

State Representative  
**JOHN A. SCHLEGEL**  
 101<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**Dear Neighbor,**

Following Gov. Josh Shapiro's budget address on Feb. 6, the House will commence a series of budget hearings with the leaders of state government departments and agencies to determine how much funding is necessary to cover the costs of education, public health and safety, and other core government programs and services. Rest assured, I will work together with my House colleagues to hold the line on state spending and ensure the needs of Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens are addressed.

In this newsletter, you will find updates on new laws and legislation, and information concerning important state programs and services. You will also see examples of some of the events and activities I have attended in our district.

My office is here to serve you. If you have questions or need help with any state-related matter, please feel free to call us at 717-838-3823 or stop by our district office in the Lebanon Valley Mall. You can also email me at [jschlegel@pahousegop.com](mailto:jschlegel@pahousegop.com) or visit my website at [www.RepSchlegel.com](http://www.RepSchlegel.com).

Sincerely,



**Expanding Property Tax/  
 Rent Rebate Program**

Legislation, which I supported, to make more Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities eligible for property tax or rent relief, is now law.

**Act 7 of 2023** increased income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for homeowners and renters to \$45,000. Half of Social Security income is excluded. The law also raised the maximum amount each homeowner or renter can receive from \$650 to \$1,000. The law expands the reach of property tax and rent relief to more than 175,000 additional individuals and helps make Pennsylvania a more affordable place to live. The program benefits eligible



residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

I encourage anyone who is eligible for the program to file early and online. More information is available by visiting [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov). As always, please feel free to contact my district office if you have questions or require assistance in filing your application.



**Exploring Lebanon County's Rich History**

In case you missed it, last summer I had the pleasure of touring Cornwall Iron Furnace and Union Canal Park and Tunnel where I interviewed officials of the two local historic sites and produced videos chronicling their past and significance to our area. I invite you to watch these videos on my website. Visit [RepSchlegel.com](http://RepSchlegel.com) and click on "Newsroom" then "Videos."

**COMING UP:**

This year, I will be hosting the following events in our area:

**CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR**

**Thursday, March 21, from 6-8 p.m.**, at Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon. The seminar will highlight laws governing firearms, including the rights and responsibilities of gun owners.

**FRAUD BINGO**

**Thursday, May 2, from 2-4 p.m.**, at Rural Security Fire Company, 1301 N. 7th St., Lebanon. Through a friendly game of bingo, George Dillman, consumer outreach specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities, will highlight the latest scams being perpetrated against senior citizens, businesses and individuals, and how to protect your assets.

To register, please visit [RepSchlegel.com/events](http://RepSchlegel.com/events) or call my district office at **717-838-3823**.



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### PACE/PACENET Provides Prescription Assistance

Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older. The program works with Medicare Part D plans and other prescription drug plans to lower out-of-pocket costs for medications. Eligibility is based on your prior year's income and requires applicants to be at least 65 years old, a resident for at least 90 days prior to applying, and not receiving Medicaid prescription benefits. Income limits are as follows:

- **PACE** - \$14,500 for a single person; \$17,700 for a married couple.
- **PACENET** - from \$14,500 to \$33,500; and from \$17,700 and \$41,500 for a married couple.

To apply online, visit <https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com/> or call **1-800-225-7223**. Please have income and insurance information available. Applications can also be emailed to [papace@magellanhealth.com](mailto:papace@magellanhealth.com), or downloaded, printed and mailed to: PACE/PACENET, P.O. Box 8806, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8806. If you need assistance, please call my district office at **717-838-3823** or stop by and see us in the Lebanon Valley Mall.

### AROUND THE DISTRICT



Martin family at Farm Show.



Cookies and Conversation, an informal meeting with constituents.



Veterans Day visit at Spang Crest.



50+ Festival at the Lebanon Expo Center.



Students from Southeast Elementary School visit Capitol.



District office open house.



Visiting with students at South Lebanon Elementary School.