



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD LITERACY TOWN HALL

MILLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS, READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

July 31, 2023

1:00-2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Welcome! and Introduction from Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
- PowerPoint Presentation and Update
- Panel Introduction
- Audience Q&A (please write your questions on cards provided)
 - Moderated by Dr. Susan Looney, president of RACC
- Closing remarks from Chrissy

COMMITTEE AND CAUCUS ROLES

- House Armed Services Committee, Member
- House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Member
- Women in STEM Caucus, Co-Founder and Co-Chair
- For Country Caucus, Co-Founder and Member
- Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus, Co-Founder and Member
- Problem Solvers Caucus, Member
- Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, Co-Chair

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Secured \$715,770 for West Chester University – WCU Moonshot “I Want to STEM” education program for disadvantaged elementary and middle school students via Community Project Funding
- Secured \$750,000 for Kennett Library's new facility via Community Project Funding
- Secured \$2,000,000 for Alvernia University Reading CollegeTowne Health Science Expansion via Community Project Funding
- Secured \$1,907,500 for Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation's education and job training programs via Community Project Funding
- Introduced the CLIMB Act which would permanently provide age-appropriate books to children during their wellness checks ages 0-5 (twice a year) at military installations and military treatment centers
- Cosponsored the Computer Science for All Act to improve access to computer science education by authorizing the Secretary of Education to carry out a program to increase access to K-12 computer science education.
- Cosponsored the Child Care for Working Families Act to ensure that working families can find and afford high-quality childcare and address the childcare crisis.



- Cosponsored the Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2021 which would require school districts to adopt codes of conduct prohibiting bullying and harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and religion.
- Cosponsored and voted for The Honoring Our PACT Act, the largest investment in health care for veterans in our country's history
- Made history as the first Member of Congress to ever win two awards in the same year by the non-partisan Congressional Management Foundation
 - Houlahan was recognized as "Best in Congress" for Constituent Services and Workplace Environment
- Passed legislation in the U.S. House to prevent U.S. oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserves from being sold to Chinese-affiliated companies and other sanctioned nations like Russia, North Korea, and Iran
- Appointed as the Chair of the Economic Growth and Fiscal Responsibility Task Force on the New Democrat Coalition
- Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, lowered the cost of prescription drugs by limiting out-of-pocket expenses to \$2,000/year and capped the price of insulin at \$35/month for Medicare recipients
- Passed the first comprehensive gun violence prevention legislation in a generation (The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act)

DELIVERING CONSTITUENT SERVICES (Since January 2019)

- More than \$49,900,000 returned to constituents through casework services
- We have resolved 7,434 total cases on behalf of PA-06 constituents
- 322,760 emails sent and 30,758 phone calls returned

Learn about Chrissy's **updated** plan to fight inflation by scanning the QR code:



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