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STATE REPRESENTATIVE CARL WALKER METZGAR

Dear Neighbor,

It has been an honor to serve as your voice in Harrisburg and fight for the values that make our communities stronger. Throughout this legislative session, I have focused on supporting strong ideas that protect our homes, safeguard taxpayers from losing more of their hard-earned dollars and defend individual freedoms.

This newsletter features my efforts to save the Allegheny Mountain, cut costs for Somerset County residents, shield the free market from government overreach and more.

My team and I are eager to serve you. You can reach us by phone or mail at my district offices or Harrisburg office, sending in a contact form through **RepMetzgar.com**, or by stopping at one of our events.

Sincerely,



How Can We Help You?

My district office serves as your local connection to state government. We are available to assist you with an array of state programs and services, including:

- PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/ PACENET prescription drug programs.
- Help with securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required).
- Assistance with resolving matters relating to state agencies.

You may stop by or call my Somerset district office at 814-443-4230.



Saving the Allegheny Mountain

In May, I was joined by local officials and advocates from Citizens to Save the Allegheny Mountain to call for stopping the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's (PTC) proposed project to levy a 1,000-foot cut through the Allegheny Mountain near the existing Turnpike tunnels.

This maneuver would rip private property away and create serious harm to surrounding ecosystems, local climate conditions and quality of life. Those who rely on the mountain for water supply through wells and natural springs, including Berlin Borough, could face significant danger because of contamination and scarcity.

I have introduced House Bill 2205, which would eliminate the entity's ability to exercise the power of eminent domain. In Somerset County, the PTC and people of Somerset have been neighbors for decades and get along reasonably well. However, irreparable harm and the desire of the citizens not to follow through with this project is something that cannot be ignored.

It is not my intent to use this as a tool to punish the PTC. My goal is to invite them back into the fold to be good neighbors again and to have a discussion on a way to do something without destroying the place we love and hold dear.

While this is an invitation, it is also a promise that we won't be ignored, and the people of Somerset County deserve better. I have lived under this threat of the destruction of the mountain for my entire life. While we have defeated the PTC decade after decade, the agency has come back with renewed vigor.

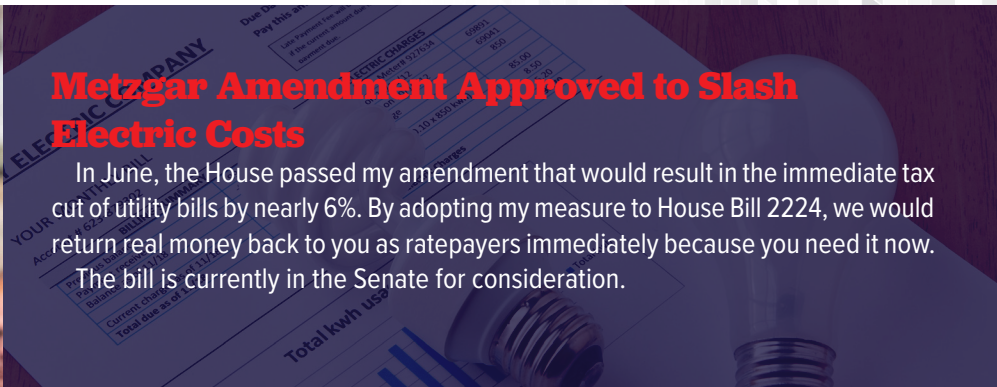
While I had to take drastic legislative measures, we will continue to push forward on the eminent domain removal because I think that will be the tool that stops the PTC. Since introducing the legislation, I have been approached by some legislators who are facing the same issues.

The legislation sits in the House Transportation Committee for consideration.



Metzgar Amendment Approved to Slash Electric Costs

In June, the House passed my amendment that would result in the immediate tax cut of utility bills by nearly 6%. By adopting my measure to House Bill 2224, we would return real money back to you as ratepayers immediately because you need it now. The bill is currently in the Senate for consideration.



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STANDING UP **for Pennsylvania Families and Businesses**

Serving as the Republican chairman of the House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee gives me an opportunity to fight for common-sense measures that protect Pennsylvania families, defend free market principles and ensure the government remains accountable to the residents we serve.

Under my leadership, I stand tall to represent your interests to the best of my ability. I have a consistent track record of supporting pro-economic growth, pro-consumer legislation that protects taxpayers. At the same time, I have opposed bills that created unnecessary bureaucratic red tape, imposed costly mandates or threatened affordability or stability of essential services.

Here are some notable measures I supported and opposed:

HOUSE BILL 1924

This creates the "Load Forecast Accountability Act," which provides authority to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for oversight of electric distribution companies' load forecasts submitted to PJM, the regional electric grid. I worked with the sponsor to ensure the bill was specific in its requirements, which was then incorporated into the final budget bill in 2025.

HOUSE BILL 1191

I supported efforts to increase safety for railroads by providing the PUC with updated standards of enforcement.

HOUSE BILL 2184

I proposed an amendment to protect landowners and consumers from data center overreach.
