

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANE WATRO



## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I joined my House colleagues in taking the oath of office on Jan. 7 to mark the official start of the 2025-26 Legislative Session. I am proud and honored to serve the 116<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and its residents for the next two years.

My staff and I look forward to continue assisting residents at my district offices in downtown Hazleton and Mahanoy City. We can help with any state-related matter. Simply stop by or give us a call. To better serve all our constituents, I am working on opening a third district office in Shenandoah. Stay tuned for further details!

Residents are also invited to register for my Friday email updates at [www.RepWatro.com](http://www.RepWatro.com). They include news from the Capitol and the district, and are another great way to stay connected.

Thanks for reading this mailing, which includes some 2024 highlights and other information I hope is useful.

*Dane D. Watro*

## WORKING FOR YOU in 2024 in HARRISBURG and OUR DISTRICT

### JANUARY

I co-hosted a Coffee and Conversation event in Shepton with Sen. Dave Argall. We hold these forums frequently to hear from our constituents firsthand.

### FEBRUARY

I attended the celebration for Aspire Bakeries' expanded production line at its facility in the Humboldt Industrial Park. We took part in many business-related events throughout 2024 as our region continues to grow.

### MARCH

The House passed my resolution recognizing March 25, 2024, as "National Medal of Honor Day" in PA. I had the honor of meeting Medal of Honor recipient retired Army Col. Joseph Marm Jr. when he came to the Capitol for the committee vote.

### APRIL

We broke ground for the \$8-million Center for Education, Business and the Arts (CEBA) in Shenandoah. Described as a game changer for the community, this exciting project is partially funded with state dollars I helped to secure.

### MAY

I joined Sen. Dave Argall and Mahanoy City Borough officials for a walking tour to learn more about a streetscape project funded by a state grant we worked to secure.

### JUNE

I hosted a hearing in Hazle Township convened by the House Republican Policy Committee that focused on the need for tax cuts and legislation that would reduce the tax burden on state residents.

### JULY

As a U.S. Army veteran, it was truly an honor to speak before members of the Pennsylvania American Legion during their 105th annual convention in Harrisburg.

### AUGUST

I teamed up with a local congressman to secure the medals awarded to a late U.S. Army veteran and present them to his family. Edward Peters died from the side effects of Agent Orange exposure during his Vietnam tour.

### SEPTEMBER

We had a tremendous turnout for our Senior Expo at the Laurel Mall in Hazle Township. The event connects older residents with programs and services in the area.

### OCTOBER

I was the guest speaker at the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Breakfast. I highlighted our efforts to move the area forward, including \$16+ million in state funding for economic development projects.

### NOVEMBER

I toured the new Lineage Inc. cold storage warehouse in Hazle Township, which is expected to create more than 100 jobs.

### DECEMBER

I presented Hazleton barber Jim Battley with a House citation on his 100th birthday. We love to recognize the special milestones of residents. Contact my office for more information.



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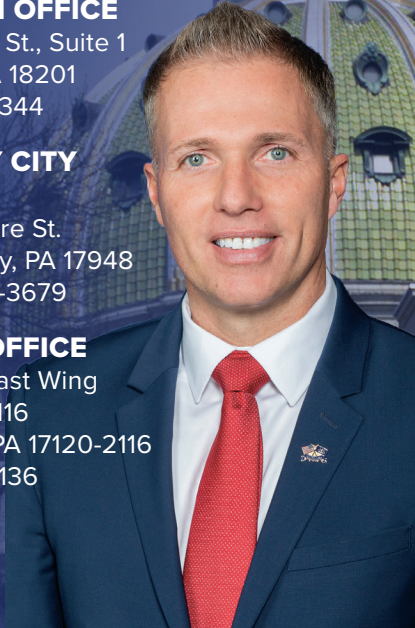
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## Applications Available for 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$1,000 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2024. The state program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

The income limit is \$46,520 a year for homeowners and renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

As always, my district office staff stand ready to help participants apply for their rebates **FREE OF CHARGE**. They should be prepared to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

## Attention, Veterans!

Veterans living in the 116<sup>th</sup> Legislative District are reminded that I host outreach days at my Hazleton office every month. The free sessions are by appointment only. Veterans assistance is available on the second Tuesday of each month and on the fourth Wednesday every other month.

On those days, American Legion Department Service Officer William McGovern will be available to meet with veterans or their dependents. Veterans do not need to be an American Legion member to take part in the program.

Veterans interested in scheduling an appointment should call **570-453-1344**.



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