

# STATE of the SIXTH

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
**CHRISSY**  
HOULAHAN  
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# AGENDA

- 7:00 - Welcome!
- **7:05 - Agenda**
- 7:07 - Meeting Norms
- 7:10 - State of the Sixth Address
- 7:50 - Q&A, moderated by Mayor Peter Urscheler
- 8:20 - Closing remarks
- 8:30 - 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?

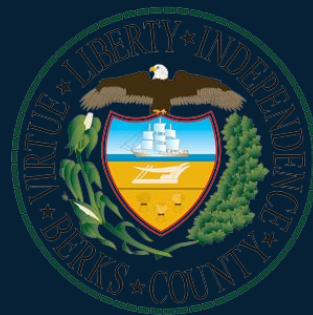
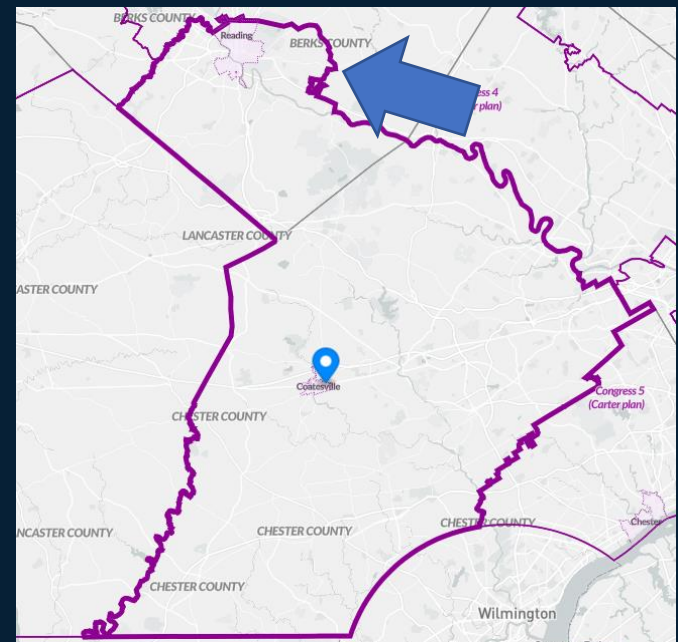
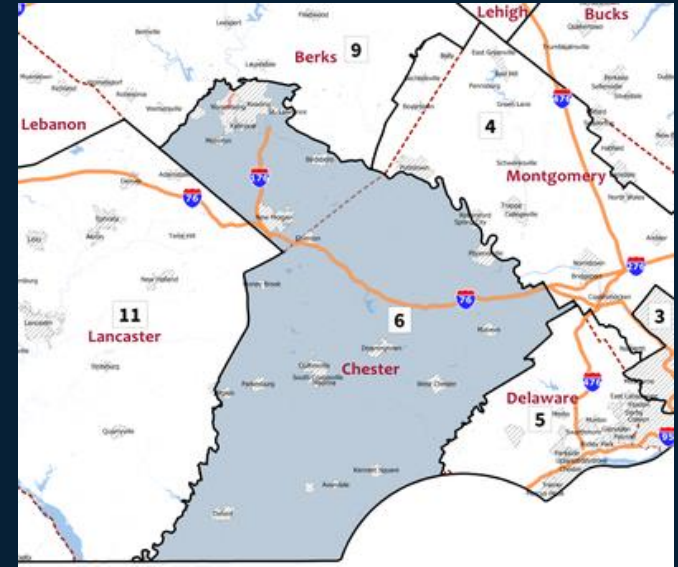
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# Opening Remarks

# 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.



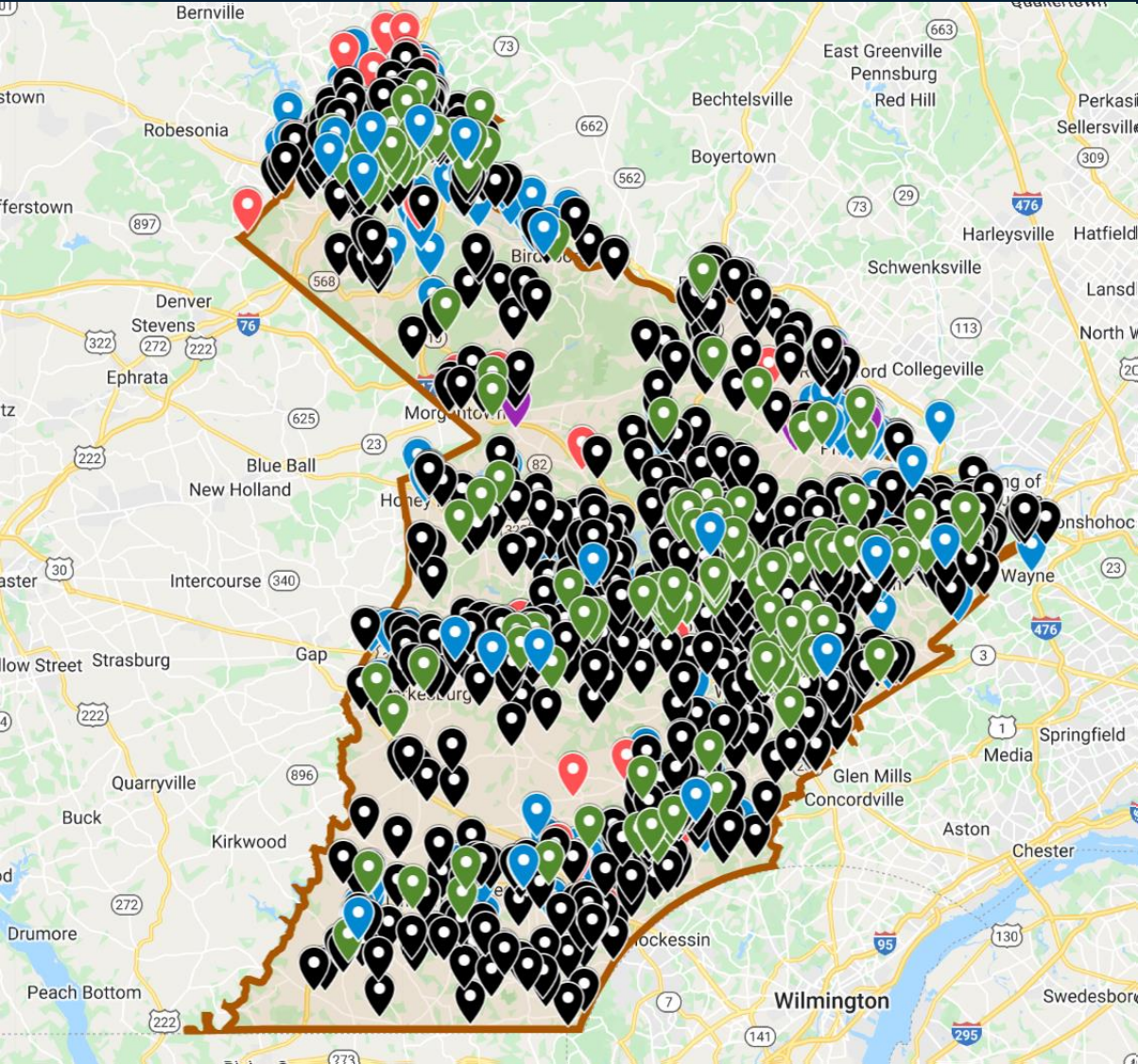
# COVID UPDATE

- **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*

# COVID UPDATE





# SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY



*We announced American Rescue Plan funds here 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**

# SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY

Working to strengthen  
**domestic manufacturing**  
*and* **international trade**



*In November, I welcomed members of the Japanese  
Delegation to Longwood Gardens*

# JOBS

- Fastest job growth in nearly **40 years**
- Unemployment is down to **3.6% nationwide**
- Chester County Unemployment is **down to 3.1%**



*In October, we hosted our Future of Work Job Fair*

# JOBS



*(L to R) Bill Adams (Local IBEW President), Rep. Houlihan, Fred!*



*Sec of Labor, Marty Walsh, visits Chester Co. Hospital*

# SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFLATION



- 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: **IJA** and the **Ocean Shipping Reform Act**

COMMUNITIES / GOVERNMENT / VIDEO

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

February 10, 2022 - by MyChesCo

# 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

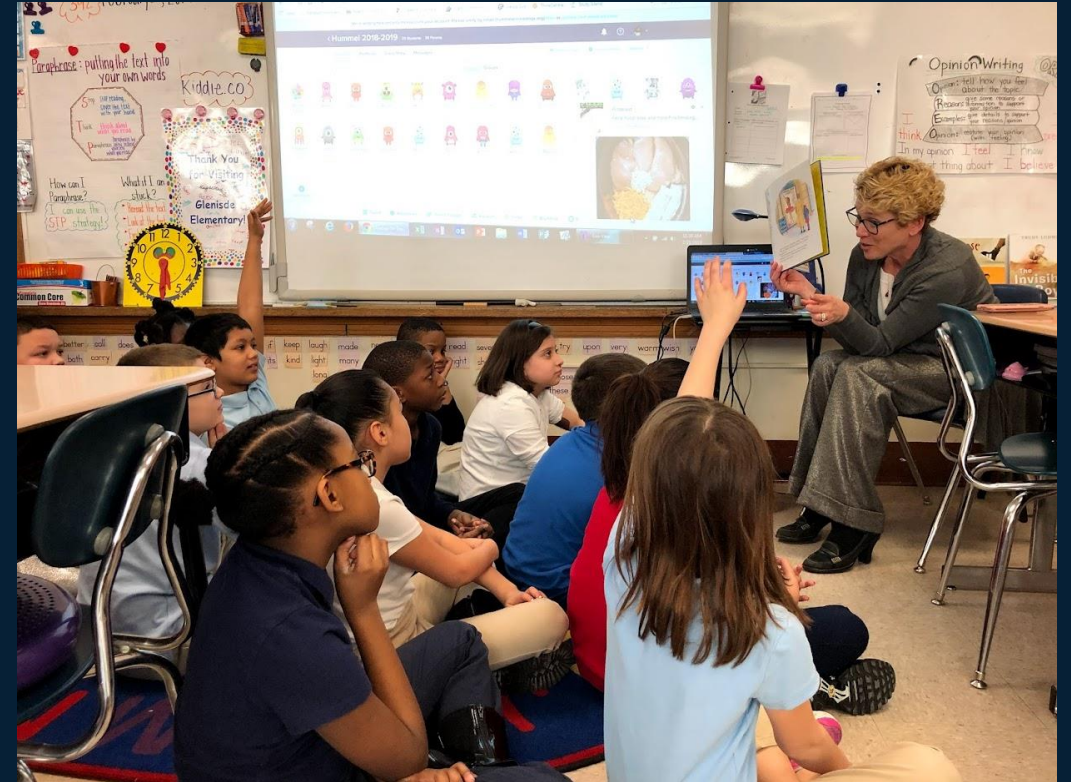


**\$2.8 Billion**  
to improve public transit

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# EDUCATION

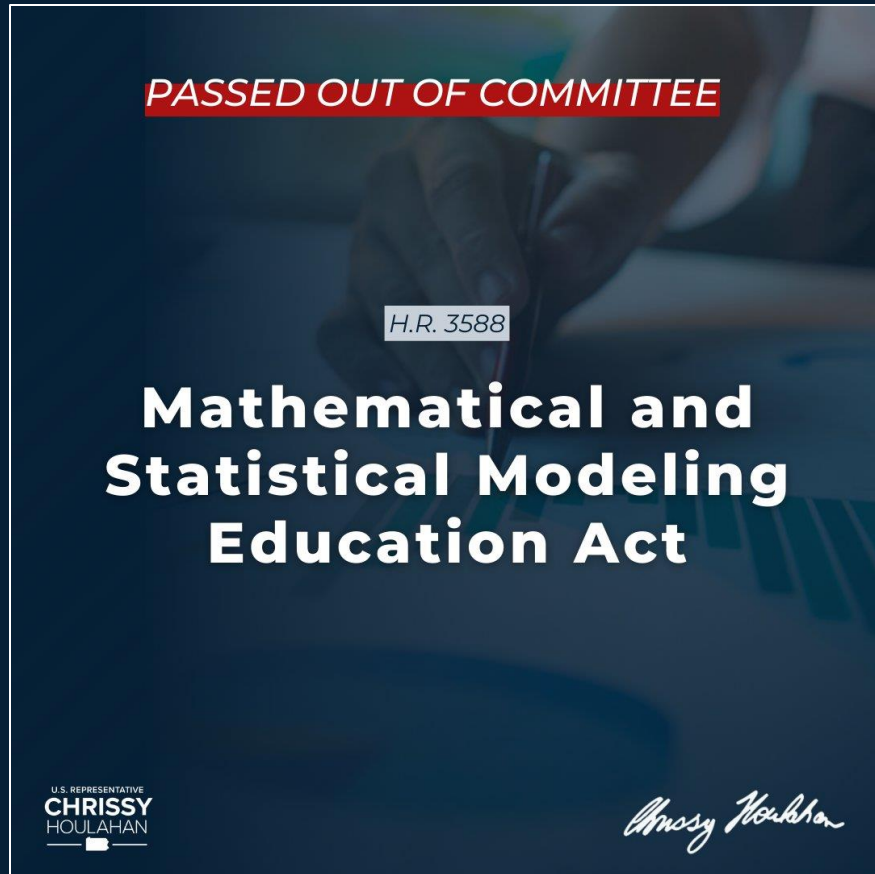
- We all agree: **our kids' education is fundamentally important**
- **American Rescue Plan** delivered **\$200 million** to support our schools right here in Chester and Berks



DAILY LOCAL NEWS

**Reps. Houlihan, Baird introduce bipartisan legislation to simplify student loan forgiveness for public servants**

# STEM & STEAM



Passed my **Mathematical Statistical Modeling Education Act** out of committee.

Next stop: the House Floor for a full House vote!



# STEM & STEAM



- Founded the **Women in STEM Caucus**
- Introduced the **STEM RESTART Act**
- Connecting our community to **NASA**

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

Houlahan hosts virtual student town hall with astronauts aboard International Space Station

# 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.

# HEALTH CARE



*(L to R) Chester County Commissioners Moskowitz, Kichline, Maxwell and Rep. Houlahan in Kennett Square*



*Chester County Hospital*

# SENIORS



- Received a **lifetime achievement score of 100** from the Alliance of Retired Americans
- Successfully pushed the Social Security Administration to **reopen field offices**

GOVERNMENT / NATIONAL

**Houlahan to Social Security Administration: It's Time for In-Person Appointments**

November 17, 2021 - by MyChesCo

# SUPPORTING TROOPS & VETERANS

- Passed **Military Moms Matter** as part of the NDAA inspired by this conversation →
- Cosponsored legislation to **reduce wait times at VA facilities**
- Delivered hundreds of **Valentines for Veterans**



THE MERCURY

Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save...

**Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save Coatesville VA**

# UPDATE: AFGHANISTAN

- I have called on the Biden Administration to **honor our promises** to our Afghan allies
- Urged President Biden to fund UNICEF efforts to **provide humanitarian aid**



# UPDATE: UKRAINE



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LIVE



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

**WAR ON UKRAINE**



Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 4, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,


We write to request that the Administration immediately discontinue the purchase of Russian crude oil and petroleum products. We understand that the United States economy currently relies upon these sources of energy for 3.5% of its needs<sup>1</sup>, but we believe that it is appropriate and necessary to cease the purchase of any and all energy provided from Russia at this time due to the recent atrocities levied upon Ukraine by Putin. We can in no way enable or fund Putin's unprovoked war waged upon the free and sovereign Ukrainian people.

While the Administration has already taken steps to levy sanctions on several of the most critical sectors of the Russian economy, we must swiftly move to eliminate American dependence on Russian oil. The Administration can and will find alternative pathways to fill the gap and mitigate that risk. The United States and our allies have the resources necessary to meet this challenge and we should harness those resources to reduce Russia's energy leverage.

We thank you for your rapid and immediate consideration of our request; every day that passes without our divestment from the Russian energy sector is a day of further funding Putin's wanton attack on the Ukrainian people and on democratic and free people the world over.

Sincerely,

  
Chrissy Houlahan  
Member of Congress

  
Andrew R. Garbarino  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=PET&c=MITIM\\_NUS-NRS\\_1&f=M](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=PET&c=MITIM_NUS-NRS_1&f=M)

# VOTING



- Cosponsored **H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**
- Introduced the **Stop Supporting Foreign Interference in our Democracy Act** which passed as part of the For the People Act

# UPDATE: HURRICANE IDA



*Rick Rotondo*



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# SUPPORT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

- **\$1,865,624** for Borough of Sinking Spring
- **\$750,000** for the County of Berks
- **\$645,609** for Chester County
- **\$450,000** for United Community Services for Working Families
- **\$1,450,000** for Albright College
- **\$271,169** for West Grove Borough
- **\$500,000** for Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center
- **\$175,000** for Lincoln University
- **\$100,000** for United Way of Chester County



*Here I am at Albright College learning about their STEM opportunities for students.*

# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

LATEST HEADLINES

**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**

# BIPARTISANSHIP, CIVILITY & DECENCY

## STATE of the SIXTH

SINCE JAN. 2021



bills led:

**30**

83% of which were bipartisan



bills cosponsored:

**360**

56% of which were bipartisan



total cases resolved:

**2,277**



letters led:

**38**



town halls held:

**19**



letters / calls returned:

**124,087**

money returned to constituent:

**\$9,490,879**



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# Q&A

# CLOSING REMARKS



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