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From your Senator

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to present my electronic newsletter. These e-newsletters enable me to provide information to you in a timely manner while saving postage costs. Read about issues, events, and activities in Harrisburg and around the 49th Senatorial District.

Sincerely,

Senator Laughlin

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IN HARRISBURG

Sunday Hunting Updates

FEBRUARY, 2019

As Chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee, I am happy to announce that we moved my Sunday Hunting bill out of Committee. This is a historic vote, as it takes a major step toward increasing recreational opportunities for the thousands of Pennsylvania sportsmen and women who enjoy hunting. Next, the bill goes to the Senate floor.

Brett Keisel, the former Pittsburgh Steeler even expressed his support of SB 147 moving out of Committee.



Brett Keisel @bkeisel99 · 20h

Good move. Most people I have talked to are all for this. In fact, sometimes it's the only day they have to hunt or teach hunting to their families because of work, weather, or other factors.



PA Game Commission @PAGameComm

Yesterday, Tuesday, Feb. 5, the State Senate Game and Fisheries Committee approved Senate Bill 147, legislation which would give the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners the authority to regulate hunting on...

Home Buyer Savings Bill Update

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

I look forward to working with Senator Mensch and Senator Fontana when the Home Buyer Savings Bill is introduced in the Senate. The bill that would allow first-time home buyers to deduct from their taxes any money they save for the purchase of a home.

The bill applies to first-time home buyers and those who have not owned or bought a home within three years prior. It allows tax deductions totaling \$50,000 over a 10-year period. Annual contributions would be capped at \$5,000 for single taxpayers and \$10,000 for joint returns.

Closing Public Pension Loopholes for Felons

FEBRUARY, 2019

Proud to have supported SB 113 in the Senate authored by my good friend Senator DiSanto. It would strip pensions from those that commit felonies while in the work place. The bill never made it to the governor's desk last session, but I look forward to seeing it be signed into law this time.

IN THE 49th

My Commitment to Education

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Keeping my promise to visit the schools in my District, I got a tour of the Girard high school and elementary school today. Big thank you to superintendent Miller for showing me around and making me feel welcome in Girard School District.

I want to be familiar with all schools in the 49th District so I can be as supportive as possible to students parents, educators, and administrators.



Erie Weighs in On Recreational Marijuana

FEBRUARY 16, 2019

I was happy to engage in an open and civil discussion with the public concerning Adult Recreational Marijuana this morning. This is how government should work: the public voicing their opinions and concerns to their legislators. Thank you to Lt. Governor John Fetterman for listening to members of the Erie community and to the Jefferson Educational Society for hosting us.

Draw the Lines Winners in District

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

A big congratulations are in order to Mercyhurst University students Logan Ford, Sophia Jensen, and Elise Lashinsky as well as Nathaniel Ropski (not pictured) of Gannon University for their success in the "Draw the Lines PA" Contest. "Draw the Lines" is a nonpartisan resource for Pennsylvanians who want to end gerrymandering and improve democracy by putting congressional mapping software in the hands of the public. I look forward to seeing the progress "Draw the Lines PA" continues to have as we move toward the 2020 census.



From left to right: Dr. Joe Morris, PhD Mercyhurst University, Elise Lashinsky, Logan Ford, Sophia Jensen

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Erie's Best Coffee

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

I take my coffee VERY seriously, so I was honored to be a guest judge at this year's "Erie's Best Coffee" event put on by St. Martin Center, Congratulations to Premium Coffee Company for taking first place. Raising funds as this year's "Fundraiser Extraordinaire" for a good cause and getting to taste great local coffee was a morning well spent!



League of Women Voters Luncheon

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

I was invited to the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania's annual luncheon. My colleagues and I were able to answer questions about modernizing voting systems, justice reform, the environment, and property taxes.

Visiting the Bayfront Maritime Center

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

I toured the Bayfront Maritime Center. I enjoyed hearing about and seeing the projects students are working on. BMC is doing a fantastic service teaching students about the many maritime career opportunities.

