

STATE REPRESENTATIVE SHERYL M. DELOZIER

88TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

2023-24 BUDGET UPDATE

On July 5, the House voted on the 2023-24 General Appropriations bill which determines state spending for the fiscal year; however, the budget process is far from finished.

While Gov. Josh Shapiro has vowed to veto his own budget priority and campaign promise, Lifeline Scholarships, the bill is not yet at his desk and is in the Senate. Additionally, other budget-related bills, including funding for our state-related universities and code bills, which direct the spending of appropriations, still need to be passed.

Unfortunately, I could not vote to approve the \$44.55 billion proposal because its priorities were not aligned with those of the 88th Legislative District.

There are initiatives in the 2023-24 budget I support, like increased education funding and the creation of four new state trooper classes, but there are simply too many missed opportunities and shortcomings in this plan. The bill brought up in the House was a 6% increase in spending over last year, and this budget does nothing to pay down our state debt. This was an important step we took in last year's proposal, and I am disappointed we are not continuing that fiscal practice. It also does not adequately place safeguards on the programs that are funded, so we cannot be certain those dollars are being used as intended.

I am also discouraged by the lack of funding for the most vulnerable groups in our communities, like those with intellectual disabilities and autism. This budget cut \$170 million from the intellectual disability and autism line item, leaving services for those Pennsylvanians in question. This coupled with the issue of base funding for mental health services were very high areas of importance to Cumberland County.

I am frustrated the governor rescinded the commitments he campaigned on and the budget agreement he made with Senate Republicans, which would have ultimately resulted in a more reasonable budget. In our job, our word is all we have. With the governor breaking his word, it does not bode well for getting the budget completed.



CLEAN SLATE 3.0 PASSED IN THE HOUSE

I am proud to announce that House Bill 689, my Clean Slate expansion legislation, has passed the House. The bill adds to the original legislation I authored with Rep. Jordan Harris (D-Philadelphia) in 2018, by allowing the sealing of certain low-level, nonviolent felony drug crimes after 10 years without recidivism.

For decades I have been passionate about criminal justice reform and victim's rights issues. The passage of House Bill 689 in the House is another victory for meaningful criminal justice reform. This bill grants second chances to Pennsylvanians who have earned

This bill has strong public support and there are no groups that have voiced opposition. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue, but rather a people issue and a fairness issue.

Since the passage of my first-in-the nation Clean Slate bill, nine other states have followed the Commonwealth's lead and adopted similar legislation. Today, over 1.2 million Pennsylvanians have benefitted from Pennsylvania's Clean Slate law with over 43 million misdemeanor cases sealed.

The bill will next be considered by the Senate, where it also has bipartisan support.









I was also glad to have a legislative booth at Shiremanstown Community Day, the Lower Allen Township Pocket Party, Jubilee Day, two Mechanicsburg Saturdays on the Square and the New Cumberland Iron Bridge Festival.

If you missed me at those events, look for me at National Night Out celebrations, India Day, Mechanicsburg Borough Community Day in the Park, and the third annual New Cumberland Summer Cruise-In Car and Cycle Show.

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Paying Tribute to Local Veterans



On May 11, I was honored to host my 11th annual Tribute to Veterans Breakfast. We had a terrific turnout with over 200 veterans in attendance at the First Church of God Community Center in Mechanicsburg. This year's theme was "Breaking Barriers."

During the ceremony, we honored our nation's veterans who have bravely broken barriers and pushed mental, physical and technological limits to advance our military and our country. We also interviewed participants for a video tribute telling the stories of our local veterans, which is available to watch at RepDelozier.com/Video/LatestVideo.

It is a privilege to continue the tradition of hosting this event for our 88th District vets. Thank you to all who came out and to all who served! I am already looking forward to next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS



CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

Thursday, Aug. 31, from 4-7 p.m. at Platinum Mitsubishi, 6039 Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg.

Residents of the 88th District are invited to attend my upcoming Car Seat Safety Check. Certified car seat technicians will be present to ensure your child safety seats are properly and securely installed. In addition, parents and caregivers will receive instruction on correct car seat installation procedures. This can make a critical difference to a child in a car accident. RSVPs are recommended but not required.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the Hampden Township Pool Parking Lot, 5001 Park Dr. in Mechanicsburg.

I will be hosting a document shredding event for constituents of the 88th District. Please keep shredding limited to four boxes or bags; no businesses. It is also requested you remove any paperclips or binder clips prior to the event; staples are permitted.

Please RSVP online at *RepDelozier.com/Events* or by calling **717-761-4665**. Please note that RSVPs are taken to provide the shredding company with a headcount. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



OLDER AND WISER SEMINARS

Date. Time and Locations TBD

I will be holding free, Older and Wiser Seminars for seniors of the 88th District this fall. MidPenn Legal Services will present information about estate planning, protecting yourself from financial fraud and other topics.

You may call for more information at 717-761-4665.

FIRST RESPONDERS' RECOGNITION

Oct. 28 is National First Responders' Day! As I have in the past, I will be recognizing our local police, firefighters and EMS for all they do to keep our communities safe. We are blessed by your service, thankful for your family's support and we appreciate your sacrifice!