

REP. DONNA SCHEUREN



WORKING FOR YOU in the 147th DISTRICT

Winter 2025

BUDGET SUMMARY

The final plan spends \$50.1 billion, which is a cut of \$1.4 billion from the governor's original proposal back in February. Although the final budget number is significantly higher than I wanted, the compromise on spending was necessary to solidify Republican policy measures being incorporated into the growth plan for next year. Beyond the numbers, the budget agreement makes several policy changes that will help set up the Commonwealth for success in the future – a must, if we are going to turn around and grow our economy to prevent future tax increases. Those policy changes include:



NO NEW ENERGY TAX!

A major roadblock for the state's energy industry is removed as Pennsylvania is officially withdrawn from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Due to uncertainty and the threat of higher costs with RGGI, our Commonwealth has missed out on 22,000 direct energy-related jobs and nearly \$8 billion in economic development. With this policy change, we will see more jobs, greater energy production, a more reliable electric grid and stabilized utility costs.



NO LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN THIS BUDGET!

The legalization of recreational marijuana was taken off the table during this budget process.



BOOSTING LITERACY & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS!

An additional \$50 million will increase the number of children in economically disadvantaged schools (EDS) who are eligible for assistance to go to the school of their choice through the EDS scholarship program.



BENEFIT VERIFICATION!

Taxpayer dollars are protected and directed to those most in need through several initiatives to ensure verification and the integrity of benefit programs such as Medical Assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



TAX CREDIT TO WORKING FAMILIES!

Taxpayer dollars will be returned to working Pennsylvanians through the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Tax Credit Program. The credit will equal 10% of their federal Earned Income Tax Credit.



INCREASED INVESTMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS!

All four public school districts within the 147th District received a boost in funding via this budget. The increase over last year to Boyertown, Perkiomen Valley, Pottsgrove and Souderton school districts was a combined increase of over \$3.2 million in Basic Education, Special Education and Ready to Learn Block Grant funding.



MAKING PA MORE COMPETITIVE!

Reforms to the state's permitting process will enhance economic growth opportunities and increase our competitiveness while holding bureaucrats accountable. Key permits will be deemed approved if not reviewed and processed in a timely manner, and each state agency is required to establish a secure permit tracking system.



PROTECTING THE RAINY DAY FUND!

Many of you hear me talk about protecting these funds due to the anticipated costs of our growing senior citizen population. These funds were not touched since \$3 billion in unused funding was found in state agency accounts last year and repurposed into the 2025- 26 budget cycle. Moreover, a lower baseline was then set on many of these state agencies for funding to be reduced going forward.

If you have any questions about these points or about any other item in the budget, please contact either of my offices at 610-323-3299 or 215-256-6030. We will be happy to answer your questions.

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I sincerely hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and the happiest of holiday seasons.

As we welcome the new year and reflect on all that unites us, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving our community.

This past year, I've been deeply inspired by the generosity, resilience, and spirit of the people who make our community so special. May the year ahead bring good health, prosperity, and continued strength to our families, small businesses, and neighborhoods.

Warmly,

Donna Scheuren
State Representative, 147th District

Thank You
**To everyone who attended my
2025 Veterans Breakfast**

If you are a veteran and would like to attend next year's event, please contact my office to be added to the veterans list.

Additionally, if you would like to receive my electronic Veterans Newsletter, please ensure my office staff has your current email address.



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