

TOWN HALL

Healthcare and PA-06 Updates



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN

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REPRESENTING THE 6TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AGENDA

- 6:30 – Our Norms
- 6:35 – Staff Introductions
- 6:40 – Services
- 6:45 – Committees
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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. Encourage full participation by being concise when we speak
4. Address conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
5. Ask questions when in doubt

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

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STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

- **Sue Walker** – District Director
- **Noah Levine** – District Scheduler & Constituent Advocate
- **Kurtis Miller** – Constituent Advocate
- **Scott Nelson** – Constituent Advocate

ON IMPEACHMENT

- The **Mueller Report** lays out evidence that the President welcomed Russian interference and then may have obstructed justice to protect his interests
- Mr. Mueller's testimony re-emphasized that he was not able to exonerate the President, but rather that a Department of Justice policy precluded him from indicting a sitting President.
- **This process is not over.** Congress must continue its relentless and continued oversight pressure. We have to trust the process.
- This is a rapidly evolving investigation. Should the Administration prevent Congressional investigations from being fully carried out, prevent us from fully pursuing the truth, prevent us from upholding the mandates of the Constitution, I will reassess.

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HOW WE CAN HELP

- Assist with obtaining **federal benefits** including VA and SSA
- Assist with other federal agencies
 - Resolving a dispute with the IRS, getting a visa for a relative, etc.
- Arrange tours of certain **DC landmarks**, including the U.S. Capitol Building
- Fly **U.S. flags** over the U.S. Capitol in honor of someone
- Assist with **service academy nominations**
- Provide **internships** in PA or DC to PA-06 college students
 - Stipends available for Pell grant eligible applicants
- Record your story for the **Veterans History Project**

7 MONTHS ON THE JOB

- We had almost **50,000** interactions with the community
- We answered **30,000** emails
- We fielded **6,800** phone calls and letters
- We closed nearly **450** casework files
- We returned **\$773,000** to constituents

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MY COMMITTEES

- **Small Business Committee**
 - Innovation and Workforce Development Subcommittee
- **Armed Services Committee**
 - Readiness Subcommittee
 - Intelligence, Emerging Threats, & Capabilities Subcommittee
- **Foreign Affairs Committee**
 - Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, & International Organizations Subcommittee
 - Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation Subcommittee

MEMBERSHIPS

- **New Democrat Coalition**, Freshman Leadership Rep
- **Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus**, Founder and Chair
- **Freshman Working Group on Addiction**
- **Gun Violence Prevention Task Force**
- **LGBT Equality Caucus**
- **New Dems Healthcare Task Force**

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UPDATE FROM DC

- More than **250 bills** passed the House, including:
 - H.R.1 – For the People Act
 - An important **government corruption** and **election reform** package
 - Bills to defend protections for people with **preexisting conditions** and **reduce the cost of prescription drugs**
 - Historic **background check** legislation
 - The first time in **20 years** that the House passed major gun safety legislation

HEALTHCARE

- Fighting to **increase access** to affordable, quality care and to **lower the cost** of prescription drugs for our community
- If the ACA were repealed, **34,000 people** in PA-06 would lose their healthcare
- Drug overdose deaths have **increased** in Chester County over the last several years

HEALTHCARE

- Some of the healthcare bills we've passed in the House:
 - **Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act** – package of bills to reduce drug prices and improve access.
 - **Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act** – bipartisan bill to repeal the “Cadillac tax” on high value healthcare plans
 - **Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act**
 - **Bills to expand care for:**
 - People with autism
 - 9/11 First Responders
 - Veterans

HEALTHCARE

- Bills Cosponsored:
 - **Protecting Pre-existing Conditions & Making Health Care More Affordable Act**
 - Bolsters the ACA by continuing protections for consumers with pre-existing conditions, improving marketplace stability, and ensuring comprehensive benefits.
 - **SAVE Act**
 - Gives states the authority to implement health care marketplaces, which can increase coverage options and bring down prices.
 - **SPIKE Act**
 - Requires more transparency in drug pricing.
 - **State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act**
 - Provides \$5 billion in federal grants to states for response to the opioid epidemic



HEALTHCARE

- Hosted PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro, healthcare providers, and community leaders on the front lines of the **opioid epidemic** in Reading
- Visited **Chester County Hospital** and learned about a bold initiative to bring each medical specialty into the future
- Visited a **community care clinic** in West Chester that serves low-income and uninsured working families



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SHARE YOUR STORIES

Please raise your hand to share a story about:

- Getting coverage and care with a preexisting condition
- Cost of prescription drugs
- Affordability of health insurance
- Access to quality healthcare

Please keep your comments brief so that we can hear from many of you!

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

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

If we don't get to your question, we will respond to it via email!

STAY IN TOUCH

Website: www.houlahan.house.gov

- Request assistance with a Federal agency
- Request a tour or flag flown over the Capitol
- Schedule a meeting with me or a member of my team
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- And much more!

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