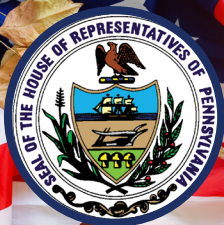


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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE TORREN ECKER

193<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. I am constantly reminded how truly honored I am to represent you and our great community in Harrisburg.

Although House Republicans are in the minority this session, I have never stopped bringing issues important to you to the table. I have and will continue to represent the people of the 193<sup>rd</sup> District to the best of my abilities locally and in Harrisburg.

In this newsletter, you will learn more about our efforts in Harrisburg to grow our economy through tax cuts; improve our communities; and continue our commitment to ensuring our education system provides quality learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their learning environment, that will equip them with the skills necessary for a prosperous future. You will also see what I have been up to around the district and see what events I have coming up over the next few months.

Making sure you, your family and future generations can continue to grow and thrive in our great Commonwealth is what motivates me each day to serve you in the state House. If there is anything state-related I can do for you or your family, do not hesitate to reach out.

State Rep. Torren Ecker, 193<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District

## Issues that Impact YOU!

The House Republican Policy Committee, of which I am vice chairman, has been tackling numerous issues that affect your life every day. From tax cuts to growing agriculture and from responsible energy policy to strengthening rural communities, we are addressing the real issues.

One area we explored was tax cuts, which contrasts sharply with the House Democrats' and Shapiro administration's plan to expand government spending. I believe their plan has the potential for serious financial consequences in the future.

**House Bill 2388**, which I co-sponsored, will slash the state Personal Income Tax (PIT) rate from 3.07% to 2.8% and eliminate the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) on energy. A PIT reduction will add more money to the wallets of Pennsylvanians and help to spur on the economy, while eliminating the GRT will yield monthly savings on energy costs. Tax cuts are a win for everyone.

I am proud of the work we are doing to bring real issues to the forefront and create responsible solutions to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians. You can learn more about the committee and its work by going to [pagoppolicy.com](http://pagoppolicy.com).

## Proposal Would Benefit Local Communities

If someone dies without a will and without family members, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania becomes the sole beneficiary of the estate. I want to change that.

I believe communities in which the deceased lived would be best served by receiving the inheritance when there is no family to claim it. As a result, I will introduce legislation that would distribute the deceased's estate to nonprofit organizations in the county in which the deceased resided.

This issue was brought to my attention by Ralph Serpe, president and CEO of the Adams County Community Foundation. This homegrown proposal, I believe, does justice for deceased individuals, and allows them to continue to contribute to the community they once called home.

It simply makes sense to me that the money should stay in the county where the person lived and be used for the good of the community. I am hopeful this legislation will soon become law.

## Out and About in the 193<sup>rd</sup> and Beyond



I got to spend time with Shippensburg Area Senior High School's baseball and softball teams to congratulate the players for their efforts in the state playoffs. The Greyhound teams made it to the PIAA A5 quarterfinals this past season.



My family and I joined with others for a meaningful flag retirement ceremony sponsored by Adams County Allied Veterans on Flag Day. It was a touching event where we respectfully retired worn and tattered American flags, honoring the symbol of our nation's values and freedoms.



Sixth-grade students from Conewago Valley Intermediate School recently got to attend the Junior Achievement's BizTown. In the weeks leading up to the trip, students learned what it takes to create a community and be a contributing member of society. They even elected a mayor for the day, and I had the pleasure of swearing him in.

State Representative  
**TORREN ECKER**

193<sup>rd</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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**DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES**

My district office is here to assist you. Services my staff and I provide include:

- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates and temporary placards for persons with disabilities).
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- State tax forms.

If you need help with any of the above or with any other state-related matter, please do not hesitate to call my district office.



**BY THE WAY... DID YOU KNOW...**

The General Assembly takes up numerous bills every session that impact you. Most of the time, you do not hear about them. That is why I took the approach in my podcast, *By the Way...Did You Know?*, to tell the untold stories of bills that do not receive extensive, or sometimes any, media attention. To listen to the podcast, go to [repecker.com/mypodcasts](http://repecker.com/mypodcasts), or find it on the Generally Assembled YouTube channel at [Youtube.com/@GenerallyAssembled](https://www.youtube.com/@GenerallyAssembled).



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Shippensburg Town Hall**

Join me for a Town Hall-style meeting in Shippensburg to learn about the legislative session and what to expect when we return in the fall. A part of these meetings I particularly enjoy is the dialogue with attendees, who are encouraged to raise issues important to them during the question-and-answer part of the meeting. The event will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6-7 p.m.** at the Shippensburg Firefighters Activities Center, 33 W. Orange St. To reserve your seat, call **717-477-0905**, or go online to [RepEcker.com](http://RepEcker.com).

**Calling All Seniors**

I will once again host my Senior Expo at the Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village, located at 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, on **Friday, Oct. 11, from 9-11 a.m.**

Attendees will receive a wealth of information about medical equipment, transportation, health programs and legal services aimed at senior residents, and will learn about state legislative efforts. There will also be free giveaways and raffle prizes.

**Legislative Open House**

One of my favorite events of the year is my Open House held in December. Details will be available soon.



The Bermudian Springs High School choir brought their beautiful voices to the Capitol. The group graced us with a little concert, and I had the pleasure of taking them for a tour of the state House.