FETTERMAN SECURES NEARLY $300 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PENNSYLVANIA PROJECTS

Senator Fetterman announced $289,366,974 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding was included in the eleven FY26 Appropriations bills signed into law, supporting 121 projects focusing on affordable housing development, water infrastructure upgrades, equipment for police departments, and other critical initiatives across Pennsylvania. Read full release here.

"Bringing money back to PA is one of my core responsibilities as the senior Senator. I'm proud of the work our community is doing and believe this funding will continue to show why Pennsylvania is a leader on all fronts," said Senator Fetterman.

WATCH SENATOR FETTERMAN ON DASHA BURNS'S: THE CONVERSATION

"THE SENATE ODD COUPLE PROVING FRIENDSHIP CAN CROSS THE AISLE"

Read more on how Senator Fetterman and Senator McCormick came together to deliver for Pennsylvania.

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THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Visit

This past month Senator Fetterman had the opportunity to meet and talk with members and families of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Senator Fetterman celebrates alongside the amazing work the hospital does for all the brave children affected.

Vietnam Veterans of America

Last week Senator Fetterman had the chance to talk with members of Vietnam Veterans of America who fight for the benefits, healthcare, and recognition of Vietnam veterans. Senator Fetterman will always support and thank all of those who have served and fought for our Country.

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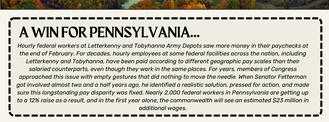
Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act

U.S. Senators John Fetterman (D-PA) and colleagues introduced their bipartisan, bicameral Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act to boost security of electronic SNAP benefit cards amid a sharp rise in theft by hackers and scammers.

"SNAP is a critical lifeline for nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians. We should be delivering help to those who need it, and that includes protecting them from criminals," said Senator Fetterman. "I'm proud to join my colleagues in reintroducing this bill to protect our most vulnerable and the food assistance they depend on."



Ohio River Restoration Program Act

U.S. Senators John Fetterman (D-PA) and Todd Young (R-IN) introduced the Ohio River Restoration Program Act to improve water quality, transportation and economy, ecological well-being, and other aspects of watershed health.

"As I've always said, access to clean drinking water is a right that everyone deserves – including communities that have long been marginalized and forgotten," said Senator Fetterman. "Not only will the bill help protect this vital resource, but it will also push the government to carry out other initiatives to help support farm conservation efforts and homeowner support. I'm proud to introduce the Ohio River Restoration Program Act with Senator Young so we do right by the American people."

A WIN FOR PENNSYLVANIA...

Hourly federal workers of Letterkenny and Tobyhanna Army Depots saw more money in their paychecks at the end of February. For decades, hourly employees at some federal facilities across the nation, including Letterkenny and Tobyhanna, have been paid according to different geographic pay scales than their salaried counterparts, even though they work in the same places. For years, members of Congress approached this issue with empty gestures that did nothing to move the needle. When Senator Fetterman got involved almost two and a half years ago, he refused to accept the status quo, remained focused, pressed for action, and made sure this longstanding pay disparity was fixed. Nearly 2,000 federal workers in Pennsylvania are getting up to a 12% raise as a result, and in the first year alone, the commonwealth will see an estimated $23 million in additional wages.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMONWEALTH?

On January 29, the Philadelphia office volunteered with MANNA, a nonprofit that provides tailored meals and nutrition counseling at no cost to individuals with serious illnesses such as cancer and HIV/AIDS. Time was spent preparing and packaging meals alongside MANNA's chefs. For over 36 years, the organization has delivered more than 24 million meals to Pennsylvanians.

SEPTA UPDATE

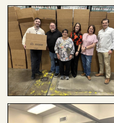
On 2/6, a tour of SEPTA's Overbrook Maintenance Facility provided an update on federally mandated safety inspections for the Silverline IV Regional Rail cars. As of that date, inspections and repairs were completed on more than 195 of 223 railcars, marking significant progress toward fully restoring Regional Rail service in southeastern Pennsylvania following last year's fire-related disruptions.

Second Harvest Marketplace

The Northwestern Pennsylvania office toured the new UPMC Health Plan Neighborhood Center at 803 East Avenue in Erie. The Center will partner with local community organizations to host a variety of events and services designed to help neighbors thrive.

A key feature of the Center is the Second Harvest Food Pantry Marketplace, which offers fresh produce, meats, dairy products, shelf-stable items, and frozen foods at no cost. After confirming eligibility with Second Harvest, families and individuals can shop the Marketplace just like a traditional grocery store.

The Marketplace is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Appointments are required. Please call Second Harvest at 814-459-3663 for more information.

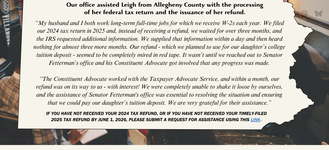


Met with representatives of the Westmoreland Food Bank and had the time to volunteer. The two constructed boxes that will be filled to feed close to 150 individuals

Staff was able to speak with researchers from the University of Pittsburgh's Mugler Group regarding their research and usage of NSF grant funding.

Toured Cleveland Cliffs Butler works with plant leadership and United Auto Workers Local 3303. Butler Works was awarded $75M in DOE funding for facility operational improvements.

On February 3rd, there was a ribbon cutting for the East Palestine Train Derailment Health Research Program. On the right is Juliane Beier, a co-investigator with the program and professor at the University of Pittsburgh. On the left is Misti Allison, Chair of the Community Advisory Board for the East Palestine Train Derailment Health Research Program.



CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Our office assisted Leigh from Allegheny County with the processing of her federal tax return and the issuance of her refund.

"My husband and I both work long-term full-time jobs for which we receive W-2s each year. We filed our 2024 tax return in 2025 and, instead of receiving a refund, we waited for over three months, and the IRS requested additional information. We supplied that information within a day and then heard nothing for almost three more months. Our refund - which we planned to use for our daughter's college tuition deposit - seemed to be completely mired in red tape. It wasn't until we reached out to Senator Fetterman's office and his Constituent Advocate got involved that any progress was made.

"The Constituent Advocate worked with the Taxpayer Advocate Service, and within a month, our refund was on its way to us - with interest! We were completely unable to shake it loose by ourselves, and the assistance of Senator Fetterman's office was essential to resolving the situation and ensuring that we could pay our daughter's tuition deposit. We are very grateful for their assistance."

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR 2024 TAX REFUND, OR IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR TIMELY-FILED 2025 TAX REFUND BY JUNE 1, 2026, PLEASE SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE USING THIS LINK.

National Consumer Protection Week!

March 1-7

Visit ftc.gov/ncpw for information and webinars to learn how to avoid, report, and recover from scams.

DO YOU NEED A GOLD SEAL OR PROCLAMATION?

Fill out the form to request a ceremonial proclamation or seal and send.

FORM TO REQUEST A PROCLAMATION OR SEAL

GRANTS & FEDERAL FUNDING RESOURCES

Senator Fetterman launched a website page to help you find federal grants, loans, and assistance.

Whether you're a business, nonprofit, or individual, this page has the tools you need to navigate the funding process and apply for support.

LEARN MORE

VA S.O.L.A.C.E. Day

On April 14, 2026, the Philadelphia and Wilmington VA Regional Offices invite survivors, caregivers, and veterans to participate in VA SOLACE Day (Survivors' Outreach, Legacy Assistance, and Claims & Education). This is an event for survivors, hosted at the Philadelphia Regional Office (5000 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144).

There are three coordinated lanes:

- Survivors & Caregivers Resource Fair
- General Claims Clinic (open to all)
- Legacy / Pre-Need Planning Support

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the event runs from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Please contact vbaphilpoa@va.gov with any questions.

Find the informational flyer here.