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PROGRESS REPORT

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A LETTER FROM ART....

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Dear Neighbor,

Against the odds, we are fighting to win. Last year, you helped Pennsylvania win:

- Funding to **reduce homelessness** and remove blight through an expansion of the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Act
- More members in **gun violence prevention organizations**, like Moms Demand Action, than National Rifle Association members
- Increasing support and MSNBC coverage for **independent investigations of police deadly force** incidents to restore trust in our criminal justice system
- **Two reading revolution summer camps** for 71 elementary school children
- Two articles in America's 1st Freedom, the **National Rifle Association's** nationwide magazine, **taking a defensive position** against my handgun licensing bill, SB 1029

This doesn't mean that we haven't suffered defeats. Our state legislature broke a record for failure to pass a budget in 2015, and the impasse took a toll on our most vulnerable citizens. The budget that was finally passed is broken, and fixing it will require more of your advocacy.

I hope you will join me this year as we fight for a stronger Pennsylvania. Without your participation, we cannot win.

Dare to Care,

Art Haywood
Senator - 4th Senatorial District

June – December 2015 REPORT CARD on the 3 R's

WHAT I SAID:	WHAT WE'VE DONE:
Raising support for Public Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will fight to increase state funding to fifty percent of the total cost of basic education and support a fair funding formula • I will fight for school funding restorations • I will promote mentoring and tutoring initiatives • I will increase communication and collaboration between education stakeholders and community leaders in the private, public and nonprofit sectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for and co-sponsored legislation for a shale severance tax as part of the state budget to pay for education • Held two summer reading camps with 71 children • Advocated for a fair funding formula • Promoted scouting and mentoring in the 4th district at community events • Promoted the Valley Green Bank holiday book drive in Northwest Philadelphia
Raising the Wage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be an advocate for raising the minimum wage to decrease poverty and stimulate our economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported citizen-led movement and Raise the Wage PA through an op-ed reaching one million Pennsylvanians, social media, capitol building signs, media interviews and an online petition • Co-sponsored SB 195 and SB 836 that would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 or \$15 an hour, respectively, with a cost-of-living adjustment
Reducing Gun Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will lead and support efforts to reduce gun violence through commonsense regulation of firearms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced and advocated for handgun licensing legislation through a press conference, op-ed reaching one million citizens and media interviews • Promoted gun violence prevention advocacy networks to compete with the NRA • Met with leadership of the gun violence prevention movement in Pennsylvania to develop legislative strategy • Encouraged statewide media to cover gun violence prevention



2015 Reading Revolution Summer Camps were a partnership between my office, the Free Library of Philadelphia, AARP Experience Corps, and Simons and Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Centers.



Bryan Miller, Executive Director of Heeding God's Call, speaks in support of handgun licensing legislation I introduced at a press conference in December.

Special Committee on Senate Address

I served on the Senate Special Committee related to the removal of the Attorney General on the basis of whether or not she could serve with a temporarily-suspended law license. Criminal proceedings involving the Attorney General and the impeachment process were entirely unconnected to our decision.

As an attorney and member of the bar of the Supreme Court, the Attorney

General currently meets the Pennsylvania constitution's requirement to serve. Our state's constitution does not require the Attorney General to possess a law license. In fact, I learned that the Attorney General's role is that of a CEO directing the resources and priorities of an 830-person office; that more than ninety percent of the Attorney General's duties do not involve the practice of law; and that

the Office of the Attorney General continues to have the authority to prosecute criminals and conduct business.

After concluding that the Attorney General should not be removed based on her temporary law license suspension, I led the effort to persuade others across the state and in the Senate. The Senate agreed with my position and voted not to remove the Attorney General.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

DO YOU OR A NEIGHBOR NEED ASSISTANCE PAYING HEATING BILLS?

My office is helping low-income families pay their heating bills and manage emergencies this winter through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). If you think you may qualify for help, please visit or call one of my district offices and a constituent services representative will be glad to walk you through the process.

INCOME GUIDELINES

2015-2016 LIHEAP
(For Homeowners and Renters)

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$17,655
2	\$23,895
3	\$30,135
4	\$36,375
5	\$42,615
6	\$48,855
7	\$55,095
8	\$61,335
9	\$67,575
10	\$73,815

Each Additional Person Add \$6,240

Hate Has No Home in Pennsylvania

Exclusion of Muslims based on religion is reprehensible. When our Constitution was written, the protection of religious freedom was a paramount feature. Not just our own constitution, but international convention is unanimous in condemning religious discrimination. If the weight of our own conscience does not make this tenet clear, then history certainly illustrates the depth of destruction that religious intolerance is capable of provoking.

Our security cannot be won through religious intolerance. Those of all faiths and creeds are welcome in our communities, and must be safe and protected here in the 4th district. Proposals that threaten religious tolerance based on unfounded fear have no place in this country or commonwealth. It is up to you to ensure that hate has no home in Pennsylvania. Speak out.

My First Year in Numbers

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District Offices

115

Community Meetings Attended

126,000

Social Media Audience

6

Press Conferences



5,462

Participants in Four Teletownhalls



26 Interns & Volunteers

1181

Neighbors Served

71

Reading Revolution Summer Camp Students



78

Neighbors Recognized by Senate



6529

E-news and Budget Watch Subscribers

72

Advocacy Partners

Learning from the Budget Impasse

The 2015-16 state budget deadline was June 30, 2015. As you may know, Pennsylvania missed its deadline by more than six months. Republican legislative leadership only began serious negotiations with Governor Wolf in November, delaying the possibility of a compromise for many months. During the impasse, schools and social service organizations went without funding, leaving some of our most vulnerable citizens at risk.

The closest our state came to compromise in 2015 was when you raised your voice. Republican senators proposed a two-week recess during the budget impasse, and you stood up in opposition. Your calls, emails and social media messages held state leaders accountable for producing a result during the two-week break. By the end of the recess, the Governor,

House and Senate leadership had agreed to a compromise framework. While the framework was eventually abandoned by House Republicans, it was passed by the Senate.

Unfortunately, the budget that was later passed in both Houses and line-item vetoed by Governor Wolf is broken. It does not fully fund our schools, exacerbates the impending retirement crisis and is fiscally irresponsible, with an approximately \$500 million deficit. That's why the Governor would not sign the budget as a whole, and instead only signed parts of the budget. Passing the rest of the 2015-16 budget will require further negotiations between state leadership, and even more citizen engagement. If your voice is not heard in Harrisburg, we cannot put an end to the impasse governing that has taken hold in Pennsylvania.



Neighbors participated in budget negotiations by holding Senate leadership accountable for producing a compromise during their recess in November.

2016 LEGISLATIVE & COMMUNITY AGENDA

- **Independent Prosecutor for Police Deadly Force Incidents**

Restore trust in our criminal justice system by requiring an independent prosecutor be appointed by the Attorney General to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute law enforcement use of deadly force.

- **Handgun Licensing**

Reduce gun violence by creating a firearm eligibility license for handguns, requiring handgun purchasers to obtain a fingerprint background check at law enforcement and undergo firearm safety training.

- **Apprenticeship Tax Credits**

Increase access to opportunity by creating a \$1000 tax credit for businesses that hire apprentices in PA-registered apprenticeships.

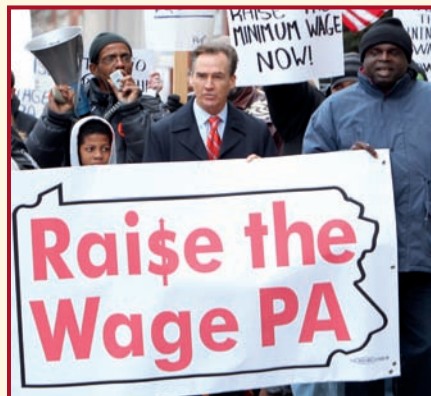
- **Private Employee State Pension Program**

Prevent a retirement crisis by creating a state-managed retirement

savings plan for private employees in Pennsylvania.

- **Raise the Minimum Wage to at least \$10.10/hour with COLA**

Decrease poverty and boost Pennsylvania's economy by raising the minimum wage so that hard work does not lead to hunger in our state.



Organized movements like Raise the Wage PA will be critical for reaching legislative and community victories in 2016.

1. **Join the Reading Revolution.**

Read with your child every day, or volunteer as a reading tutor.

2. **Shop Local.**

Shop at locally-owned businesses to help keep jobs in our community.

3. **If You See Something, Say Something.**

Keep our community safe by reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood to police.

4. **Join My Office as a Volunteer.**

Call 215-242-8171 to get started.

5. **Stay Connected with my Participation is Power E-news.**

Sign up at

SenatorHaywood.com

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IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



▲ The Mount Airy Street Fare brought thousands of community members to Germantown Avenue this past Fall.



▲ VFW Post 5205 in Chestnut Hill honored those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day.



▲ The Willow Grove NAACP, led by Valerie Ward, invited neighbors to promote peace on Unity Day.



▲ I was glad to join Rep. Steve McCarter and Dave Gannon for the Movie Tavern opening in Springfield Township.



◀ I joined my wife, Julie, my staff and interns to celebrate Independence Day at parades in Glenside and Oreland.



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- Applications for benefits (SNAP, cash assistance, Medicaid, CHIP)
 - Voter Registration
 - Rent and Property Tax Rebates
 - PennDOT application assistance
 - Assistance with utilities (LIHEAP)
- Free Notary Services....and much more.

HOST A COMMUNITY POTLUCK

In 2016, I am inviting neighbors to bring our community together by holding 4th District potluck dinners in their homes. The dinners will be an opportunity to discuss our shared challenges, and how we can help one another toward a common vision. If you are interested in hosting a potluck, please contact my office.