



# ★ State Senator **AMANDA CAPPELLETTI**

## Serving the People

Winter 2026



*Dear Neighbor,*

As we kick off the New Year, I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to continue serving you in Harrisburg. I know 2025 wasn't easy for Pennsylvanians. Navigating the longest federal government shutdown in history, along with our state budget delay and general rising costs of living have put a strain on every corner of the Commonwealth. Know that I continue to work every single day to ensure your voice is heard, and your priorities and concerns are front and center in the state legislature.

My offices are open for business, and my team and I stand ready to assist you with any state-related matter. Whether it's renewing your SEPTA Senior Fare Card or applying for your Property Tax/Rent Rebate, we are here to make navigating state services easy and accessible.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing all we can accomplish together in this coming year!

Sincerely,

**Senator Amanda M. Cappelletti**  
**17th Senatorial District**



## WE'VE MOVED

In case you missed it: My Ardmore office has closed! My district office in **Lower Merion** is now located in the **Wynnewood Shopping Plaza** next to Old Navy. If you need an accessible entrance, call us and we can direct you to the elevator. We are excited to continuing serving District 17 at this new location!

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# GRANTS AWARDED *to District 17*

Throughout the year, I was proud to help secure funding for dozens of organizations and municipal government entities across the district. The range of funding distributed across our community has been instrumental in assisting housing affordability projects, uplifting first responders, enhancing outdoor spaces, and more.

This is just a small snapshot of the funding our community has received. To learn more about grant funding awarded across the district, visit [PASenatorCappelletti.com/News](https://PASenatorCappelletti.com/News).

## ■ District 17 Fire Departments and EMS:

Awarded more than **\$411 million** total in funding from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

## ■ Domestic Abuse Project of

**Delaware County, Inc.:** Awarded **\$100,000** in PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funds for their relocation and housing program.

## ■ Your Way Home:

Awarded **\$1,200,000** in PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funds for their rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and supportive services projects in Montgomery County.

## ■ Norristown Hospitality Center:

Awarded **\$267,310** in State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Funds for substance abuse prevention programming.

## ■ Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc.:

Awarded **\$522,314** in Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds.

## ■ Lower Merion Township:

Awarded **\$100,000** for the Righters Ferry to Pencoyd Landing Trail project.



You can read more about the grants awarded in our district on my website at [PASenatorCappelletti.com/News](https://PASenatorCappelletti.com/News)

## SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS

<b>LUDINGTON LIBRARY</b>	<b>First Tuesday of Every Month • 9:30AM – 12PM</b> 5 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
<b>HAVERFORD YMCA</b>	<b>Second Tuesday of Every Month • 9:30AM – 12PM</b> 891 N. Eagle Road • Havertown, PA 19083
<b>ACLAMO</b>	<b>Third Wednesday of Every Month • 9:30AM – 12PM</b> 801 W. Marshall Street • Norristown, PA 19401
<b>WAYNE SENIOR CENTER</b>	<b>First Thursday of Every Month • 11AM - 1PM</b> 108 Station Road • Wayne, PA 19087
<b>MONTCO SAAC</b>	<b>Second Thursday of Every Other Month • 11AM – 1PM</b> (January • March • May • July • September • November) 536 George Street • Norristown, PA 19401
<b>WEST CONSHOCKEN BOROUGH HALL</b>	<b>Second Thursday of the Month *Quarterly* • 9AM – 11AM</b> (April • July • October.) 112 Ford Street • Conshohocken, PA 19428
<b>NEW HORIZONS SENIOR CENTER</b>	<b>Third Thursday of Every Month • 9AM – 11AM</b> 100 Conway Avenue • Narberth, PA 19072



## SENIORS RIDE SEPTA FOR FREE!

Did you know **if you are 65 years of age or older, you qualify for a free SEPTA Senior Fare Card**? You can stop by one of my district offices in Norristown or Wynnwood, or meet my staff at one of our satellite offices, to sign up for your card. Once you receive your card, you can ride any SEPTA bus, trolley, or Metro free of charge. Questions? Give my office a call!



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE *Top Priorities This Session*

For the 2025-2026 legislative session, I am honored to be serving as the Democratic Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee deals with several critical legislative issues related to criminal justice, public safety, and much more. I'm also proud to be serving as a member on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, where I can continue fighting for safer, healthier, more affordable communities.

## ■ An Affordable Pennsylvania

It's no secret: Americans are struggling to make ends meet and afford just their basic needs. That's why I'm sponsoring and co-sponsoring legislation that will make Pennsylvania more affordable for the hardworking families who call our Commonwealth home, like:

- **Senate Bill 19, Modernizing the Minimum Wage:** I'm co-sponsoring this bill that would raise the shameful \$7.25/hr. minimum wage in Pennsylvania.
- **Senate Bill 546, Statewide Rental Rate Protections:** This bill would enforce rental rate protection measures to help combat unfair and predatory rental increases.
- **Senate Bill 609, Optional Affordable Housing Trust Funds Enhancements:** This bill would enhance the benefits and function of Act 137, which allows Pennsylvania counties to raise revenues for housing affordability needs.

## ■ A Healthy Pennsylvania

Every Pennsylvanian deserves to live a full, healthy life. Ensuring each of our neighbors has access to healthcare services is one step toward making that a reality. I will always fight for legislation that centers affordable, accessible care for all:

- **Senate Bill 272, Ensuring Insurance Coverage for Infertility:** This bill would require certain employer-sponsored insurance plans to cover infertility treatments.
- **Senate Bill 965, Establishing a Remote Maternal Health Monitoring Program:** This bill would minimize barriers to healthcare access by supporting a remote patient monitoring pilot program for gestational hypertension and gestational diabetes.

- **For-Profit Healthcare Reform (Senate Bills 320, 321, and 322):** This legislative package would strengthen safeguards against private equity's predatory practices, and ensure the sustainability of critical healthcare institutions in Pennsylvania.

I was proud to join the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Democrats for a roundtable discussion, "Profit Over Quality: Examining the Effects of Private Equity on Veteran Healthcare" back in September.



## ■ Bill Spotlight: No Secret Police Legislation



As Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents continue to ramp up their efforts to detain and arrest civilians, I introduced Senate Bill 1071 with Senator Nikil Saval that will **prohibit law enforcement agents from using face coverings to conceal their identities** while acting within the scope of their duties in Pennsylvania.

ICE has become a symbol of government overreach, and its agents' actions are a betrayal of our core democratic values. Their unprecedented use of masked policing is not just misguided, it is an intentional attempt to reshape America through fear and scapegoating. Our bill is one small step in the right direction as it seeks to **reestablish a broken public trust in legitimate law enforcement and discourage bad actors from impersonating law enforcement agents.**

## 2025 Session

### ■ Unpacking Our State Budget

After a 135-day impasse in our divided government, the **state legislature finally arrived at a state budget compromise** in November. I was relieved to cast my affirmative vote for a sustainable, responsible budget that delivers for hardworking Pennsylvanians. Here are just a few of the notable initiatives worth celebrating.

- **A Win for Working Families:**

We secured **\$193 million** to create the NEW Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit that will go directly back into taxpayers' pockets.

- **Equitably Funding Public Schools:**

Our legislature locked in an additional **\$526 million** in funding to equitably fund Pennsylvania's public schools in accordance with our state's constitutional mandate to do so.

- **Uplifting Student Teachers:**

Building on its previous success, we secured **\$30 million** to continue funding Pennsylvania's Student Teacher Stipend program and address Pennsylvania's teacher shortage.

- **Fixing Our Broken Childcare System:**

I was thrilled to vote for the **\$25 million** investment into childcare workers retention and recruitment programming.



### ■ What We Passed in 2025

I was proud to sponsor and co-sponsor several pieces of legislation that the Governor signed into law this year. Here are a few of the highlights.

#### **Act 38: Strengthening Pennsylvania's Treatment Courts**

Pennsylvania's specialized courts play a critical role in addressing substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and other underlying issues that frequently

contribute to criminal behavior. **Act 38 renames these "problem-solving courts" as "treatment courts"—a more accurate reflection of their rehabilitative mission.** Renaming the courts improves statewide coordination, and ultimately improves outcomes for participants, reduces recidivism, and enhances public safety.

#### **Act 52: Updating Breast Cancer Screening Coverage**

In 2023, our legislature passed Act

1 of 2023—a comprehensive breast cancer screening and genetic testing law. This year, we passed Act 52 to build on Act 1 by providing patients with supplemental screenings and diagnostic examinations without cost-sharing if they are at average risk or higher for breast cancer.

**This puts Pennsylvania in line with federal guidance for breast cancer screenings.**

#### **Act 54: The CROWN Act**

Black Pennsylvanians are far too often targeted and discriminated against because of their hair type, texture, or style. This is especially the case in schools or the workplace. The Pennsylvania CROWN Act, which stands for **C**reating a **R**espectful and **O**pen **W**orld for **N**atural Hair, prohibits discrimination based on a person's hair type, texture, or hairstyle. I was proud to cast my affirmative vote on this critical legislation to get it to the Governor's desk.





# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

GETTING OUR NEIGHBORS THE RESOURCES THEY DESERVE!

Every year, my staff and I have the opportunity to meet with constituents, tour local small businesses, and engage with our community. We also host a variety of events around the district for constituents to attend. Take a look at some highlights from 2025!

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

My office adopted a stretch of Main Street in Norristown to take care of and maintain. My team and I, along with our wonderful community volunteers, came together in the spring and the fall to give back and tidy up our street!



## SENIOR FAIR

I was thrilled to connect with so many of our neighbors at my annual Senior Fair in October! Thanks to our generous

hosts at the Haverford YMCA, we were able to welcome hundreds of seniors to explore local community resources that help everyone age with dignity. We also teamed up with Eric's RX Shoppe to deliver just over 300 COVID-19, Flu, and RSV vaccinations to attendees.



## Kids' Fair in the Seventeenth

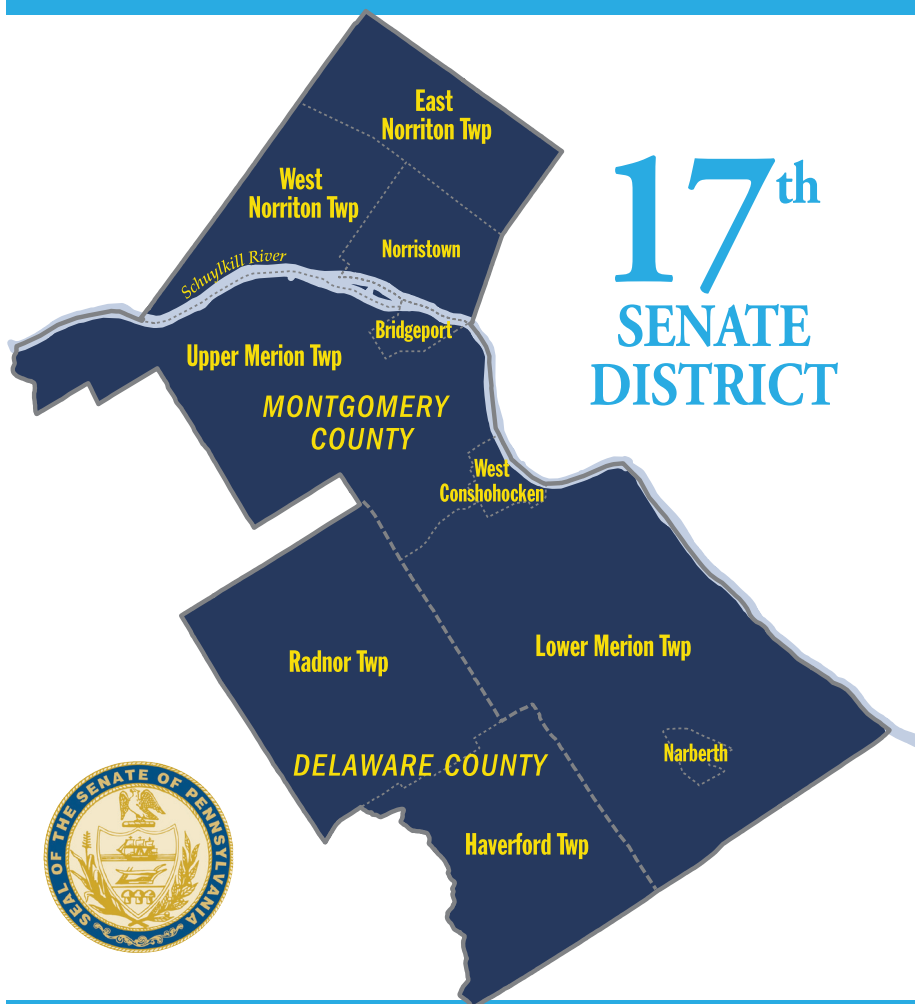
The Kids' Fair at the Elmwood Park Zoo is one of my favorite events every year! There's nothing better than coming together with your community, providing connections to helpful resources, and simply enjoying each other's company. All while enjoying the Zoo after hours. Thank you to everyone who joined us this year, and I look forward to seeing you at the next one!





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