



STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHENIE SCIALABBA

Serving PA's 12th Legislative District

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your voice in Harrisburg.
Your input is very important to me. Learning about your ideas and experiences helps me to best serve our area.
If you need assistance with state-related services, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are happy to serve you. My office is your office!



IN THE DISTRICT



FAMILY FIRST INITIATIVE

Thank you to my constituents and district office staff for making my Family First Initiative event a success!

Life is unpredictable, and we often find ourselves navigating through unforeseen challenges and unexpected twists. In moments like this, it is reassuring that we are not alone and blessed to have the support of our community and resources. The first step is the most important — making the connections.

I also want to give a special shout out to the staff at Steamfitters Event Center, Dennis Detar, vendors and students from the Seneca Valley Academy of Choice who performed at my event. Everyone did an amazing job!

MORE THAN \$49 MILLION AWARDED TO 12TH DISTRICT

I am pleased to share that more than \$49 million in funding was distributed to the 12th District to address various needs.

The funds will be used to upgrade water pollution control facilities, alleviate traffic and safety issues, improve operations for fire and EMS companies, and enhance parks and pools in our area.

I look forward to the work ahead as we continue to improve our communities.



DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

St. Kilian's fourth-grade class competed in a door decorating contest to showcase their skills and why they feel "lucky to live in PA." Beautiful artwork and tremendous effort all around! The art was displayed in my office for all to see. We had a pizza party to celebrate!

Special thanks to Denise, my legislative aide; Principal Kristy Pietrone; and teachers Carley Wyant, Cheryl Brenner and Christine Kooser for their help!



KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

I was so very honored to be the keynote speaker at the Cranberry VFW Post 879 Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremony. We owe a great debt to our veterans and the greatest one of all to those who laid down their lives for us. The loss is enduring, but so too is the legacy. I hope everyone had a blessed and fulfilling Memorial Day.





UNDER_{THE} DOME

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION

Law enforcement officers investigating child pornography and child sexual abuse cases often encounter sexually explicit images that cannot be prosecuted because the image is partially generated by artificial intelligence (AI) or because the children are partially clothed in undergarments. These types of images fail to meet the current definition of child pornography or child sexual abuse materials (CSAM).

Minors who are depicted in these types of pictures — including those generated by AI — can suffer psychological and emotional trauma, especially knowing these images exist and can be distributed online. Allowing child-related sexually explicit imagery to circulate the dark web without legal consequences normalizes pedophilia, leading to further psychological damage of our precious children.

In an effort to protect children from this type of sexual exploitation, I introduced legislation to prohibit the possession and distribution of materials that:

- Depict the lewd exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of an unclothed, partially clothed or clothed child.
- Appeal to a prurient interest.
- Contain no serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Several states, including Texas, New Jersey and New York, have implemented similar legislation.

NEILSON-SCIALABBA DATA PRIVACY BILL PASSES HOUSE

I authored a bipartisan bill that would give Pennsylvanians control over how their personal data is used and sold. It passed the House on March 18, 2024, and is currently in the Senate.

Under House Bill 1201, for-profit businesses that operate in Pennsylvania, control personal information and either generate more than \$10 million in annual revenue or derive at least 50% of annual revenue from selling consumer information, would be subject to this legislation.

Consumers would have the right to:

- Know whether a business is processing the consumer's personal data.
- Correct inaccuracies in their personal data.
- Delete personal data.
- Opt out of having their personal data shared for the following reasons:
 1. Targeted advertising.
 2. Sale of personal data.
 3. Profiling in furtherance of solely automated decisions that produce legal or similar effects concerning the consumer.

This was a big initiative of mine when I came to the House. Drawing on my experience as a data privacy attorney, I am ecstatic to bring Pennsylvania's privacy laws into the 21st century. We should not be falling behind other states in this regard. This bill will provide Pennsylvanians with much-needed, commonsense and long-overdue privacy rights over our personal data.



PROTECTING LAND FROM WARRANTLESS SEARCHES AND SEIZURES

I introduced House Bill 2242, which aims to protect private land from warrantless searches and seizures.

In a recent case, the Commonwealth Court stated the Pennsylvania Game Commission has “unfettered discretion” to enter private land and conduct warrantless searches and surveillance. This sweeping authority has predictably resulted in the deterioration of private property rights and respect for due process.

My legislation would prohibit the Game Commission from entering any private property when reasonable notice against trespass is posted by the landowner. This notice against trespass may be given by any posting that will reasonably come to the attention of game wardens, fencing or other enclosures, or the placement of identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts. Under my bill, if a game warden possesses probable cause that a landowner is engaged in criminal activity, the game warden will need to follow the same procedure as every other law enforcement officer in this Commonwealth and petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a warrant before entering upon the landowner's property.

Legislation proposing a constitutional amendment must pass both chambers in identical form, in consecutive legislative sessions, before it can be placed on the ballot as a referendum for voters.



BLOATED BUDGET

The General Assembly approved, and Gov. Josh Shapiro signed into law, a state budget for the 2024–25 fiscal year. The plan will spend \$47.6 billion, a \$2.7 billion, or 6%, increase over the prior fiscal year.

This budget is bloated beyond belief. I am against it for a variety of reasons, including the fact it will bankrupt the Commonwealth, contains the wrong priorities, is too politicized and does nothing to help Pennsylvania taxpayers.

From an education perspective, I am a resounding “no” because I refuse to vote in favor of something that allocates hundreds of millions of dollars for school-based mental health to the exclusion of parents and the detriment of our children. Budgeting should be done line by line, not in one big omnibus bill, and should start at zero funding. Then we should figure out what is worthy of investment by our hard-working Pennsylvania taxpayers.

As for the so-called “nonpreferred” higher education institutions sitting on billions of dollars of endowments, we should not be giving more money automatically without any justification for it.

We have virtually zero transparency as to how these dollars are spent, and I have yet to see proof they are necessary or effective in assisting Pennsylvania students to set them up for a successful future.

Rather than use the state’s reserves to start new, recurring programs, I support returning those excess funds to the taxpayers in the form of a cut in the Personal Income Tax and elimination of the Gross Receipts Tax on energy.

For more information on the 2024–25 state budget, go to www.pahousegop.com/budget2024.

IMPROVING EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

As a member of the House Education Committee, I wrote a letter to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) to address concerns about statewide academic standards. The proposed standards are promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and, if adopted, will guide instruction statewide.

In their current form, the standards will drastically hinder individuals with intellectual disabilities as the result of a new competency on “employability skills.” The standards essentially use a person’s level of support or enthusiasm for diversity, equity and inclusion as a determinant of that person’s employability. At the very least, this metric places those who are navigating life with attention or social disorders at a disadvantage because the proposed standards require recognition and appreciation of differing social and cultural nuances that may be difficult to ascertain for certain individuals. While I am confident that in no way did the State Board of Education intend to imply or deem individuals with disabilities as unemployable or lacking the proposed “employability” skillsets, they should consider those students’ abilities to use context clues to identify how communication varies. At worst, these standards infringe on the First Amendment and personal liberty.

The standards are also misguided about economic instruction. They promote price controls as a means to achieve a free market, but the opposite is true. Price controls lead to disruptions in the market, losses for producers and noticeable changes in quality. They can lead to shortages, rationing, inferior product quality and illegal markets. If left unchanged, this regulation will prevent students from using critical thinking skills and reaching their full potential. Our children do not benefit from virtue signaling or one-sided worldviews. I hope we can build upon this dialogue to provide our students with the best resources available to them.

You can view the full letter on my website at www.repscialabba.com.



JOINING THE ‘FOOD’ FIGHT

In March, I joined my colleagues and experts for a press conference calling for the elimination of toxic chemicals in our food.

I am proud to co-sponsor two bills that seek to replace harmful additives. House Bill 2116 would prohibit the use of Red Dye No. 3, Red Dye No. 40, Yellow Dye No. 5, Yellow Dye No. 6, Blue Dye No. 1 and Blue Dye No. 2. House Bill 2117 would prohibit the use of potassium bromate, brominated vegetable oil and butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA).

These products are linked to negative health effects, such as skin and nervous system damage, risks to brain development in children, and heart and liver problems, among others. Yet, we continue to see them in our food. They are banned in other major countries.

As a parent, I want what’s best for our children. I’m grateful to see bipartisan support for this pressing issue.

ADDRESSING ANTISEMITISM

As antisemitism grows across the country, I joined my fellow lawmakers in signing a discharge petition to force a vote on legislation that would require curriculum transparency for Holocaust education in Pennsylvania’s public schools.

House Bill 1986 would make the curriculum available on school websites. Unfortunately, the House Democrat majority failed to move the bill since referring it to the House Education Committee at the end of January.

Under the rules of the House, discharge petitions require the signatures of at least 25 Democrats and 25 Republicans to be successful. I remain confident we will properly combat antisemitism. Learning about this fateful time is vital to protecting human rights and denouncing this destructive behavior.

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BUTLER CAN-AM GAMES

My House Resolution 426 — which establishes July 15–24, 2024, as “Butler County CAN-AM Games Week” in the Commonwealth – passed unanimously in the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee in May.

CAN-AM Police-Fire Games is a multi-sport, Olympic-style event that features traditional sports and competitions that include skills used in first responders’ day-to-day work. This resolution is in honor of Pennsylvania hosting this event for the second time since 2014.

My district office staff members Julia Desantes, Cooper Rebert and Denise Spangler volunteered for the cross-country portion of this great event!

Our heroes mean everything to us. These brave men and women do so much for us, and I cannot thank them enough for their sacrifice and service to our communities.

The 12th District, and the county, love our first responders!

UPCOMING EVENTS

IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 9-10:30 A.M.

Rose E. Schneider YMCA

2001 Ehrman Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Learn how to protect yourself against fraud and scams.

This event will feature special guests from the PA Office of Attorney General, Butler County Sheriff’s Office, Butler County Area Agency on Aging and U.S. Attorney’s Office of Western PA.

Registration is required. Please call my district office at 724-772-3110 to register or ask any questions.

GET YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TUESDAY, OCT. 8, 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Cranberry Township Municipal Center

2525 Rochester Road, Ste. 201, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Residents of the 12th Legislative District have over \$9.6 million in unclaimed property, and this event will help return it to the rightful owners.

Please call my district office to set up an appointment.

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