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.
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 3rd 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
SMALL BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY

Announcing American Rescue Plan funds at the Colonial Theatre

• $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

Rep. Houlahan secures millions for local movie theaters
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
“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

"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.
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 $11 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
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
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.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- 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
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
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