STATE of the SIXTH

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022
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.
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
We announced American Rescue Plan funds here at the Colonial Theatre.

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

(L to R) Bill Adams (Local IBEW President), Rep. Houlanan, Fred!
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: IIJA and the Ocean Shipping Reform Act
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

Pennsylvania received the 3rd most infrastructure funding of any state.

DELCIVERING 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
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

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**Daily Local News**

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

GOP & DEM LAWMAKERS CALL FOR MORE AID TO UKRAINE

WAR ON UKRAINE

ZELENSKY

SPEECH TO CONGRESS

TODAY 9AM ET

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

March 4, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,
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 relies upon these sources of energy, but we believe that it is appropriate and necessary to cease the purchase of any and all energy products from Russia for as long as its aggression against Ukraine persists. We cannot in good conscience allow the United States to support Putin's unprovoked war waged against 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 also ensure that all American dependence on Russian oil is eliminated. The Administration can and should explore alternative pathways to fill the gap and mitigate the impact. The United States and our allies must be prepared to meet this challenge and we should channel those resources to reduce Russia's energy leverage.

We thank you for your prompt and immediate consideration of our request. We believe that we can continue to provide aid to Ukraine without the need to purchase Russian oil, and we encourage you to take steps to reduce our dependence on Russian energy sources.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

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• 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
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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

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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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