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PROGRESS REPORT

Summer 2016

Serving the 4th District in Mount Airy, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, West Oak Lane, Cheltenham, Springfield, Jenkintown, Rockledge and Abington

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Dear Neighbor,

Against the odds, we are still fighting to win. Over the past 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 members in the National Rifle Association.
- **Medical cannabis** to relieve suffering across our commonwealth.
- A fair education funding formula and \$200 million in additional **funding for public education** that will strengthen our communities.
- Seven **summer reading camps** in 2015 and 2016 to help hundreds of 2nd and 3rd grade children avoid falling behind between school years.
- **Community outreach** by my office through partnerships with grocery stores and libraries throughout the 4th district.

These victories don't mean 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 in many ways, and building a better budget will require more of your advocacy.

I hope you will continue to be part of the fight for a stronger Pennsylvania. Without your participation, we cannot win.

Dare to Care,

Art Haywood
Senator - 4th Senatorial District

June 2015 – 2016 REPORT CARD on the 3 R's

WHAT I SAID:	WHAT WE'VE DONE:
<p>Raising support for Public Education:</p> <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 in 2015, and enrolled new students in five more reading camps in Summer 2016 • Advocated for a fair funding formula that was signed into law • Promoted scouting and mentoring in the 4th district at community events • Promoted the Valley Green Bank holiday book drive in Northwest Philadelphia • Held three College Aid Workshops at Martin Luther King High School • Read with students at schools across the 4th district on Read Across America Day
<p>Raising the Wage:</p> <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
<p>Reducing Gun Violence:</p> <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 • Participated in 2016's Gun Violence Awareness Day by attending and promoting a #WearOrange picnic with Moms Demand Action, Mothers in Charge, CeaseFire PA and community members • Spoke as part of a gun violence prevention panel held by PennLive in Harrisburg • Held a screening of the documentary <i>Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA</i> with Rep. Madeleine Dean at the Hiway Theater in Jenkintown



Reading Revolution Summer Camps are a partnership between my office, Mt Airy USA, the Free Library of Philadelphia, AARP Experience Corp, five Northwest Philadelphia Recreation Centers and generous community members.



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.

My First Year in Numbers

2

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

78

Neighbors Recognized by Senate



71

Reading Revolution Summer Camp Students



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.

FREE Notary Services



Did you know that my district office staff can notarize your documents for free? Call to make an appointment, or visit my Abington or Philadelphia office at your convenience.

Please note that my district office hours, which were reduced in response

to last year's budget impasse, will be expanding again in the near future. In the meantime, please call my office for an up-to-date schedule. In addition, my staff can be found at outreach sites throughout the district. Please check my website for outreach updates.

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Building a State Budget

As you may know, Pennsylvania missed its 2015-16 budget deadline by more than nine 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 2015-16 budget that was later passed in both Houses and became law is broken in many ways. While it provided a partial funding boost to schools of \$200 million, the 2015-16 budget failed to meaningfully restore education cuts and offered no sustainable solution to manage the state's \$1 billion deficit. That's why the Governor would not sign it. Building a better budget to turn the state around will require more citizen engagement. If your voice is not heard in Harrisburg, we cannot put an end to the myopic priorities that have 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 LEADERSHIP High Priority Proposals

- **Independent Prosecutor for Police Deadly Force Incidents**
(Prime Sponsor)

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.

- **Youth Employment Tax Credit Program** (Prime Sponsor)

Incentivize private employers to hire teenagers and young adults from low-income families. Employers would be able to claim a credit equal to 35% of the total cost of the employment opportunity or \$1,500.

- **Fair Tax Reform Package**
(Prime Sponsor)

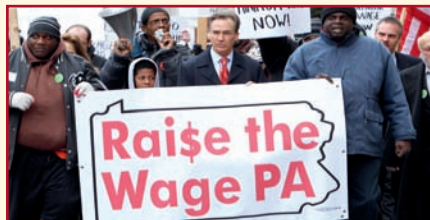
Begin to remediate our commonwealth's regressive tax system by implementing a 4% tax on non-wage, non-interest income – like royalties and capital gains – concentrated among rich citizens. Additionally, amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow middle and low-income families to be taxed at a lower rate than high-income individuals.

- **Protection from Lead Poisoning**
(Prime Sponsor)

Require every school building to be tested (water, paint, soil) for lead before a school year begins. Test results would be sent to parents of every enrolled child and posted on school district websites. Schools with high lead levels would be required to submit a remediation plan to the state Department of Education.

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

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.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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



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



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



▲ On Read Across America Day, I read to children at schools and libraries across the 4th district.



▲ I was glad to present Abington Township Parks & Recreation Department with a \$15,000 Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant to make rehabilitation studies possible for Crestmont and Penbryn pools.



▲ I met with residents and Cheltenham Environmental Advisory Council leaders at the 2016 Glenside Arts Festival.



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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.