



**State Senator
Mike Brubaker**

Reports

36th Senatorial District



Dear Friend:

The past six months have been a whirlwind of excitement for me as I listen and develop ideas as your newly elected state Senator. I am enjoying immensely meeting the residents of the 36th District, learning more about the issues that are important to you, assisting you with state government matters, and representing your interests in Harrisburg.

I have many goals and plans for the rest of my first term, which include continuing to have a dialogue with you and working to address your concerns in the General Assembly. Some of my priorities include improving our Commonwealth's business climate, ensuring that senior citizens have access to the resources they need, keeping our communities safe and making government more open and responsive to the people.

In addition, I have the honor of serving on the Senate committees on Environmental Resources and Energy, Local Government, and State Government, and to serve as Vice Chairman of the Aging and Youth Committee and Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

I have been involved in numerous outreach activities since my term began in January, such as touring local businesses and visiting area schools and other organizations. I met many young con-

stituents at Representative Creighton's Children's Expo at the Denver Community Park, and have interacted with several of our local government officials and emergency responders. Many of you have taken the time to visit me in the Capitol as well – it has been my pleasure to have distinguished guests such as Charlie Wenger of Ronks, who recently shared his stories of World War II and told the Senate about his appearance in a famous photograph with General MacArthur.

I also began a series of frequent outreach events called Community Conversations, which are forums open to all constituents to give you a chance to speak directly with me on any matter of importance to you. I hope that you will join me on July 25 from 5-7 p.m. at Reamstown Memorial Park, or on August 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the Market Square gazebo in Manheim. Other dates and locations will be set soon.

However, I encourage you to contact me any time you would like to share your thoughts with me or if you need assistance with a state government-related matter. I look forward to working with you over the next few years, and I truly believe that by working together we can make the 36th District and Pennsylvania a better place to work and live.

Reforming State Government

During my campaign last year, many district residents told me they were not satisfied with the way that state government operates. We need to make state government more open and accountable to the people, and we are taking a number of steps to change the way we do business in Harrisburg.

On my first day after being sworn in to serve the 36th District, I voted for a package of reforms to Senate rules to promote public access to legislative information. The new Senate

rules will also improve the legislative process by eliminating late-night sessions, giving Senators more time to consider amendments to bills before a final floor vote, and making all committee and floor votes available online.

One of the complaints I hear most is that state government spends too much money. I agree that state government needs to live within its means, and that is why I have cosponsored legislation that would limit state spending and

return surplus dollars to taxpayers. Pennsylvanians also deserve to know where their tax dollars are going and that this money is being spent wisely, so I am working with my colleagues to strengthen our Right To Know law as well.

It is clear that changes are needed to protect taxpayer dollars and ensure that state government truly meets the needs of its citizens. Government should be open, honest, and accountable to the people it serves, and I will continue to work to meet these goals.

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Senator Brubaker with members of the Red Rose Search & Rescue Team at the Paradise-Leaman Place Fire Company 100th anniversary celebration.

Capitol Tours Available

Our State Capitol building in Harrisburg has been recognized as a national historic landmark for its significance in American history and culture. Because of the rich history and learning experiences available at our State Capitol, I encourage constituents and school groups to schedule a tour of the Capitol to learn more about our state government and the legislative process.

People of all ages can enjoy the beauty and artistry of the Capitol building, and the Welcome Center presents a unique learning experience for children. School groups can also schedule a special "Pass the Bill" skit designed for students to enhance their educational experience.

Reaching out to the 36th District

Over the past several months, I have taken advantage of many opportunities to meet the residents of the 36th District, including our senior citizens. Seniors have a unique set of needs that we need to ensure are being met, and I have been very interested to learn more from this group and to understand how we can assist these individuals who have made so many sacrifices for us in the past.

In May, I attended senior expos at Overlook and Garden Spot Village, which gave me a chance to interact

with a large number of seniors, and I also participated in senior center activities at the United Zion Fellowship Hall in Akron and the Lititz Senior Center.

Later this year, I will also be joining local state Representatives at other senior expos at the following times and locations:

- **Willow Valley**
August 2, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- **Manheim Auto Auction**
September 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

I hope that you will take the time to join me at one of these events, or at one of the many other outreach events I am coordinating throughout the 36th District.

Senator Brubaker participates in a recent Senate State Government Committee hearing to gather ideas on how to improve state government operations.



Senator Brubaker with the Warwick High School Show Choir, which performed at the Capitol as part of the Pennsylvania Arts in Education Day celebration.