

# TOWN HALL

Infrastructure and PA-06  
Updates



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN

**CHRISSY HOULAHAN**

REPRESENTING THE 6TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

# TOWN HALL #10

1. **January-** Wyomissing, “Government Shutdown”
2. **January-** Exton, “Government Shutdown”
3. **February-** Coatesville, “Gun Violence”
4. **March-** Telephone
5. **April-** Downingtown, “Education & STEM”
6. **April-** West Chester, “Youth Engagement”
7. **May-** Reading, “Veterans”
8. **June-** West Grove, “Agriculture & Environment”
9. **July-** West Chester, “Healthcare”
10. **September-** Reading, “Infrastructure”



# AGENDA

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- 3:35 – Staff Introductions
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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
- **MaCherie Dunbar** – Constituent Advocate
- **Noah Levine** – District Scheduler & Constituent Advocate

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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**



# US REP. CRISSY HOULAHAN

200+ DAYS SERVING PA-06



2 District Offices opened ★

9 Constituent Town Halls held

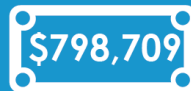
10 Bills introduced

148 Bills cosponsored

3 Amendments passed the House



556 Constituent Cases closed



\$798,709 Returned to constituents



47,000 Emails received



3,000 Letters received



4,600 Phone Calls fielded

4,000

Miles Travelled in & around the district



35 Train Rides

between PA & DC

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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 **350 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

# 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.** This is a rapidly evolving investigation. The Judiciary Committee will determine whether to recommend articles of impeachment based on the obstructive conduct described by the Special Counsel. An impeachment inquiry is underway similar to the Nixon Administration's proceedings.

# INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fighting to **fix our Pennsylvania infrastructure**
  - Pushing for a bipartisan transportation/infrastructure package, including writing several letters to leadership about the need for action now
  - Working with members on relevant committees to ensure our priorities are reflected in bills they are writing now
- Pennsylvania has the **ninth largest inventory** of highways and bridges in the country
- There are **nearly 300 structurally-deficient bridges** in our PA-06 community
- Several **energy pipelines** run through our community





# INFRASTRUCTURE

- Speaking up for our community's **infrastructure priorities**:
  - Invest in our **public transportation** systems (e.g. BARTA, SEPTA)
  - Encourage **environmentally responsible infrastructure**, which would **create jobs**
  - Ensure the solvency of the **Highway Trust Fund**, but not at the expense of the most vulnerable
  - Fully fund the **Clean Water Revolving Fund**
  - **Expand public-private partnerships** for drinking water and wastewater projects
  - Find **environmentally sound**, resilient, and transparent ways to modernize and improve our infrastructure
- Urged the **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** to bring forth a bipartisan infrastructure funding bill that will create good-paying jobs and align with our environmental priorities
- Cosponsored legislation that would reinvest the revenues from a carbon fee into infrastructure priorities

# INFRASTRUCTURE

- Joined Representatives Scanlon and Fitzpatrick at a **bipartisan field hearing** with testimony from **SEPTA, PennDOT, PHL**, and other entities to advocate for the infrastructure interests of Southeastern PA
- Urged inclusion of **clean energy innovation incentives** in any forthcoming tax or infrastructure package
- Toured both **Philadelphia International Airport and Boeing's Ridley Park facility**, meeting with leadership, TSA agents, and union representatives
- Participated in a maritime commerce roundtable at the **Port of Philadelphia** with the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard and industry stakeholders
- Went behind the scenes at **SEPTA**, visiting the control center from which they keep their 196 train, trolley, subway, and bus lines running



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# SHARE YOUR STORIES

Please raise your hand to share a story about:

- Infrastructure-related incidents in our community – roads, bridges, public transit, electrical grid, waterways, etc.

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](http://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!

**Social:** Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChrissyHoulahan/>

Twitter: @RepHoulahan

Instagram: @ChrissyHoulahan

**Phone:** 202-225-4315 (Washington, DC)

610-883-5050 (West Chester)

610-295-0815 (Reading)



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