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- SEPTA Senior Citizens Card Applications
- Birth/Death Certificate Applications
- Handicapped Plate and Placard Applications
- Driver's License and Non-driver Identification Applications
- Property tax/Rent Rebate applications
- PACE/PACENET Applications
- State Road conditions concerns
- PennDOT assistance
- Help with Unemployment
- SEPTA Key Card
- Notary (state documents only)
- State Agency Assistance

WHAT YOU CAN FIND ON MY WEBSITE

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- Sign up for my e-newsletter for the latest updates from my office
- See grant opportunities for the district
- Request a citation
- Schedule a meeting with the Senator
- Check the "Videos" section for the latest activity



Dear Neighbor,

It's been a busy first six months serving as your state senator! Since my first day in office, the health and safety of our community has been my first priority. As we move into the summer, please reach out to my office if you have any questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

I'm excited to announce that my district offices officially opened in May. We have two offices to best serve you. You can visit us in Norristown at

221 W Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401 or at our satellite office at **110 Ardmore Ave, Ardmore, PA 19003**. We are here to help you.

Later in the newsletter, you can find more about what legislation I've been working on in Harrisburg. Sticking to my priorities, I have proposed legislation that will lead us to a cleaner, greener Pennsylvania. I have also joined legislation to create more gender and racial equity across the Commonwealth.

Moving into the summer and the next phase of the pandemic, I am focused on passing a budget for the Commonwealth that will invest in our communities and plan for the long term. We must use federal dollars to invest in working people and small businesses that have been hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the best economic recovery possible.

It's been inspiring to see the creative ways this district has come together to help one another through the challenges of the past year and a half. I am proud to be the one representing you in Harrisburg and cannot wait to serve you during my time in office.



State Senator, 17th Senatorial District



Senator Cappelletti with other members of the State Senate touring the Steamfitters Local 420 Training Center located in Philadelphia.



Senator Cappelletti, Minority Chair of the Community, Economic, and Recreational Development Committee, participating in a hearing on data and tech infrastructure across the Commonwealth.

■ Shackling of Incarcerated Pregnant Individuals

have introduced legislation that will expand restrictions on the use of restraints on pregnant, laboring, or postpartum prisoners or detainees. It will also strengthen accountability and reporting requirements to ensure that such protections are no longer ignored. This is an updated version of previously introduced legislation based on recommendations made by the Women's Law Project to further ensure the protection of pregnant incarcerated individuals. It is companion legislation to that proposed in the House by State Representative Mary Jo Daley (D-Montgomery).

Adult changing stations

am working with Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-Beaver, Greene and Washington) to introduce legislation to expand the number of adult changing stations in our Commonwealth's most commonly used, large facilities. For many individuals in our Commonwealth any activity or event that takes place in public may be inaccessible due to a lack of appropriate adult changing facilities at the hosting venue. This includes sporting events, theaters, and even travel. Our legislation would require all new construction of state-owned facilities, state-funded construction projects, and large public facilities of a certain capacity to install adult changing stations and notify the public of their availability. Only high-capacity facilities where people typically spend many hours will be covered under this legislation, as to not disproportionately affect small businesses.

■ Go 100 PA

have joined Senator Katie Muth in introducing legislation that will move Pennsylvania to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, a necessary step to combat climate change. Our district had over 3,000 clean energy jobs in 2019, and this industry only continues to grow. This legislation would expand the clean energy sector, which is good for our economy and our environment. Representative Chris Rabb (D-Phila.) has introduced companion legislation in the House.

Menstrual Equity Act

n restroom facilities across our Commonwealth, products like toilet paper, paper towels, soap and trash receptacles are made available at no public cost because of their necessity to basic health and hygiene. Pennsylvania first codified this requirement nearly a century ago in 1921. (See 34 PA Section 41.33.) And yet, at least 51% of all Pennsylvanians enter those same facilities and find their basic hygiene needs not fully met. I joined Senator Maria Collett (D- Bucks and Montgomery) to reintroduce her legislation from last session to ensure menstrual equity in Pennsylvania. We will soon be introducing legislation modeled after H.R. 1882 of the 116th Congress and will require Pennsylvania's public agencies that serve those who are young, lowincome, homeless, or incarcerated to make these products available at no cost. This legislation was introduced as SB 956 in the 2019-2020 session.

COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES



am pleased to announce my Senate committee assignments for the 2021-2022 legislative session. I am serving as the Minority Chair of the Community, Economic, and **Recreational Development** Committee. It is an honor and exciting responsibility to be one of the chairs of this committee; I am eager to be an advocate for green, cleaner energy as we discuss ways to invest in Pennsylvania's technology and energy infrastructure. I am committed to thinking in the long term when it comes to a sustainable future for our families.

I will also be serving on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Banking and Insurance Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, and Judiciary Committee.

My background as an attorney with a master's in public health has prepared me well for these committee assignments and I'm pleased to advocate for our community's interest and priorities as we legislate this session.

I have also joined the **Women's Health Caucus** where I will be start serving as a Co-Chair and advocating for women, family, and LGBTQ health policy. In February, our caucus held a policy hearing to hear recommendations from experts on legislation that will improve

Pennsylvania's devastating maternal mortality rate.

I am also serving as the *Co-Chair* of the **Pennsylvania Safe Caucus**, where I will be dedicated to passing common sense firearms laws. We have suffered through a devastating amount of gun violence over the last decade and Pennsylvania needs to take steps to make our families safer through good policy.

Additionally, I joined the **Pennsylvania Climate Caucus** as their secretary and as a member on the **LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus**. I'm excited to be dedicating my time to caucuses that will bring real change to Pennsylvania by looking to address past injustices while pushing for progressive legislation that is in the best interest of District 17.



Senator Cappelletti tours Crazy Aaron's Putty World, which pivoted during COVID-19 to provide frontline workers with hand sanitizer.



Senator Cappelletti talking with employers at her Spring Job Fair in May of 2021.



GRANTS IN THE DISTRICT

In the last six months, it has

been my pleasure to announce over \$5 million in grants and funding awarded to district 17. This funding has gone to projects that will improve the wellbeing of the community through upgrading safety features at religious and community organizations, protecting pedestrian safety and other investments into our community. I'm proud to have helped secure this critical funding in my early days as your state Senator.

Here's a look at the grants awarded in our area:

- Municipality of Norristown: \$1 million for the construction of a multi-story mixed use 7-story building at the vacant lot on the northwest corner of Main and DeKalb Streets in downtown Norristown.
- Saint Joseph's University: \$3 million for the Saint Joseph's University Pedestrian Safety Underpass. This underpass will construct a bridge structure below highly traveled City Avenue to create a pedestrian bypass for University students, commuters, and local residents.
- Haverford Township: \$1 million for the re-alignment of an existing intersection with improvements to the pedestrian crossing, as well as the extension of a pedestrian trail approximately 1,300 feet from its current terminus to the intersection.
- Lower Merion Synagogue: \$150,000 for implementing security upgrades.
- East Norriton: \$454,437 for the East Norriton ADA Curb Ramp Project.



Senator Cappelletti joins Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, Montgomery County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, Norristown Borough Council Member Thomas Lepera, and other local leaders to tour infrastructure improvement opportunities in the region.

Senator Cappelletti with John and Amy, owners of Five Saints Distillery, located in Norristown, PA.



For Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Senator Cappelletti joined Beth Am Israel for a variety of service opportunities they held in honor of the day.





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