State Senator AMANDA CAPPELLETTI

Serving the People

Fall 2026



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you enjoyed your summer and are getting back into the swing of things this fall! It's been a busy year, and I have been proud to fight for several priorities that matter most to our community. Whether it's pushing back against big tech billionaires and destructive hyperscale data center development, or advocating for policies that make Pennsylvania affordable for growing families, your priorities are always at the top of my mind when I'm in Harrisburg and back home in the 17th.

With the few months we have left in 2026, and as we look ahead to a new legislative session beginning in January, I'm eager to continue fighting for the things that ensure every Pennsylvanian has a safe, healthy, and affordable community to call home.

Please know my offices are available to hear your legislative concerns, and to help you with state-related matters. We can provide a wide range of services, like ordering your free SEPTA Senior Fare Card, helping you fill out your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application, or liaising with state agencies like PennDOT. We are here to make navigating these state services easy and accessible.

Sincerely,

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Senator Amanda M. Cappelletti
17th Senatorial District

P.S. We have a General Election coming up on November 3, and now is the time to make your plan to vote! Flip to page 2 for important election deadlines and resources.



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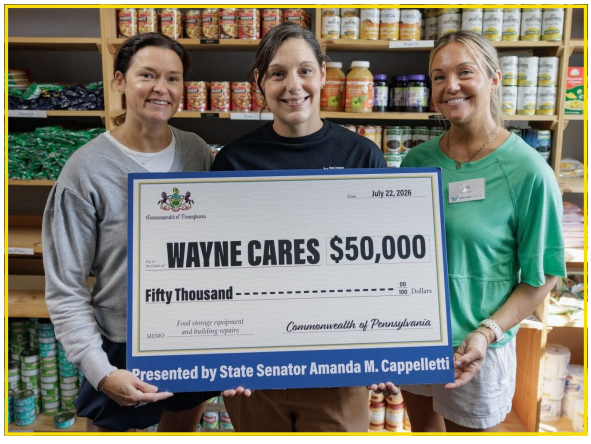
GRANTS AWARDED *to District 17*

I've been proud to help secure more than $34 million in state grant funding for schools, organizations, nonprofit groups, and municipalities throughout District 17 over the course of this year! Where we choose to invest our dollars shows where our priorities and values lie, and the foundational pillars that keep our community moving forward are well-deserving of robust financial support.

This is just a snapshot of the funding our community has received. Visit PASenatorCappelletti.com/News to learn more about grant funding awarded across the district:

- **$4,366,424** in state grant funding through the Multimodal Transportation Fund and the Small Water and Sewer Program to support trail infrastructure and clean waterways.
- **$459,144** for local Fire Companies/EMS serving District 17.
- **$3,013,372** from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to uplift a diverse range of projects that tackle community health, safety, and security.
- **$1,614,751** in Violence Intervention and Prevention grant funding to address the root causes of violence in our communities.
- **$3,830,000** through the PA Housing and Finance Agency's Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation (PHARE) fund to support affordable housing projects.



- **$10,700,000** in funding through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) for projects that have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity.

SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS

In addition to my two district offices in Norristown and Wynnewood, my staff hosts satellite offices around the community throughout the year. Here's where you can connect with us for assistance with state services:

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

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Fighting For a Commonwealth We Can Afford

Pennsylvanians are undoubtedly feeling pressure on their wallets as Republican majority leaders from Washington to Harrisburg exacerbate the affordability crisis. We know thousands of Pennsylvanians can't afford to feed their families, access healthcare coverage, heat their homes, or cover their rent payments. **Something needs to change**. I have authored and am working to advance several bills—like **Senate Bill 546** that would implement statewide rental rate protections, and **Senate Bill 1241** that would provide paid parental leave for all—to reduce the growing costs on necessities and services Pennsylvanians depend on.

Learn more about these bills and other legislative initiatives I've been working on at *TinyURL.com/D17Affordability*

Breaking Down Our 2026-2027 State Budget

In case you missed it, our legislature passed a state budget on Sunday, July 12. The final fiscal spend came to $50.849 billion—a 3.7% increase from the previous year.

There are several aspects of this year's budget I'm proud to celebrate, including:

- **$565 million** for adequacy and equity in public education. Every school district in Senate District 17 received a funding boost this year!
- **$24.1 million** for rape crisis centers, doubling the previous amount of funding for resources uplifting survivors in the Commonwealth.
- **$200+ million** in tax relief through the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit.
- **$30 million** for a childcare worker retention bonus, which will service more than 55,000 childcare workers in Pennsylvania.

While there are many wins to celebrate, there are unfortunately a few key items our budget missed the mark on. First, there are **no sustainable funding sources for public transit** in this budget, which would have benefited transit systems in all 67 counties. The legislature also **did not implement any new revenue streams** that we had opportunities to tap into, like taxing ultra wealthy tech corporations, raising our abysmal minimum wage, and more.

As we wrap up 2026, I look forward to addressing these shortcomings in Harrisburg.





ARE YOU READY FOR ELECTION DAY? VOTE

It's almost time to make your voice heard on November 3! Pennsylvanians will have the opportunity to cast their ballots in the General Election, and it's important to know how you'll get your vote in. Here are some important deadlines and resources to have on hand:

- **October 19** is the last day to register to vote before the General Election. Visit **Vote.PA.Gov/Register**
- **October 27** is the last day to apply for your mail-in or absentee ballot. Visit **Vote.PA.Gov/MailBallot**
- **November 3** is Election Day! Polls are open from 7AM to 8PM. Completed mail ballots must be received by your county election office by 8PM. Happy Voting! Visit **Vote.PA.Gov/Polls**

Learn more about the upcoming election and resources that are available to assist you at PASenatorCappelletti.com/Vote

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Creating Pathways to Geriatric and Medical Parole in Pennsylvania

There are more than 11,000 incarcerated people in Pennsylvania who qualify as geriatric. The numbers don't lie, and two truths are clear: **aging and infirmed incarcerated people are the most expensive to care for, and these populations are least likely to reoffend**. At least twenty-three states and the District of Columbia have already established both medical and geriatric parole in statute, **giving Pennsylvania proven models to learn from and build upon**.

Here in Pennsylvania, we have a responsibility to care for every Pennsylvanian—no matter their community, or their past. We all deserve a second chance. That's why I was proud to convene a "Geriatric Parole Forum" at SCI Phoenix on August 25, where incarcerated individuals, Pennsylvania General Assembly members, leaders from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, and criminal justice experts from neighboring states discussed pathways to geriatric and medical parole in the Commonwealth.

Following the event, I introduced a memo with my colleague, Senator Sharif Street, to create the **Medical and Geriatric Parole Justice Act** so our Commonwealth can address this crisis head on.

LEGISLATION SPOTLIGHT

Senate Bill 1259

I was excited to celebrate the passage of my Senate Bill 1259 earlier this year! My colleagues in the Pennsylvania House and Senate **unanimously approved my bipartisan legislation** that will establish clear rules governing records and information related to the parole review process.

This law, signed by Governor Shapiro on July 12, will provide incarcerated individuals with access to pertinent information while protecting confidentiality and sensitive records. I look forward to seeing this legislation advance meaningful change within our criminal justice system.

Data Center Development in District 17

I've heard from neighbors across our District 17 community, and Pennsylvanians throughout the Commonwealth, who have shared with me their deep concerns about data center development.

I want to be clear: until the state legislature puts community-centered, consistent, and comprehensive guardrails in place to regulate hyperscale data center development, building these massive data centers in Pennsylvania shouldn't even be a conversation.



Throughout 2026, we have had some wins despite big tech's attempts to develop in our backyards. Leaders in Upper Merion denied several hyperscale data center proposals in District 17, other municipalities have done the same, and Governor Shapiro issued an Executive Order that implements strict guardrails on data center development in our Commonwealth.

While I'm glad to see our executive branch and our municipal governments stepping up and taking action, it's past time for my Republican colleagues in the state Senate to call us back to Harrisburg so we can address this issue with **legislative solutions**. I'm proud to support several bills—**including Senate Bill 1359 which would enact a statewide moratorium on hyperscale data center development**—that put our communities at the forefront of this discussion, not the interests of the ultra-wealthy and big tech CEOs.

I look forward to bringing your voices and interests to Harrisburg during these vital discussions.

COMMUNITYCONNECTIONS

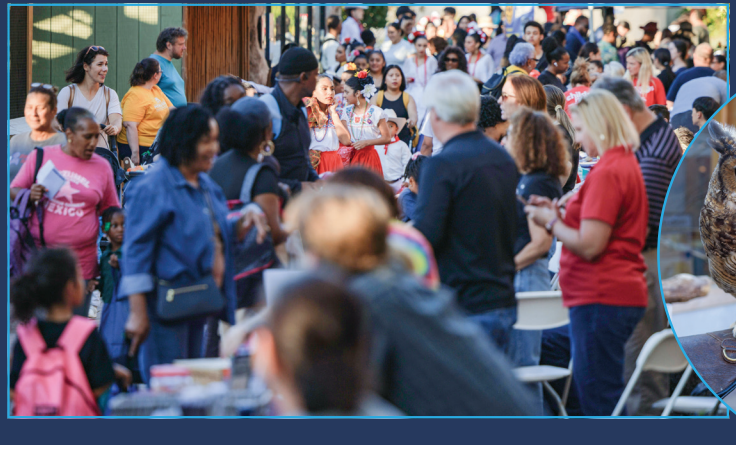
GETTING OUR NEIGHBORS THE RESOURCES THEY DESERVE!

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 all to attend. Here are a few 2026 highlights from Team Cappelletti!

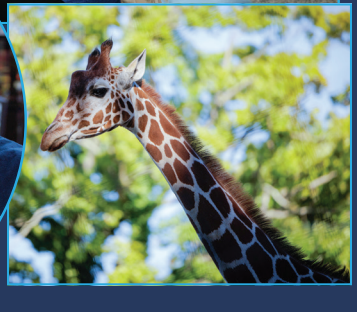
KIDS' FAIR IN THE SEVENTEENTH

I look forward to my Kids' Fair at the Elmwood Park Zoo each and every year, and this fall the event was one of our biggest yet! We brought in nearly 800 people from across our community including local vendors, performers, and families, for a free night of fun for all to enjoy. If you missed us this year, we can't wait to see you in 2027!









COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Over the summer, the American Red Cross declared a nationwide blood supply crisis after blood supply fell by nearly 25% in June. That meant patients facing life threatening circumstances in our community and beyond may not have been able to access the urgent care they needed. I was proud to host a blood drive in July with Representative Lisa Borowski, where we beat our goal and collected 36 units to help restock the shelves.

Thank you to our generous hosts at Radnor Memorial Library for welcoming us to your space to host this important event, and to all of our amazing donors who helped make a difference for patients in need!



SPRING SHRED EVENTS

Springtime is always a great reminder to tidy our spaces. I was excited to partner with several of my colleagues in the House including Representatives Matt Bradford, Joe Webster, and Lisa Borowski, back in the spring to host free shred events in Radnor and Norristown. We had a blast helping hundreds of folks clean out paper clutter and protect against identity theft!





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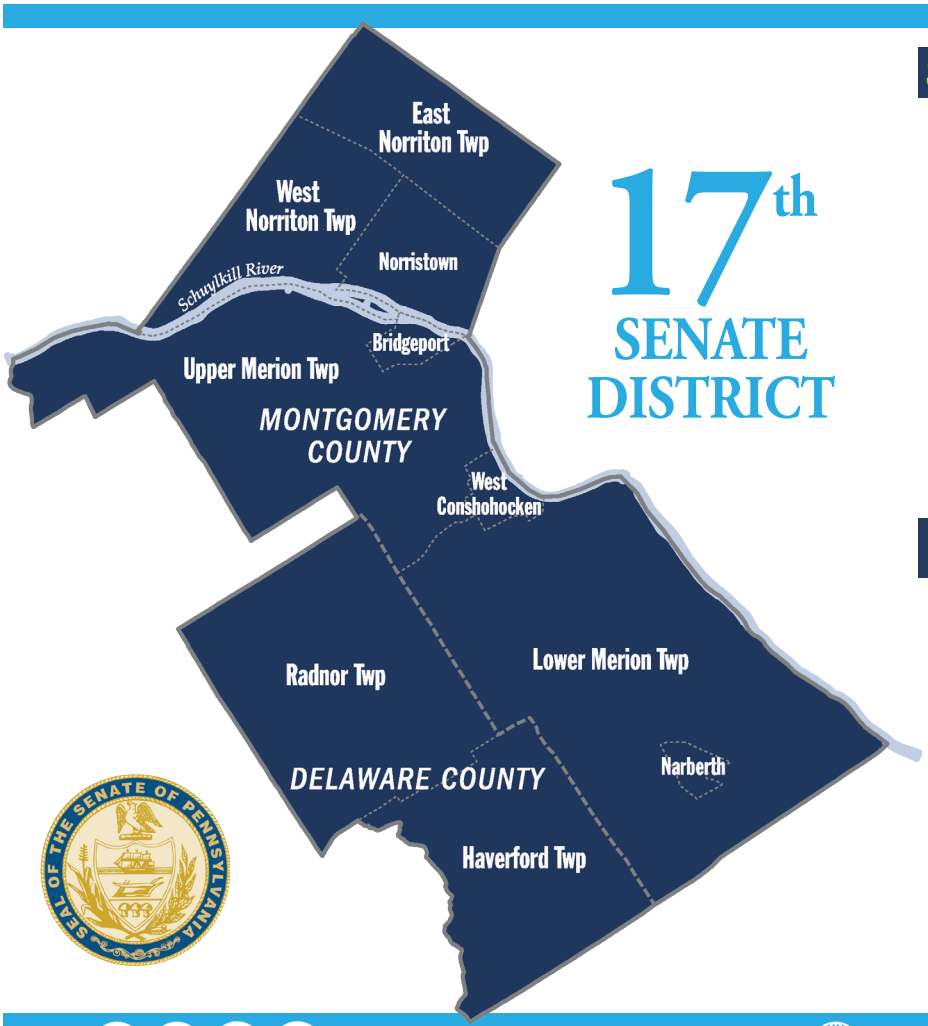

17th SENATE DISTRICT

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- SEPTA Senior Fare Card
- Birth/Death Certificate Applications
- Handicap Plate and Placard Applications
- PennDOT Questions and Documents
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications
- PACE/PACENET Applications
- Help with Unemployment
- Unclaimed Property
- State Agency Assistance
- **...AND MORE!**

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