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Dear Neighbor,

It has certainly been an eventful year since the last time I wrote you! We have seen so many events, new policies, and changes, not only to our District, but to our Commonwealth and Country. Since we last spoke in this newsletter, we have made so much progress in Harrisburg and I've heard so many of your unique and personal stories in our District. Interacting with you at events like our Veterans Breakfast and Shredding events, or when you stop by our offices for assistance applying for public services, it always gives me an exciting opportunity to do my favorite part of this job. I'm a better Senator when I get to meet and interact with you all more often.

We've also seen major events happen around our country and here in Pennsylvania that broke my heart and angered me to my core. The overturning of Roe vs. Wade, seemingly unending gun violence, students without the resources to succeed, and even major health system issues in our own backyard. These are serious issues that demand more than partisan politics. By now, everyone I have met since being elected knows that I pride myself on not playing the game of politics. I'm a father, a husband, a friend, a neighbor, and a former plumber. When I am voting in Harrisburg, it's not for MY best interest; I make decisions and vote for the betterment of our communities, our schools, our working class and for the families of Chester and Delaware Counties.

*As long as I am your Senator, I will continue to pursue fair legislation, respond to your letters, meet with organizations that bring value to our district, search for solutions that improve our communities, and I will continue to do everything in my power to make this a better place to call home day after day. Continue to write and email me at: **Kane@pasenate.com**, reach me by phone at 610-447-5845 or come to one of our district offices. Together, we will keep your rights intact and your public resources available for you, and your families. I am right here with you to continue the great work we have done this far!*

Beginning our transition into the spring, I want to use this newsletter to recap the summer we had and give you the key highlights as we move forward in seasons, and in progress to a better 9th District!

John I. Kane
9th Senatorial District



**RESOLVED OVER
2,065 CONSTITUENT
SERVICE CASES** to date.



**TABLED
OVER 12
COMMUNITY
EVENTS.**

In 2022, **HOSTED 14 COMMUNITY EVENTS** including our Veterans Breakfast with Troop 260 Scouts, Apprenticeship & Trade Fair with Senator Kearney, and our Kids Fair in August.



To stay up to date on upcoming events, visit
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From the Senate Floor

We have been able to enact real change for people while in Harrisburg this past year, fighting the issues that Pennsylvania's face every day. I know that it can be challenging to keep up with everything happening at the Capitol, so lets break down some of the progress we have reached on the Senate floor.

■ Stay Out of Our "Wooder" #NoToAct12

Act 12 allows for profit corporations to acquire public water system with devastating effects for low-income families that deserve affordable basic necessities. We must protect our water supply from corporate greed and ensure it remains a public good. To do this, I will introduce a full scale repeal of Act 12 to save the Chester Water Authority.

The repeal of Act 12 will protect our public water for generations to come and fulfill our responsibility to the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide clean, pure water to all residents. Act 12 has been a disaster for ratepayers from the very beginning, and I think the Commonwealth has suffered long enough.

■ Deana's Law – HB773

Named after Deana Eckman, a 45-year-old Delco resident who lost her life to a drunk driver who had a previous 5 DUI's. Deana's Law will require consecutive sentences for people convicted of third and subsequent DUIs and increases prison sentences for the offenders. This does not target those who are suffering from addiction but protects our drivers from losing their lives due to drunk drivers.

■ Prior Authorization – SB225

Before a doctor can pursue a treatment or prescribe medication, they are required to check with a patient's insurance company to be sure it can be covered. Countless times, including while I battled cancer, doctors must fight with insurance companies to obtain the coverage a patient requires, drastically slowing the process to receive care. This bill ensures that doctors can make medical decisions for their patients, not insurance companies. Making the treatment process more transparent and efficient will improve the care and save the lives of millions of Pennsylvanians.

■ Gun Violence Prevention

Bringing firm gun laws to our state that will help ensure the safety of our children and neighbors is a top priority of mine and my Democratic colleagues in the Senate. Currently, I am the prime sponsor of two bills addressing gun violence prevention, while also co-sponsoring over 16 additional bills since my time entering office. As your voice in Harrisburg, you can depend on me to keep up the fight for smart gun violence prevention policies to bring a safer environment for children and their family across Pennsylvania.



Scan the code above to view the full list of bills I have sponsored and co-sponsored.



The Senate chambers are a place of intense discussion and collaboration, particularly when crafting legislation that will ultimately be presented on the floor. My goal has always been to introduce legislation that delivers effective and feasible results to the people in our District and in our Commonwealth.



Dollars Back in the District

Here's a look at the over \$30M grants awarded in our area in 2022

■ **Elwyn:** *"Elwyn recently launched a multi-year effort to re-design and renovate its main campus in Delaware County. One of the first goals was an expansion of the children's residential treatment program, as these services are in high demand and there is limited capacity in the region. Senator Kane was able to secure essential funding through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program to allow the renovation of a building – nearly doubling the overall number of beds available, and enabling completion of this project in 2022."*
– **Charles McLister, Elwyn President and CEO**

■ **Kennett Square Community Services Complex:** *"We are very grateful to Sen. Kane for his support of the Kennett Square Community Services Complex project — an effort to create a municipal and community services complex consisting of borough administrative space, an accredited police department, and complementary social services and community uses."* – **Doug Doerfler, President of Borough Council**

"The Borough of Kennett Square is extremely excited to advance this project and will utilize the funding secured to transform a portion of the building into an area for use for our police department, allowing us to provide continued safety and security functions to our residents. This project would not have been possible without the senator's advocacy. The borough is completing final engineering and design work and is looking forward to commencing construction this year."

– **Matthew Fetick, Mayor of Kennett Square**

■ **Bournelyf:** *We were able to award Bournelyf Special Camp with a \$400,000 RACP grant to construct a new building with two handicapped-accessible floors. The building will house campers and staff and be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). "The plan also includes replacing the existing pool and renovating the pool house. This \$400,000 grant for our new program facility is a game changer. Our campers for generations to come will benefit from this funding. We are extremely grateful."*
– **Richard Curth, Executive Director of Bournelyf Special Camp**



We were able to award Upper Chichester Library with a \$2 million grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. This grant funding will go toward the construction and planning of the new Library and Resource Center. This is the type of center that helps provide all of the necessary resources for a successful community. Congrats Upper Chi!



We awarded Riddle Hospital \$6 million in RACP grant funds to renovate and expand its Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit. The renovation will include increasing waiting room capacity, improving patient and visitor observation, and modernizing the ICU with new infrastructure. These improvements will allow Riddle to continue providing quality care to its patients in the area!

■ Labor & Industry Chair Announcement

I am thrilled to announce that I have been appointed as the new Democratic Chair of Labor and Industry. As a former plumber and labor union business manager, I am honored to take on this assignment and look forward to advocating for the rights of workers across our state. I am committed to promoting fair labor practices and ensuring that all Pennsylvania workers are treated with dignity and respect. Together, we will work to build a stronger, more equitable future for all. Thank you for your trust and support.

Committee Assignments

- **Labor & Industry – Dem. Chair**
- **Communications & Technology**
- **Transportation**
- **Veterans' Affairs and
Emergency Preparedness**



In the Community

► In visiting Anson B. Nixon Park to assist with the progression of getting Wi-Fi throughout the park, we came across a longstanding boxing gym in one of the buildings! Although I used to be a boxer, somehow even in a closed ring, I'm still the undercard!



▲ I was excited to attend the open house for the El Futuro Kennett Mighty Writers new location in Kennett. A wonderful resource center for children to learn reading and wiring skills in both Spanish and English.



◀ We held our first annual Kids Fair at Subaru Park last summer! It was a back-to-school hit for families, kids and organizations! We had tons of food, games, activities and community FUN! We're grateful for all the support we received and can't wait to make next year's event even better!

► I was happy to get my plumbing hand back on some pipes! My office partnered with "Good Works" – a nonprofit that repairs homes for families in need to help a resident with essential repairs to his home. Replacing siding, painting, installing drywall, fixing the rotted roof and even digging and running a new line for his plumbing system.



► Myself along with a substantial amount of my colleagues have joined CeaseFirePA in the fight to end gun violence in our Commonwealth and Country. Bringing more strict and common-sense gun laws to Pennsylvania will help ensure we can protect our children, loved ones, and neighbors.



◀ Multiple times a year, we team up with State Reps and the District Attorney's office to hold free paper shredding events and drug takebacks! Look out for our upcoming events and join us for any of our shredding and drug takebacks!



◀ Veterans have played such a huge role not only for our entire country but in my personal life as well. I enjoy every chance I get to thank them for their selfless service. I am always happy to host a Veterans Breakfast or event to show my gratitude and support!

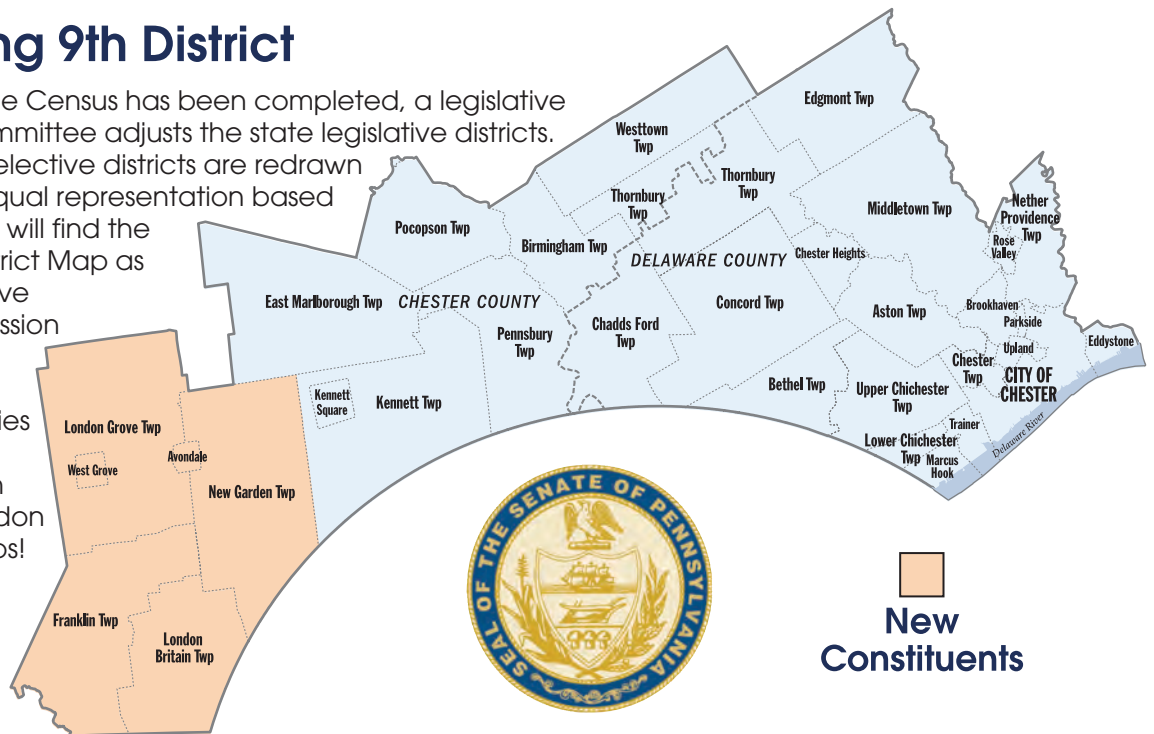




■ A New Looking 9th District

Every 10 years, after the Census has been completed, a legislative reapportionment committee adjusts the state legislative districts. These boundaries of elective districts are redrawn to maintain and reflect equal representation based on population. Below you will find the 2022 State Senate 9th District Map as approved by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. I want to welcome new Communities to the 9th District. HELLO and WELCOME to London Grove, New Garden, London Britain, & Franklin Townships! With special shoutouts to both West Grove and Avondale! I can't wait to spend time in both of your Boroughs!

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