



## Deana's Law

On February 16th, the life of Deana Eckman was tragically cut short. On that evening, Deana and her husband, Chris, were driving home from a family event when they were struck by a drunk driver in a violent crash in Upper Chichester Township. Deana was killed, and Chris was severely injured.

The driver that killed Deana had been previously convicted of five DUI offenses. After this horrific accident, this individual was charged with his sixth DUI.

Shortly after Deana's death, I met with her family to discuss this tragedy. Their lives were shattered, but they resolved to change the system that allowed a repeat DUI offender to take Deana's life.

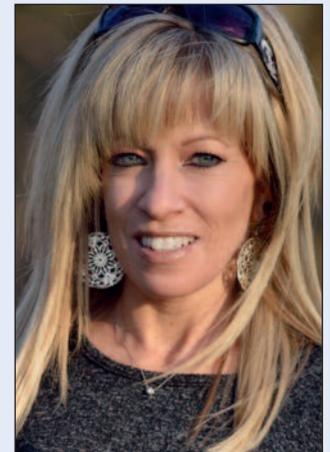
In May, I hosted a Senate Majority Policy Committee hearing at Neumann University to discuss new ways to stop repeat DUI offenders like the one who killed Deana. The hearing was chaired by Senator Dave Argall. Deana's parents, Rich and Roseann DeRosa, and her husband, Chris, attended the hearing.

Several speakers, including Delaware County District Attorney Kat Copeland, provided valuable insight about how Pennsylvania can stop the revolving door system for repeat DUI offenders.

As a result of this tragedy, I have proposed Deana's Law to help protect families from repeat DUI offenders. The testimony provided at the hearing was tremendously helpful in developing the legislative language needed for Deana's Law.

Deana's Law, which is Senate Bill 773, would do several things: increase penalties and prison time for the most serious DUI offenders, prohibit repeat offenders from serving multiple DUI sentences concurrently in some cases, revise certain parole board policies and provide for the use of new bracelet technology that automatically notifies law enforcement when repeat DUI offenders consume alcohol.

Our hearts continue to break for the DeRosa and Eckman families and for all families affected by DUI deaths. I will continue to work on this legislation in Deana's memory in the hope of sparing other families the grief of losing loved ones to repeat drunk drivers.



*Top Right: Deana Eckman*

*Right: Deana's parents, Rich and Roseann DeRosa, attended a hearing I hosted this spring on DUI law reforms.*

# Record State Funding for Schools, Victims of Violence

I am pleased to report that Pennsylvania's recently enacted 2019-2020 budget achieves two important goals: providing the largest-ever state investment in public education and substantially increasing funding for victims of domestic violence and rape.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I participated in several weeks of hearings on the state budget earlier this year. In June, I voted in favor of the new \$33.9 billion, no tax increase budget, which was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf.

Public education received the most state funding in history: \$12.8 billion. Increases over last year's budget included \$160 million more for basic education, \$25 million more for pre-kindergarten, \$5 million more for Head Start, \$50 million more for special education and \$15 million more for early intervention. Higher education funding received a 2% increase in the budget.

In 2016, an amendment I authored on a fair educational funding formula was adopted, meaning new state funding for schools will be allocated based on this formula.

In addition, we again funded a \$60 million school security grant program to help protect our students and teachers from violence.

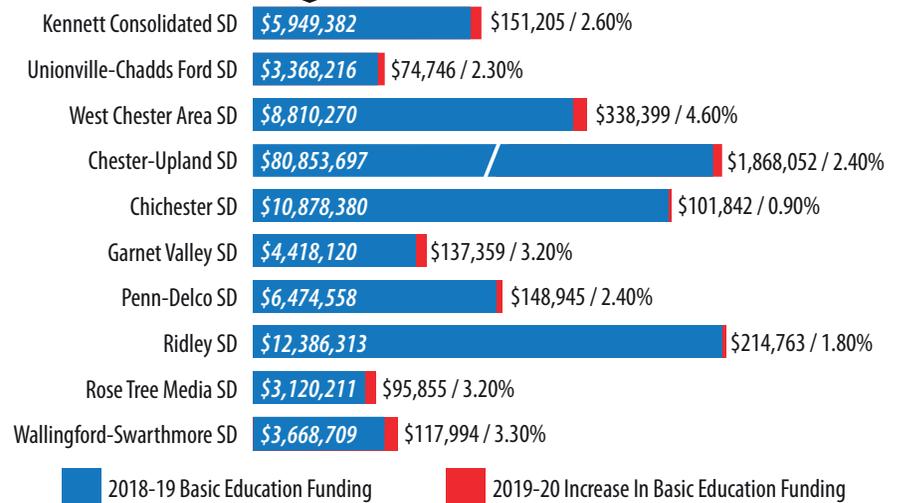
This spring, I strongly urged the General Assembly to increase funding for domestic violence and rape victim programs, and I am pleased this funding was included in the new budget. These critically important programs received a significant 10% increase this year.

This year's budget will help Pennsylvania meet the needs of all citizens, especially our students and victims of violence.

## Funding for Local Schools in the New 2019-2020 PA Budget

Pennsylvania continues to invest in our local school districts.

### 2019-20 Total Basic Education Funding



## Pipeline Safety Initiatives

The health and safety of our citizens is my top priority. As both a legislator representing you in Harrisburg and as a resident living near the Mariner East Pipeline, I am working on many pipeline safety measures for our families.

To date, I have twice called for the temporary shutdown of the Mariner East Pipeline until the stringent safety standards ordered last year by a Pennsylvania Administrative Law Judge were implemented.

In addition, I am the only legislator who has signed onto a formal complaint filed by fellow citizens with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to force a number of crucial new safety requirements for this pipeline project. The citizen complaint I joined, Meghan Flynn, et al. v. Sunoco Pipeline, L.P., is regarded as the top pipeline safety case being considered by the PUC.

This year, I have introduced several pieces of legislation that relate to pipeline oversight and safety.

My Senate Bill 284 requires pipeline operators to provide

current Emergency Response Plans to the PUC which could then be responsibly and confidentially shared with county emergency services for the purpose of coordinating a response to a pipeline incident.

In addition to this legislation, Senator Andy Dinniman and I have proposed twelve bills that significantly change how our state regulates pipelines. The bills address many issues, including new school safety requirements for pipeline companies, the implementation of advanced pipeline leak detection technologies, emergency shutoff valve requirements for pipelines and rigorous pipeline siting and permitting procedures involving the PUC, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), county governments and local emergency management offices.

We must do everything possible to ensure the safety of families living in pipeline communities, and I will continue my legislative efforts in the Senate and activity with the PUC to meet this goal.

## New Lifesaving CPR Law

In June, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law Senate Bill 115, legislation I authored to establish a model curriculum for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction in Pennsylvania's high schools.

With over 350,000 cardiac arrests occurring outside of hospitals each year, this new CPR law will help teach generations of students an important lifesaving skill.

This law, which is officially Act 7 of 2019, provides for the instruction in high schools of the most current method of administering CPR, the Hands-Only technique, as well as instruction for the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). The law also affords schools flexibility in how their students are taught, such as working with community organizations like the American Heart Association to facilitate the student training.

Pennsylvania joins 38 other states in providing guidelines to ensure up-to-date standards for CPR education. The enhanced academic standards in this new law have been a longtime priority of both the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

Numerous organizations participated in crafting this new CPR

law, including the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), the PA Athletic Trainers' Society, Independence Blue Cross, the PA Medical Society, Children's



Supporters of my CPR legislation rallied at the state Capitol.

Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation, the American College of Cardiology and the Foundation for Delaware County.

My CPR legislation received unanimous approval by the entire House of Representatives and Senate.

## Infrastructure Funding from Fair Tax on Gas Drillers

Pennsylvania is the only major natural gas-producing state that does not levy a severance tax on drillers, meaning we have lost out on billions of dollars to invest in our communities. Even worse, our state has major infrastructure needs, and it has been challenging to find the funds to pay for long overdue infrastructure projects.

With this in mind, Senator John Yudichak and I have introduced Senate Bill 725, Governor Tom Wolf's bipartisan Restore Pennsylvania proposal for major infrastructure improvements in Pennsylvania.

Restore PA would inject \$4.5 billion into infrastructure projects across Pennsylvania over the next four years.

This infrastructure plan would encompass investments in transportation projects, public transit systems, water and sewer system upgrades, storm preparedness and recovery, acquisition and demolition of buildings in blighted areas, clean-up of environmentally contaminated brownfield properties, farm preservation, high speed internet access and many other projects. These projects would be funded by a commonsense severance tax on natural gas drillers.

Because 80% of the natural gas produced in Pennsylvania is purchased by out-of-state customers, 80% of Restore PA's severance tax would be paid by non-Pennsylvanians for the infrastruc-

ture projects in our state. The tax would be assessed as a fixed amount per thousand cubic feet of natural gas severed, and the rate would be determined by the average annual price of gas the preceding year.

While Pennsylvania currently imposes something called an impact fee on natural gas drillers, most of these funds benefit counties in parts of the state where drilling actually occurs. Very few of these funds help communities in counties where little or no drilling takes place, which is the case for Chester and Delaware Counties.

For example, 45% of the revenue from the impact fee benefits only 1% of Pennsylvanians living primarily in sparsely-populated counties. Less than 1% of the impact fee has gone to residents of Chester and Delaware Counties.

The natural gas in our state is a resource owned by all Pennsylvanians, and all of our families should benefit when it is extracted for profit by private companies, especially those of us living in communities negatively impacted by pipelines that transport gas products.

It is long past time for Pennsylvania to join other gas-producing states in implementing a reasonable severance tax that benefits all our citizens by providing funding for important infrastructure projects.

## Preventing Gun Suicides and Mass Shootings

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 100 deaths occur every day from gun violence in the United States, nearly two thirds of which are suicides. In Pennsylvania, there are 1,500 firearm-related deaths each year, 62% of which are suicides.

Too many families have lost loved ones to gun violence, which has become a national epidemic. We need to do more to keep guns out of the hands of disturbed and dangerous people.

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that would allow courts to temporarily remove guns from individuals who are clearly a danger to themselves or others.

Usually referred to as Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) or "Red Flag" laws, my legislation, Senate Bill 90, is similar to laws that have passed in fifteen other states. The goal of these ERPO laws is to help prevent gun suicides and mass shootings.

Under Senate Bill 90, law enforcement, family members or housemates could petition county courts to issue an order temporarily prohibiting disturbed and dangerous individuals from possessing a firearm. A judge would then weigh evidence at a hearing where the individual in question is able to be present, thereby respecting the due process rights of all parties.

If a judge orders the relinquishment of firearms, the guns can be returned to the individual after the original court order expires or after a new date is established at a subsequent hearing.

I officially introduced Senate Bill 90 on February 14th, the one-year anniversary of the horrific mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 students and



*I spoke with Moms Demand Action and other gun safety advocates about my Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) legislation.*

staff members dead. According to reports, the perpetrator had demonstrated a pattern of extremely dangerous behavior prior to the shooting.

Other states have had success with their ERPO laws, including Maryland, where officials have reported that 148 people determined to be a danger to themselves or others were ordered to relinquish firearms during the first three months of their new ERPO law. Four of these individuals were deemed significant threats to Maryland schools. In addition, a psychiatric study has shown that ERPO laws reduced gun suicides by over 10% in Connecticut and by 7.5% in Indiana.

Extreme Risk Protection Order laws are clearly preventing gun tragedies in other states. This law would surely help save lives in Pennsylvania, and I will continue to work hard for its passage here.

## Renewable Energy: New Jobs, a Cleaner Environment

Expanding the use of renewable energy is vitally important to our future. I have introduced legislation that calls for Pennsylvania's transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050. This transition will create thousands of new jobs and a substantially cleaner environment for our families.

By powering our state on solar, wind and other natural sources, my legislation, Senate Bill 630, would help foster Pennsylvania's energy independence and security while simultaneously providing for private and public investment in clean energy and energy-efficient projects.

Under Senate Bill 630, a Clean Energy Transition Task Force, a Clean Energy Center of Excellence and a Council for Clean Energy Workforce Development would be established and tasked with

evaluating current pollution-related issues affecting Pennsylvania and its residents.

The move to 100% renewable energy would spark incredible job creation in cutting-edge, clean energy sectors and give academic institutions the opportunity to advance new fields of technology as they educate future generations of Pennsylvania's workforce.

By embracing the clean energy revolution unfolding around the country, Pennsylvania would join the growing list of states that are taking bold steps to protect the environment while creating the kinds of jobs needed for our modern economy.

# Victoria's Law - Shutting Down the Puppy Mill Industry

Senator Andy Dinniman and I have introduced legislation, Senate Bill 44, which will substantially promote the humane treatment of animals in Pennsylvania. Called Victoria's Law, our bill will help shut down the puppy mill pipeline in our state.

Victoria was a German Shepherd who had an undiagnosed genetic neurological disorder called Degenerative Myelopathy, which eventually left her paralyzed. She was brutally forced to produce over 150 puppies at a puppy mill. While Victoria's suffering ended earlier this year, those puppies all carry that genetic mutation.

Victoria's Law would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores unless they are sourced from animal shelters and rescues. Puppy mill-style breeders would no longer be permitted to provide animals to these stores. Licensing information related to breeders and kennels would also be required for advertising purposes under the legislation.

This legislation will shift Pennsylvania's pet store market toward humane sourcing and away from cruel mass breeding facilities. Responsible breeders will not be impacted by this law.

Victoria's Law would completely recalibrate our state's pet market, but most importantly, it would also help put an end to puppy mills and the suffering they cause.

*Victoria the German Shepherd was at the state Capitol to help bring attention to Victoria's Law. Sadly, she has died.*



## Events For You

I have several upcoming events planned for residents during the remainder of 2019. All events are free and open to the public.

### 100% Renewable Energy Expo

Saturday, August 3rd  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Penn State Brandywine Campus  
The Tomezsko Classroom Building  
25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA



PennEnvironment is hosting this expo, and Representative Chris Quinn and I are proud to partner with this organization on the event. The expo will feature exhibitors demonstrating environmentally friendly energy strategies for homeowners and a discussion on renewable energy initiatives in the state.

### Senator Pat Toomey Satellite Office

Wednesday, August 14th and Wednesday, November 13th  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Senator Killion's Brookhaven Office  
4110 Edgmont Avenue, Brookhaven, PA

A staff member for Senator Toomey will be available to assist constituents with issues they have been experiencing with federal agencies and programs. Residents are encouraged to bring copies of documents they have related to their issues. Appointments are not necessary.

### Drug Abuse Forum

Tuesday, September 10th  
6:30 p.m.  
Marcus Hook Elementary School  
711 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA



I am hosting this event with the Delaware County Heroin Task Force and District Attorney Kat Copeland to help families and communities with drug-related issues. Information will be provided on services and programs available to individuals afflicted with drug addiction.

### Senior Expo

Thursday, October 3rd  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Penn State Brandywine Campus  
25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA



This is one of my largest annual events. Dozens of exhibitors will provide important information for older adults in our area.

### Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, November 2nd  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Elam United Methodist Church  
1073 Smithbridge Road  
Glen Mills, PA



I am co-hosting this event with State Representative Steve Barrar to honor local veterans and provide information about services available to them. Seating is limited, so please call my Brookhaven office at 610-447-3163 to reserve a seat for the breakfast.

## How I Can Help

*My offices provide many services to families in our area. Here are some of the ways we can help:*

- Free notary service
- Pennsylvania birth certificates
- SEPTA Key Senior Photo IDs
- PennDOT assistance with drivers' licenses and forms
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Pennsylvania personal income tax forms
- Assistance with preparation of Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- Citations from the Pennsylvania Senate for notable local accomplishments and milestones
- Assistance with PA insurance programs: Medical Assistance and CHIP
- Fishing and hunting information
- Pennsylvania road maps
- Requests for copies of legislation, bills and regulations
- Requests for literature for students and senior citizens
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- Unemployment Compensation issues
- Assistance with state agency related issues

## Monthly Veterans Assistance

I have partnered with the Pennsylvania American Legion to assist veterans with issues on a monthly basis. This organization will have a representative at my Brookhaven office to help veterans and their families with questions about benefits and programs. Please call the Brookhaven district office at 610-447-3163 to make an appointment.

**Senator Killion's Brookhaven Office**  
4110 Edgmont Avenue, Brookhaven, PA

*Fourth Wednesday of Every Month 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

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## Contact Me at Any Time

Contact me via my website at SenatorKillion.com if I can be of assistance. You may also contact any of my offices for assistance.

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