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# State Representative ERIC DAVANZO

FIGHTING FOR RELIEF AT GAS PUMPS, ELECTRIC BILLS AND MORE



Let's face it, the everyday essentials you and your family rely on are getting more expensive. Utility and retail costs are simply increasing, and some items are downright unaffordable. This is why I introduced House Bill 2373, which is included in a larger package of bills that are part of the Freedom Through Affordability initiative. My proposal is to suspend the Gross Receipts Tax on electricity for six months. Other bills in the package include similar suspensions on items such as gasoline and cellular phone bills.

Long term, I believe we should be looking for permanent elimination of many taxes. But we needed to start somewhere, and Pennsylvania families are struggling now. This is an immediate, real solution that can help. Unfortunately, House Democrat leaders who control the legislative agenda have not yet scheduled the bill for a vote. You can review this bill and others at [www.palegis.us](http://www.palegis.us).

## HELPING AREA TEENS MAKE 'RIGHT DECISIONS'



Rostraver Township Police Department's Making Right Decisions event was a great way to help local high school students make safer choices. Students witnessed a mock accident scenario and saw firsthand how police, EMS and fire departments respond during emergency situations. Students spoke with officers from both Rostraver and the Pennsylvania State Police, as well as local firefighters and staff from the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office.

## IT'S YOUR MONEY: \$250 FOR AMERICA'S 250<sup>th</sup>

As of May, Pennsylvania is expecting to receive as much as \$1 billion more than expected in sales, income and other taxes. Some lawmakers and bureaucrats are already planning to find ways they can use that money.

But in the year of America's 250th birthday, and at a time when Pennsylvania families are facing significant inflation, I believe that money should be returned to those who paid it – you! My recent proposal is to offer \$250 checks to Commonwealth families, which will lead to increased sales for local retailers and help Pennsylvanians enjoy this special time in our nation's history.

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

After working with local U.S. Army veteran and Sutersville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mark Ghion, on Memorial Day, I participated in an incredible ceremony honoring local veterans who lost their lives in service to our great nation. At the event, signs were unveiled naming the Smithton Bridge the Sons of Sutersville and Elizabeth Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge, an effort that was coordinated with officials from Westmoreland and Allegheny counties, as well as my office.



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## **WE'RE HERE TO ASSIST YOU**

Have you hit a bureaucratic wall in trying to resolve an issue with a state agency? Whether it be a misspelled name on a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation document or a delayed state tax return, my staff has helped many constituents get the answers they need and the resolutions they deserve. Call or visit either of my district offices if you need assistance with a state agency or department.



### **Connecting Seniors with Care Programs**

At my annual Senior Expo, I enjoyed great conversation with friends and neighbors, including Sylvia Crise of Smithton. Between the health screenings and dozens of exhibitors who offer services and assistance, this event draws attendees from all over the district. It was a great time for my staff and me as we enjoyed discussing topics like public safety and transportation. Be sure to follow me on Facebook at **Facebook.com/RepDavanzo** or check my webpage at **RepDavanzo.com** to learn about future events.

### **Local Senior Program Available**

Touring Community LIFE in Rostraver Township, I learned about the many services available to support our elderly community. From healthcare and daily assistance to social activities and personalized care, it's clear the staff is dedicated to helping seniors maintain their independence and quality of life.



## **2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Information**

The deadline for senior citizens and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2025 has been extended to Dec. 31.

Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program increased again this year to \$48,110 for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000. The

program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. If you would like assistance, feel free to call or visit my office where my staff can help you.