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STATE CHAMPS!



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Oley Valley Girls Lynx field hockey took the Class 1A PIAA 2023 state championship 4-3 in a match with Lackawanna Trail High School Lions. Lackawanna led most of the way, but the Oley girls' grit and determination was rewarded with just over 5 minutes left. And after that, the Lynx sealed the victory on a penalty shot. Congratulations Oley Valley! What a way to cap off the season!

SAVING \$150 MILLION in Sportsmen Funds

As many of you know, hunting and fishing in Pennsylvania is practically a rite of passage just if you are born in this state. Pennsylvania has an estimated 663,000 hunters who pursue white-tailed deer, placing it second only to Texas (770,700).

As chairman of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, I take the oversight duties of these commissions very seriously. There are hundreds of thousands of acres and many millions of dollars at stake. The outdoor bounty we are blessed with in this state and the vast amount of funds dedicated to managing them are entrusted to two non-elected bodies of commissioners, The state's Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC).

Late last year, there was a strange move by the Senate to take \$150 million of federal funds from the PGC (i.e. all the hunters in this state) and divert it to the Clean Streams Fund. Further analysis by state and federal staff determined this to be an unlawful diversion of federal funds. I stood up and said so and many sportsmen in the state responded. Due to all our efforts, the Senate did not take the money.

It's a rare win in today's political environment. But it is amazing what can happen when elected officials work with the people instead of at the people.



Restoring Fish Habitat in Blue Marsh Lake



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Government Descension into Lawlessness CANNOT CONTINUE

Folks are weary of government overreach and dishonesty, particularly at the executive levels in our nation. This is by design.

There is no letup in taking away our rights and liberties without due process and the essential elimination of checks and balances – property taxes, social experiments with our children in our schools, unchecked waves of illegal immigration on our southern border, registering people to vote who are not American citizens – not only is it designed to destroy the foundations of this great nation, but it is also designed to wear you down.

They control the news and make you see and hear it so often you become numb to it. You tune it out and just do your best to at least keep your family together because they hope you no longer have the energy to fight back.

Just recently, Gov. Josh Shapiro unilaterally announced that everyone in Pennsylvania who can finagle a state driver's license will now also be registered to vote in state and federal elections. President Joe Biden is taking similar actions at the federal level. You don't need to be a citizen to get a driver's license, but the Constitution says you must be an American citizen to vote and gives much authority to state legislatures in this regard. And we have a system of checks and balances in this nation.

I amended the Pennsylvania Constitution to protect homesteads and farmsteads from property taxes by providing up to 100% relief, yet the House and Senate will not act on it.

Democrats have unleashed a slew of anti-Second Amendment bills this year, and those of us fighting for you in Harrisburg have

fought back successfully against them. Even convincing some Democrats through debate on the floor to vote against these outrageous bills put forth by their own leadership team.

Lawmakers swear on a Bible to uphold the Constitution. There is a way to change the Constitution, as I did when I amended it to provide 100% property tax relief for your homestead or farmstead. But until the Constitution is changed by amendment, lawmakers must uphold it as it is.

My colleagues and I are trying to stop this lawlessness. To restore that delicate balance of power, I and 23 other Pennsylvania lawmakers have filed a federal civil rights complaint in the Middle District Court of PA against President Biden, Governor Shapiro, and representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of State alleging federal civil rights violations.

Through the Elections Clause and the Electors Clause of the United States Constitution state legislators are granted unique, particular constitutional rights to determine the manner of elections. There is no role for the president, the governor or other non-legislative officials to create or rewrite laws or disregard the laws established by the legislature.

Previous court decisions have made it clear that "it is the state legislatures that must provide a complete code for congressional regulations relating to elections." Article VII, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, clearly assigns the duty of passing laws involving the registration of electors to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. I will keep you updated as this lawsuit proceeds.



**Oley Valley Intermediate Band
Performs at the Capitol.**

Star Spangled Standout!



Keith Weiser of Fleetwood sang the Star Spangled Banner at the PA Farm Show's Military Veterans and Families Day. Watch Keith's outstanding performance and hear him explain what it meant to him in my videos at RepMaloney.com.

Government TRANSPARENCY

The episode of the \$150 million in PGC money highlights one of my greatest concerns – real government transparency at all levels. When the people are alerted to a wrong, they can at least try to stop it. Once a government wrong has been unleashed, they are rarely reversed.

For example, a recent mayoral election in Bridgeport, Conn., was reversed by a judge after seeing video evidence of a woman on the Democrat incumbent's campaign stuffing a drop box with troves of white envelopes.

That should give us reason to re-think the expansion of ballot drop boxes in Berks County. But what do our county leaders do? They just authorized the installation of another box. Was there a great cry from the county public for yet another unprotected voting drop box?

We should ask how and why the county redevelopment takes over businesses and private property and thus removes them from the tax rolls. How much tax revenue is being lost that others have to make up? Who chooses the contractors to redevelop these properties? What do those contracts look like? Healthy skepticism is good for public debate.