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From your Senator

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to present my electronic newsletter. These e-newsletters enable me to provide information about issues, events and activities in Harrisburg and around the 49th Senatorial District to you in a timely manner while saving postage costs.

If you find this e-newsletter useful, I invite you to visit my website www.senatorlaughlin.com for more information about your state government. If you do not wish to receive these e-newsletters, please click the “unsubscribe” button at the bottom of the page.

Sincerely,

Senator Laughlin

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IN HARRISBURG

Senate Begins 2019-20 Legislative Session

JANUARY 15, 2019

The Senate opened the 2019-20 Legislative Session with a swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday, January 1. Now that the festivities are done, it is time for the Legislature to get ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work for the people of Pennsylvania.

Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati recently appointed me to serve as Chairman of the Senate Game & Fisheries Committee. As an avid outdoorsman and the author of legislation that would empower the Game Commission to permit Sunday hunting and modernize the antlerless deer licensing process, I am truly looking forward to taking over this Committee which oversees recreational activities enjoyed by thousands of Pennsylvanians. We will be considering issues that not only impact our sportsmen and our wildlife, but also the communities where these activities are popular.

I was also appointed to serve as a member of the Appropriations Committee, which is tasked with reviewing all legislation for its fiscal impact. The Appropriations Committee also plays a crucial role in developing the state budget each year.

In addition to the Appropriations Committee, I will serve as Vice Chairman of the Banking & Insurance Committee and as a member of the Community & Economic Development, Intergovernmental Operations, and Urban Affairs & Housing committees during this session.



Senator Bartolotta, Senator Baker, Senator Laughlin, Senator Langerholc, Senator Stefano



Lt. Governor Fetterman, Senator Laughlin



Senator Laughlin, Senator Gordner

Game Commission Considers New First Day of Rifle Season

JANUARY 26, 2019

This month The Pennsylvania Game Commission held a preliminary voting session for the 2019-2020 seasons and bag limits. The board approved moving the opening day of rifle season for deer to the Saturday following Thanksgiving, and now the legislature needs to do the same.

Changing the first day of Rifle Season to the Saturday after Thanksgiving just makes sense. Currently families that hunt together are losing out on time that could be spent in the field, and the state is losing out on licenses that could be sold. It is time for a change! Read more in the link: <https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2019/01/29/game-commission-approves-moving-opening-day-rifle-season-saturday/2710794002/>



The Re-Introduction of "Christine's Law"

JANUARY 3, 2019

Earlier this month, I partnered with Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton/Lehigh) to announce the re-introduction of "Christine's Law". In 2004, Christine Lambert of Northampton County, was killed when a chunk of ice from a truck flew off its roof and crashed through her windshield. This measure would require all drivers to clear snow and ice from their vehicles within 24 hours following winter storms. Law enforcement officers would be empowered to intervene before a tragedy and makes certain our roads are safer to travel during the winter months.



Co-Sponsoring "Victoria's Law"

JANUARY 30, 2019

I am proud to co-sponsor "Victoria's Law" in the Senate. It will prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores throughout PA, unless sourced from shelters and rescues. Unaffected by this law, responsible breeders will be able to continue to provide Pennsylvanians with healthy, socialized pets. Victoria, featured to the left, is a German Shepard who was forced to give birth to hundreds of puppies in a puppy mill.

School Violence Prevention Program Now Up and Running

JANUARY 26, 2019

Attorney General Josh Shapiro released information last Wednesday on the first-week results for the Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System, a statewide program enabling students, teachers, school administrators and others to detect and report potential threats of violence and other problems before they happen.

Within 10 minutes following the training, the program received its first life safety tip, hopefully signalling future success.

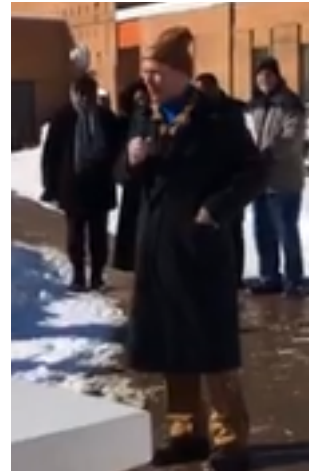


IN THE 49th

Honoring Martin Luther King

JANUARY 21, 2019

My wife, Peggy and I celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr with the Erie Community. During the march, I was able to catch up with County Councilman Andre Horton. After the march, I was honored to offer a few words on being active in the fight against racism.



My Commitment to Public Education

As part of my commitment to visit each school district educating students from the 49th District, I toured General McLane SD High School 1/17. The previous week I attended a Fort LeBoeuf School Board meeting and had a great discussion with Board Members, Superintendent Emerick, Dr. Wolf from and others. I look forward to touring more schools in the coming weeks.



JOY Senior Center opens

JANUARY 25, 2019



Friday 1/25, I attended the Grand Opening of the Just Older Youths "JOY" Senior Center in Erie. It is inspiring to see groups in the community come together to achieve great things like this center!

PA Farm Show 2019 Winners

JANUARY 2019

Congratulations to Ellie Prichard, Adam Gross, and The Lavery Brewing Co. for their success at the 103rd PA Farm Show. Way to represent the 49th District!