

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **CHAD REICHARD**



## **Errant Bill Would Drive Municipalities to Buy Union-Made Cars**

As a member of the House Labor and Industry Committee, I raised concerns about House Bill 1540, which I voted against, to create a grant program to award municipalities state taxpayer dollars if they buy union-made vehicles.

This bill would create government-endorsed winners and losers in the car market, and would prioritize union shops in California over Pennsylvania-based manufacturers to receive taxpayer subsidies. The bill would also create a limited funding pool. As we see with grant programs now, funding often goes to larger municipalities while small townships and boroughs, much like those in Franklin County, miss out.

To that end, I will be introducing legislation to allocate 25% of grants from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to police departments in townships and boroughs with populations of less than 20,000 residents. These grants are awarded by the MPOETC to municipalities to help cover the cost of training and other related expenses.

Small municipalities are the backbone of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, departments in these communities often face challenges in providing essential services due to limited budgets and fewer resources. Unlike departments in larger cities, they frequently lack financial flexibility to respond to urgent needs, provide adequate training, retain officers or invest in long-term improvements. My bill would help even the playing field for all departments — large and small — so residents across the state can receive great, reliable police service.

## **Commonsense Amendment Improves Legislation**

An amendment I put forth to save local municipalities money was included in House Bill 858 when it was in the House Local Government Committee. The bill addresses blight in communities and allows county chief assessors to create and maintain a list, partially created with information from municipalities, of properties. A provision in the bill called for counties to charge \$20 to municipalities to receive back the list they provided the information to complete. My commonsense amendment removed the fee so tax dollars aren't shifted from a municipality to the county just so they can get their own information back. The bill was approved by the House and is awaiting consideration in the Senate.



## **AROUND THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND**



*I had fun with Mike Ross (Franklin County Area Development Corp.), Dave Stoner (Franklin County Conservation Dist.), County Commissioner Dean Horst and Rep. Rich Irvin at the Franklin County Envirothon.*



*It was a blast helping at the Mont Alto Fireman's Carnival's food stand. With me are, left to right, Paula, Ashlyn, Blake (our intern), Barb (volunteer coordinator for the food stand) and Josh.*



*During the Waynesboro Memorial Day parade and ceremony we celebrated those who gave their lives for our freedom.*



*I had a great time joining James Buchanan High School students for Drive Your Tractor to School Day!*

*Penn State Mont Alto has long been a cherished educational institution in our community. I was deeply saddened by and fought against Penn State's plans to close the branch campus. Since the announcement, I have been working to find a path toward it staying open, or it remaining an educational option in some way.*



## **LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!**

I send email updates about important legislation, events in the district and other information you will find helpful. It's simple to receive these updates by signing up at [RepReichard.com](http://RepReichard.com). I also post updates to social media platforms. Find me on Facebook at [Facebook.com/RepReichard](https://www.facebook.com/RepReichard) or Instagram at [Instagram.com/RepChadReichard](https://www.instagram.com/RepChadReichard).





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## Hanging with the Auditor General

My popular Hanging with Chad events will feature a special guest in August — Auditor General Tim DeFoor. Pennsylvania's top financial watchdog will join me on Friday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. He will give an overview of his office's mission and will take questions. The standard Hanging with Chad, when residents can raise state-related issues, will run from 9–10 a.m. at the Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, 118 Walnut St., #111, in Waynesboro.

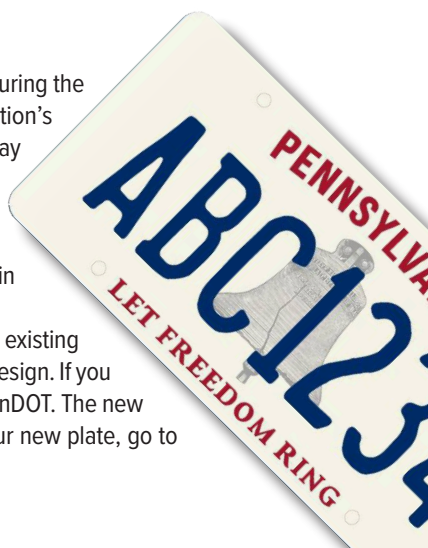
My monthly Hanging with Chad events are held on the third Friday of each month. This informal setting gives residents the opportunity to discuss state-related issues and how state government can better work for them. If you are unavailable to attend the events, please call my office at 717-749-7384 to arrange an appointment.

## New Liberty Bell License Plates Available

Pennsylvania vehicle owners can now order new state license plates featuring the Liberty Bell, the quintessential symbol of the Commonwealth and our nation's independence. Perfect timing as we prepare to mark the nation's 250th birthday next year!

The new style is available for standard vehicles and trucks, including personalized plates. If you switch from a specialty plate (like a military, organization or special fund plate), it will be replaced with a standard plate in the new design.

PennDOT's partners, such as dealers and online messengers, will use all existing standard issue license plate inventory before transitioning to the new plate design. If you want to ensure you receive the new plate design, order directly through PennDOT. The new license plates are optional for drivers with current license plates. To get your new plate, go to [www.pa.gov/licenseplate](http://www.pa.gov/licenseplate).



## SERVICES MY OFFICE PROVIDES

My district office is here to assist you. Some of the services my staff and I provide include:

- Assistance submitting PennDOT paperwork, including REAL ID.
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- PA Tax forms available to pick up for individuals and businesses.
- Assistance with legislative matters.
- Other state forms and services.

Call my district office at **717-749-7384**, or go to **RepReichard.com**, for assistance with any of the above, or other state-related matters.