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2023 House Session Update

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Highlights:

Protecting state-supported higher education after Republicans held up funding for several months. Legislation passed and signed: Penn State, Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln universities will be flat-funded, and Penn College of Technology will get a modest funding increase.

H.B 1786, a "shield law" that would protect abortion providers and out-of-staters seeking abortions. All people have the right to make decisions about their bodies, families, and reproductive futures, and we will fight to ensure that all people, not just Pennsylvanians, can safely exercise their rights.

A bill that would grant unemployment benefits to striking workers. This would make unionization easier at workplaces around the Commonwealth, as workers wouldn't need fear for their financial health.

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Raising **pensions for public school teachers** for the first time in 20 years! The bill helps older retirees with a one-time cost-of-living adjustment. As the son of a retired teacher - I'm glad that we're finally supporting those who dedicated their lives to educating the children of our Commonwealth.

One of my co-sponsored bills, H.B. 1772, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program Expansion, that **would double the amount given to non-profits and houses of worship to pay for security measures**. That would provide \$10 million in extra state funding to protect the security of facilities operated by nonprofits that serve individuals, groups, or institutions identified by the FBI in its Hate Crime Statistics Publication.

I worked alongside Chairman Jordan Harris, Rep. Jared Solomon, Rep. Jason Dawkins, and Rep. Tarik Khan on this vital legislation.

We showed that we are united in supporting every community impacted by hate crimes and global unrest. *Pennsylvania was founded on the promise of religious liberty, and I'm proud that my colleagues and I were able to come together to make good on that promise made by William Penn.*

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An Active Community Presence



- Listening at community meetings
- Union picket line support
- Criminal justice reform advocacy
- 2023 election support for statewide Democratic judge candidates





Continued Budget Advocacy: SEPTA



Waxman: Public Transit is a Key Budget Priority



The Philadelphia Inquirer

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TRANSPORTATION

Gov. Shapiro to propose \$282.8 million in new state money for SEPTA and other transit agencies

SEPTA says it would be able to hold off cuts with money from its service stabilization fund until its share of Shapiro's proposed \$282.8 million arrived.

“This is an historic investment for public transit all over the state. This is huge. It’s hard to overstate how much it means to have SEPTA and public transit put front and center in the governor’s proposal.

There’s a lot to work out, a lot of details. But it’s clear that for this governor and Democrats in the House as well, public transit as a priority. **I look forward to this budget process and making sure that happens.”**

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2024 Priority: Maintaining the Democratic Majority

PROTECT THE GAVEL:

A Dialogue with PA Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton
on Protecting the Democratic Majority

You're Invited!

Tuesday, March 12th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Rosewood

1302 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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We must **keep** our focus on the **General Assembly** during a presidential election.

Many new members around the Commonwealth will be vulnerable and will need protection, and there will be pickup opportunities.

Please join us this March 12, and bring a friend!

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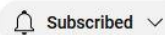
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Waxman Lauds Advancement of Anti-Death Penalty Bill



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4.74K subscribers



Why We Fight

This November, for the first time, the House Judiciary Committee [voted to repeal the death penalty in Pennsylvania](#), a cause I have fought for over the last 15 years.

“Without Ben, this would not have happened.”

– Kathleen Lucas, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty