



STATE REPRESENTATIVE **JACK RADER** 176TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud and honored to serve the 176th District as your voice here at home and in Harrisburg. Your input is very important to me. Learning about your concerns and experiences helps me to best serve our community.

Now that the holiday season is over, this is a good time to reflect upon what has been accomplished in 2025 on behalf of our district and its residents. This newsletter includes some of those legislative highlights, along with details on state programs that may be beneficial for you. I think you will find it to be helpful and informative.

Residents are also invited to sign up for my Friday email updates on my website, www.RepRader.com. The updates include news from the Capitol and the district and are another great way to stay connected. You can also follow me on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/RepJackRader](https://www.facebook.com/RepJackRader). Thank you for staying informed.

Sincerely,



MY DISTRICT OFFICES ARE HERE TO HELP

One of the most important parts of being a state representative is to be available to the people I serve. As your state representative, my door is always open. If there is anything my staff or I can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my Effort or Blakeslee district offices. Pictured with me, from left, are Laurie VanWinkle and Nancy Parks from my Effort district office; Jennifer DeLeo from my Blakeslee district office; and Sue Mackes from my Effort district office.

Representing **THE 176TH DISTRICT**



Honoring Everyday Heroes



Supporting Small Business



Championing Community Initiatives



Recognizing West End Fair Royalty



VETERANS ASSISTANCE **AVAILABLE**

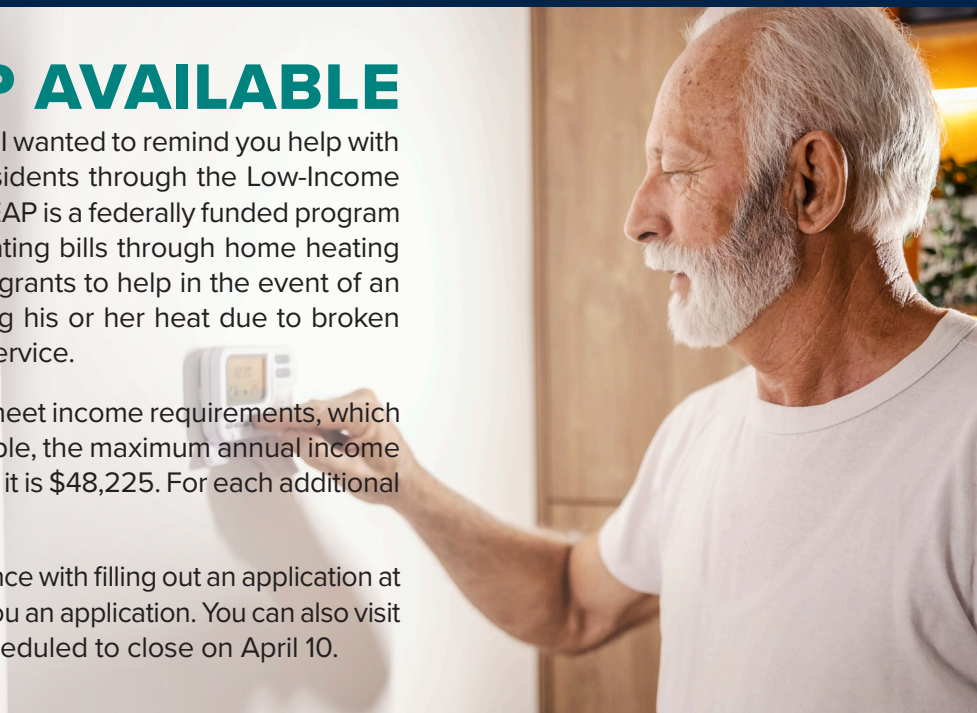
I am pleased to offer veterans service hours at my Blakeslee district office. Assistance can be provided to veterans and their dependents for questions regarding compensation, pension, death benefits, education and health care. Help is available the fourth Tuesday of every month. Appointments are required and can be made by calling my Blakeslee office at 570-643-7683.

HEATING BILL **HELP AVAILABLE**

With low temperatures pummeling us this winter, I wanted to remind you help with heating bills is available to income-qualified residents through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

To qualify for LIHEAP in Pennsylvania, you must meet income requirements, which are set based on your household size. For example, the maximum annual income for an individual is \$23,475 and for a family of four it is \$48,225. For each additional person, add \$8,250 to the income limit.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP or receive assistance with filling out an application at either of my district offices or by calling us to mail you an application. You can also visit www.compass.dhs.pa.gov. The program is scheduled to close on April 10.



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE **APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program have increased again this year to \$48,110 for both homeowners and renters. If you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000. The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. Remember, you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at mypath.pa.gov, or contact my offices for help. Additionally, our office can also file local school rebates.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S **250TH ANNIVERSARY**

It is hard to believe America's 250th anniversary is already here with Pennsylvania taking the lead to celebrate. America250PA was established by the Legislature and governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present and future, are something to celebrate. America250PA is a coordinated statewide effort to celebrate Pennsylvania's leading role in the birth of a new nation. While the focus is on July 4, events and history programs are being held throughout 2026.

Statewide news and resources are available at the program website, which can be found by visiting America250PA.org and the America250PA Facebook page at Facebook.com/America250PA. For all information regarding events across the nation, visit America250.org.



UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The Pennsylvania Treasury estimates one in every 10 Pennsylvanians is owed unclaimed property by the state. You can easily find out if you are one of those citizens by visiting www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.

Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, abandoned stocks, uncashed checks and more. Property is always available for the rightful owner to claim. Tangible property may be auctioned after three years, but proceeds remain available to claim in perpetuity. The Pennsylvania MoneyMatch program allows Treasury to automatically return unclaimed property valued at \$500 or less and belonging to a single owner. But with the average claim of unclaimed property exceeding \$1,000, residents are encouraged to review the database.

If you find property that belongs to you, you may claim it through Treasury's website or contact my offices for assistance.

Reminder — you do not need to pay anyone to recover your unclaimed property.

NEW LAW PROTECTS SENIOR CITIZENS' PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

Medications play a vital role in preserving health and improving quality of life, but they can be costly, especially for our senior citizens. That's why I was pleased to support a new law that will protect thousands of Pennsylvania seniors from losing access to affordable prescription drug coverage.

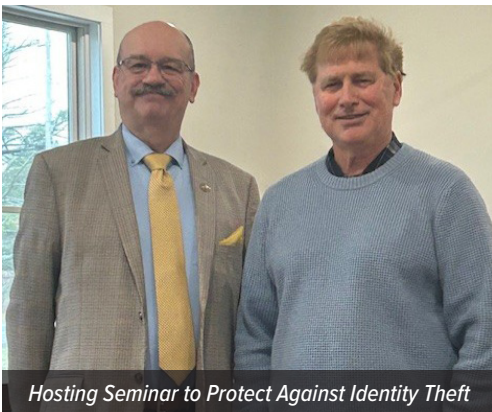
Act 49 of 2025 extends the current Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) moratorium for the PACE and PACENET programs through Dec. 31, 2027. Without this extension, more than 22,000 older Pennsylvanians would have faced disruptions in their benefits due to modest increases in Social Security income.

The PACE and PACENET programs serve over 250,000 Pennsylvanians age 65 and older.

To learn more about the programs, visit:
<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/aging>

Community Photos

As your state representative, I enjoy traveling the district to meet with constituents. It is a great opportunity to honor the district's finest individuals and participate in community events. Here are a few photos highlighting these recent months.



WINTER 2026

State Representative

JACK RADER

176th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My district offices are here to serve you.

Services we can provide include:

- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates, and temporary placards for persons with disabilities)
- Discount vehicle registrations
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications
- Homestead/farmstead exclusion applications
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications
- State tax forms
- Unemployment Compensation questions
- Free state maps, state park information and PA Vacation Guides
- Do-Not-Call list enrollment
- Unclaimed property
- LIHEAP applications (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
- Copies of legislation
- Tours of the state Capitol
- Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters

UPCOMING EVENTS



Senior Scam Seminar | Thursday, April 30

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. with David Shallcross

Kunkletown Volunteer Fire Co.

597 Kunkletown Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058

Please call our Blakeslee district office to register, seats are limited.

License Plate Free Replacement Event Thursday, July 23, 2-4 p.m.

Tunkhannock Volunteer Fire Co. Parking Lot

1539 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334

Is your license plate hard to read? Faded or peeling? We will be hosting a license plate replacement event this summer. Please call our Blakeslee district office to register with your title and plate information. *(You will not receive a new plate on this day, but you should receive one in the mail within a couple of weeks.)*

West End Fair | Aug. 23-29

570 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, PA 18331

Don't forget to visit our booth and say hello!

For more information about these upcoming events, visit: **RepRader.com/events.**