



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains an honor and a privilege to be your representative in Harrisburg and to serve you here at home. My first year on the job was an exciting and eventful one. I've included some of the highlights in this mailer.

My staff and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the new year at our district offices in Hazleton and Mahanoy City. We can help with vehicle registrations; driver's license renewals and special tags; Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications; Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications, birth certificate and death record forms; and much more. Simply stop by or give us a call.

You are also invited to register for my Friday email updates at www.RepWatro.com, under the "Resources" tab. They include news from the Capitol and the 116th Legislative District and are another great way for us to stay connected.

Thank you,

Dan G. Watro

In December, I welcomed my newest staff member, Ariela Colon, to our district office in Hazleton.

WORKING FOR YOU IN HARRISBURG AND OUR DISTRICT



JANUARY: I was honored to join my House colleagues as we took the oath of office for the 2023-24 Legislative Session.



FEBRUARY: We welcomed the Oaxaca Mexican and Dominican Restaurant to West Hazleton. One of my priorities is to celebrate new business ventures in the district.



MARCH: I met with Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat and Sen. David Argall to discuss state funding. We work well as a team in moving the city forward.



APRIL: I hosted the first of several telephone town hall meetings. It's a great way to stay in touch with those I represent.



MAY: The House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, of which I am a member, toured Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County.



JUNE: I took part in a House Policy Committee hearing in Luzerne County that focused on the integrity of Pennsylvania's electric grid. These hearings help us learn more about the big issues facing our state.



JULY: We videotaped the first of my Legislative Reports, which feature interesting people, programs and places in the district. You can watch them on my website and Facebook page.



AUGUST: I presented a House citation to the West Hazleton Fire Department in recognition of its 135th anniversary. We handed out dozens of citations during 2023 to mark special occasions.



SEPTEMBER: We had a tremendous turnout for our Senior Expo, and my hard-working staff did a great job putting it together. They are, from left, Denise Kapas, Pam Albert, Lucas Yencha and Melia Molinaro.



OCTOBER: I co-hosted a senior scam seminar in Hazleton with Sen. Dave Argall. It was just one of many public service events I held during the year.



NOVEMBER: My legislation to streamline the licensing process for veterans seeking an EMS career was signed by Gov. Josh Shapiro. I was proud my first bill to become law helps fellow veterans pursue their dream.



DECEMBER: I presented a House citation to Hazleton American Legion Post 76 in recognition of the 100th anniversary of its auxiliary. As an Army veteran, I never miss an opportunity to honor those who served.

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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED!

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

More Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities are eligible for increased property tax or rent relief this year under a new law I supported in 2023.

Under the expanded program:

- Income eligibility **INCREASED** to \$45,000 this year for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when calculating income.
- Maximum rebate **INCREASED TO \$1,000.**

As always, my strict office staff stand ready to help people apply for their rebates **FREE OF CHARGE**. Applicants should be prepared to provide all the necessary income, and property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. More information is available at **RepWatro.com**.

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