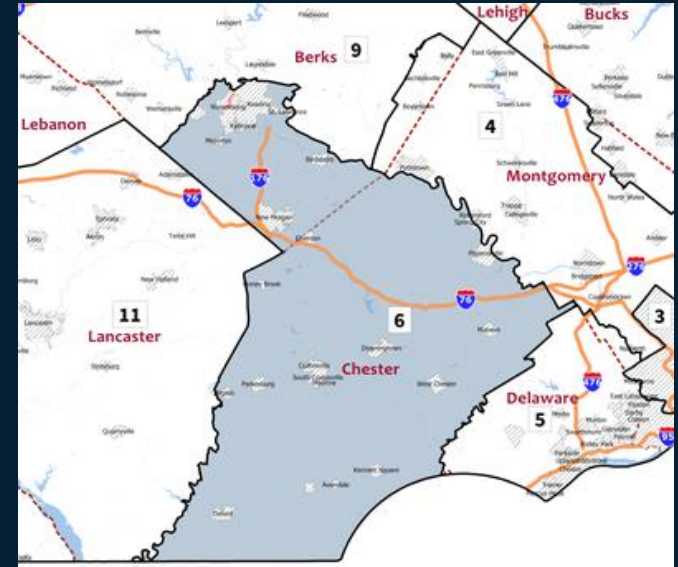
**WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+
<input type="checkbox"/> Economy / Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> National Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Reform	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Violence Prevention	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare	_____
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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.



# REBUILDING AFTER COVID

- **American Rescue Plan** made vaccines widely available
- **8,425,524 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*



# REBUILDING AFTER COVID

# SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY



*Announcing American Rescue Plan funds at the Colonial Theatre*

## THE REPORTER

**Rep. Houlahan secures millions  
for local movie theaters**

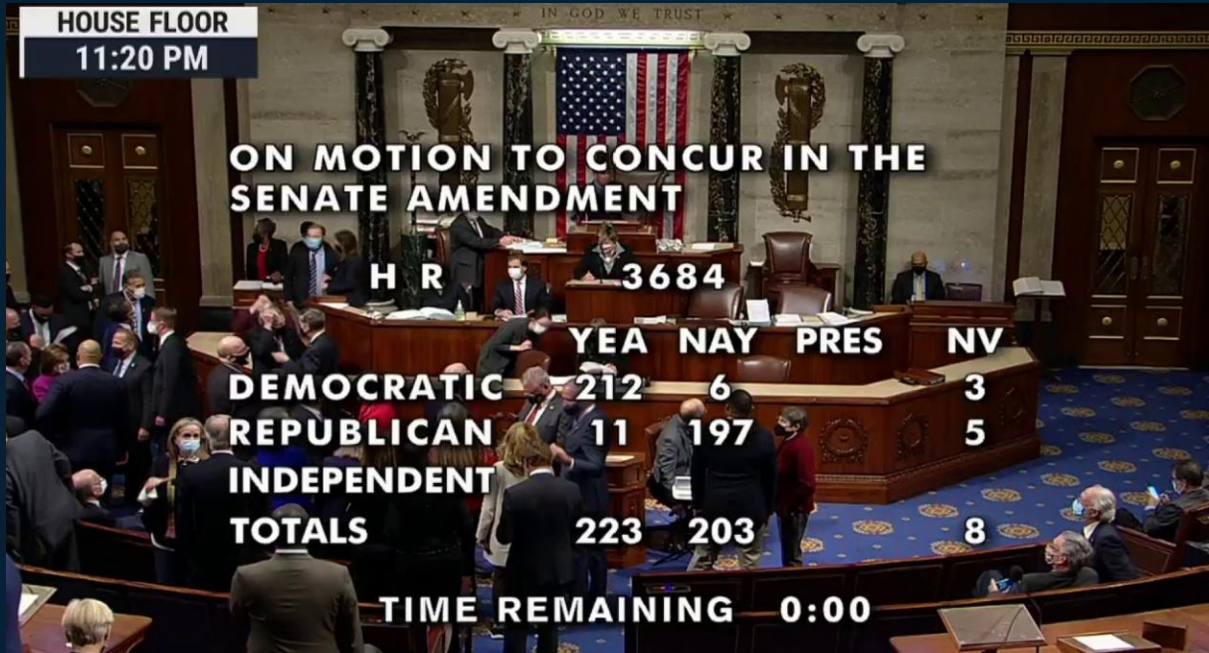
- **\$2.2 Billion** from PPP to our community
- Led effort to **forgive loans of less than \$150,000**
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Abraham Lincoln Leadership for America Award

# SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY

*Talking semiconductors and workforce development at Vishay Technology with Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo*

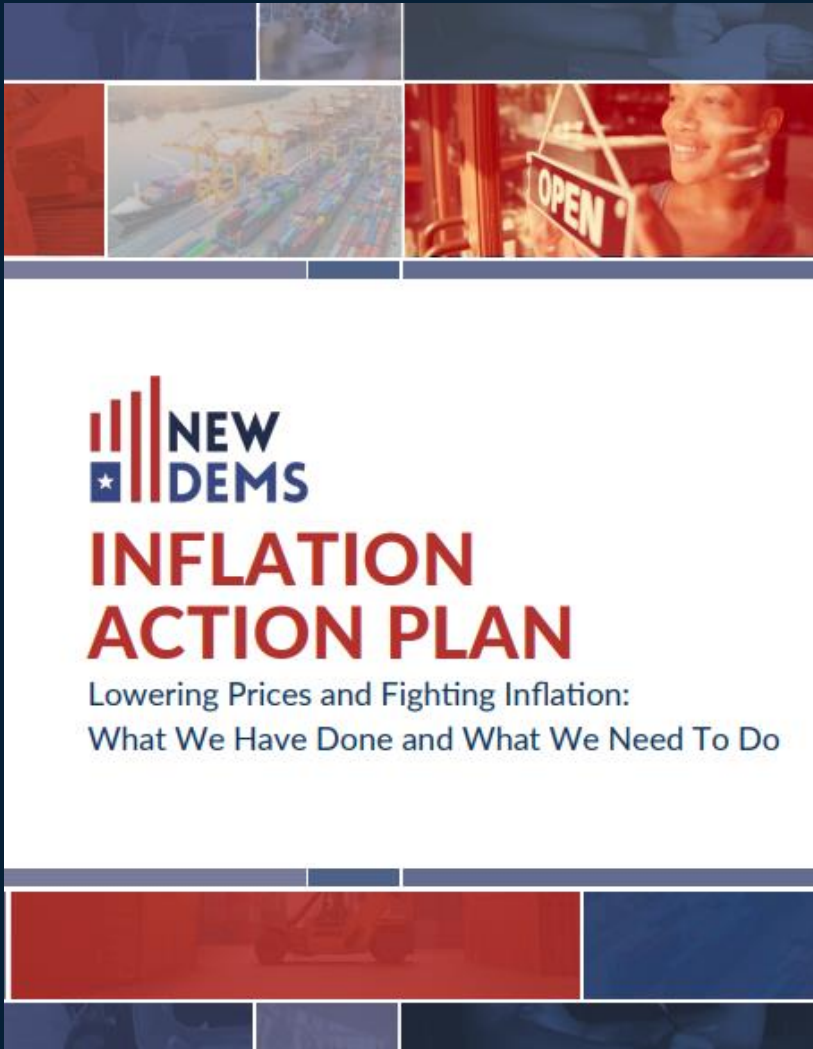
*Showcasing entrepreneurship at Nth Solutions in Coatesville to SBA Administrator Isabella Guzman*

# SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFLATION



- Passed the Bipartisan **Infrastructure and Jobs Act** which was signed into law
- Passed the **Ocean Shipping Reform Act** which was signed into law
- Appointed to Conference Committee for the **America COMPETES Act**
- Co-Founded the New Dems **Inflation Working Group**

# SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFLATION



“The New Democrat Coalition has done something very valuable in putting forth a concrete action plan. Its elements should receive urgent policy consideration.”

-Larry Summers, Former Treasury Secretary

**Forbes**

**“Congressional Democrats Just Offered Their Best Inflation Plan Yet”**



# HEALTH CARE

- Passed the **American Rescue Plan** which increased health insurance coverage by 21% (14.5 million people)
- **Trying to lower 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**; in the Senate now
- Cosponsored the bipartisan **Telehealth Modernization Act**, which removes Medicare's restriction requiring patients to 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**

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# **UPDATE: HURRICANE IDA**

# SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS

- Advocated for President Biden's budget proposal **to increase funding**
- Introduced the **Invest to Protect Act**
- 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

*Presenting the “check” for \$450,000 to  
United Community Services for Working  
Families*

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

LATEST HEADLINES

\$11

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



# SAVING COATESVILLE VAMC

- 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

- **Called on the President to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase production (he did!)**
- Supported ByHeart in Reading

Defending women's health

- Voted for the **Women's Health Protection Act** which legalizes abortion

# GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

As a third-generation military veteran, I support the Second Amendment and responsible gun ownership. I also believe that further Congressional action to reduce gun violence is needed, and I will take meaningful federal action to prevent future tragedies.

- The **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act** was signed into law
  - Enhanced background checks for people under 21
  - Closes the boyfriend loophole
  - Penalties for straw purchases
  - Increased resources for mental health services
  - Support for schools

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- There is more work to be done. This Congress I have:
  - Hosted a **town hall** on gun violence prevention
  - Cosponsored and voted for the **Bipartisan Background Checks Act** and the **Enhanced Background Checks Act**
  - Cosponsored **Ethan's Law** which increases firearm storage requirements in homes with children
  - And **more than 10** other pieces of legislation to keep us safe

# MAINTAINING NATIONAL SECURITY

The annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) passed bipartisanly out of committee last week. It includes:

- 19 of my amendments
- Measures to reduce our reliance on China for rare earth elements
- Measures to support military families
- Reauthorization of SBIR/STTR programs

# Q&A

# CLOSING REMARKS

# STAY CONNECTED:



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