

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JESSE TOPPER



The Pennsylvania Prosperity Plan

Years of failing to pass meaningful public policy to grow Pennsylvania's economy is finally coming home to roost. Revenues are not keeping pace with spending, and our budgetary reserves are being rapidly depleted. If we want to avoid financial disaster here in Pennsylvania, we need to choose either policy that can rapidly grow Pennsylvania's economy or a combination of raising taxes and cutting government services.

I think we should choose smart policy grounded in economic growth. The Pennsylvania Prosperity Plan, a culmination of House Republican ideals I have been touting since taking office, focuses on key areas to grow the economy and keep state government spending in check. We must make Pennsylvania a better place to live, work, learn and play.

Our plan focuses on three key areas:

- ✓ Unleashing Pennsylvania's energy industry: House Republicans believe our best solution to avoiding the fiscal cliff is to grow our economy, particularly in the energy industry.
- ✓ Supporting efficient government: Government works best when it is efficient. We need to focus on stopping government waste, fraud and abuse.
- ✓ Focusing on student-centered education: Education is a vital tool in increasing economic power. By focusing on the individual needs of students and training students for the jobs of today and tomorrow, we can build a world-class, home-grown workforce.



PA Fully Part of Interstate Medical, Nurse and Physical Therapy Licensure Compacts

Pennsylvania is now a full participant in three health care licensure compacts that make it easier for qualified doctors, nurses and physical therapists to provide care across state lines. For residents of rural Pennsylvania, such as our communities, it means improved access to health care.

Act 79 of 2024, which I supported, opened the door to allow the Commonwealth to become a full participant in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Nurse Licensure Compact and Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Instead of requiring months to complete the full licensure process, because of full compact participation, out-of-state practitioners are now able to contribute to Pennsylvania's health care workforce within days, helping to meet critical staffing needs and improving access to care.

In addition, doctors, nurses and physical therapists licensed in Pennsylvania can now work in other states that are members of the compacts.

This is especially meaningful to me, as Pennsylvania's entrance into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was the first piece of legislation I got passed into law back in 2016. Entrance into these compacts will undoubtedly make quality health care more accessible and affordable in Pennsylvania, especially in rural and other underserved areas.



Addressing Law Enforcement Needs

The House recently created the bipartisan Law Enforcement Caucus that has the mutual goal of supporting law enforcement officers and providing them with the tools they need. The caucus aims to promote policies that strengthen public safety, invest in training and resources for law enforcement, and build stronger relationships between officers and the communities they serve.

Around the District & Beyond



I met with friends from the Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative and New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative during the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's legislative event.



It was my pleasure helping kick off the America 250 PA Bedford County celebration, the start of an 18-month epic adventure to the United States' semiquincentennial birthday.



A group of Bedford High School students visited Harrisburg, and it was great showing them around the House chamber and other parts of the Capitol

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- Information and applications for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Help with securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required).
- Information about legislation.
- Assistance with resolving matters relating to state agencies.

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Fun at the Fair



Congratulations to all the young people who participated in the Bedford County Fair this year. I was happy to purchase market hogs from Jenalyn Johnson and Callie Nicodemus, as both did a wonderful job with their animals.



Congratulations to Raegan Shindle, who is the 2025 Fulton County Fair Queen. Raegan will be attending Shippensburg University this fall to major in civil engineering. I was happy to support the livestock auction again by buying the market hog of Jorja Fletcher, who showed for just her second year and did a great job.