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90TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Cellphone Ban Should be a Local Decision

The Legislature took up a bell-to-bell ban on student cellphones during school. I voted against **House Bill 1814** because I believe this decision should remain with the very capable school boards and administrators of local districts.

Though I agree phones shouldn't be out in classrooms, this is a sweeping policy change that I believe oversteps the role of state government. Such policies should reflect what works for students, parents and educators in their community. Additionally, state law is very difficult to alter. School district policy could more easily be changed to fit what works locally, not a broad state law.

VISTING THE CAPITOL

One of the things I look forward to most in Harrisburg is meeting with folks from back home. Throughout the year, groups, particularly school classes, visit the Capitol. Students receive a firsthand look at the Legislature and learn more about the work we do. If you would like to schedule a visit with your group or class, please call my Capitol office at **717-783-5218**.



Safeguards for Data Centers

I was proud to vote for **House Bill 2496**, which would allow municipalities to create a 180-day pause in the consideration of data center plans. While this legislation still needs to be approved by the Senate and signed by the governor, it's a major step in solidifying local control in the siting and regulating of data center developments.

Having served in local government, I know full well that zoning ordinances can't be changed overnight. Thoughtful planning by the governing body in drafting, advertising, holding public hearings, and approving zoning and subdivision ordinances takes time, as per the Municipal Planning Code. This pause will afford municipalities the time they need to go through the process of creating ordinances that best reflect the communities they serve.

I look forward to continuing to advocate for local control and

encourage all municipalities to begin consideration of changes to their ordinances. I know many municipalities in Franklin County have already begun this process, and the citizens of the county are well-served by our forward-thinking supervisors, borough council members and commissioners.

In addition, I supported **House Bill 2198**, which would eliminate a tax exemption originally enacted to encourage data center development. Economic growth and community protection are not mutually exclusive. We can welcome investment while safeguarding farmland, respecting local decision making and ensuring taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. At this point, these companies should compete on the same footing as other businesses in Pennsylvania.

These bills now await consideration in the Senate.

Cash at High School Sporting Events

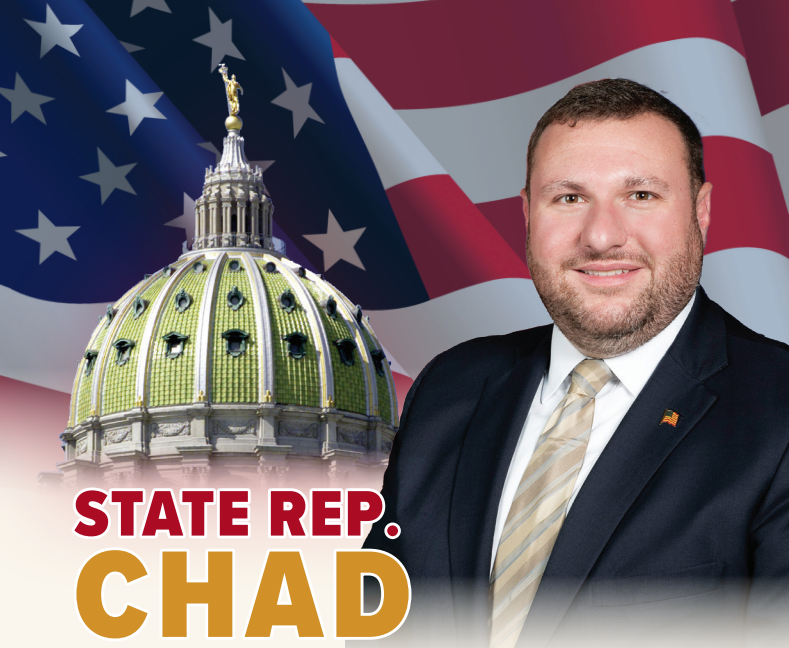
As fall high school sports seasons near, I want to remind you that cash is an acceptable form of payment for admission to school-sponsored events thanks to a law I supported.

Many schools stopped accepting cash for school-sponsored events and activities, instead requiring spectators to use credit

or debit cards, or order tickets online. This didn't work for people who may not have credit cards or smartphones, or the technical capabilities to access the internet to purchase tickets. Thanks to the law, cash is now accepted.

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. 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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I had the pleasuring of hosting the House Republican Policy Committee at Manitowoc Cranes in Shady Grove for its hearing Built in Pennsylvania: Strengthening Industrial Competitiveness.



Bringing together farmers and honoring them was the theme of a countywide Ag Breakfast I was proud to host.



It was great meeting with members of the Youth Dairy Club, made up of the next generation of farmers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HANGING WITH CHAD

Events are held on the **third Friday of the month, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, 118 Walnut St., #111, in Waynesboro. Upcoming dates are Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.** Please note Hanging with Chad events will not be held in September and October. Attendees can raise state-related issues and discuss how state government can better work for them during the informal meetings.

ANTI-SCAM WORKSHOP

To keep residents updated on the latest scams, I am teaming up with Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday's office to host an Anti-Scam Workshop. **The free event will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, in the Hess Room of Quincy Village, 6596 Orphanage Road, Waynesboro.**

At the workshop, we will discuss new scams and methods scammers use, such as AI. Attendees will also learn ways to protect personal information and finances.



SERVICES MY OFFICE PROVIDES

My district offices are 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.