



## Gov. Corbett Presents 2011-12 State Budget Proposal

Gov. Tom Corbett presented his 2011-12 state budget proposal on March 8 during a joint session of the General Assembly.

The governor's proposal would cut spending by \$866 million, or 3.1 percent, for a total of \$27.3 billion. This plan contains no new taxes or fee increases, and represents the first time in eight years that an administration has proposed a reduction in state spending over the previous year.

The House Appropriations Committee held budget hearings in March to closely examine each line item of the governor's proposal. This process was the first in a series of steps the Legislature takes before a final budget is adopted by the end of June.

It's important for members of the Legislature to examine the governor's budget proposal to ensure it meets the needs of Pennsylvania. I will focus on and review the areas of the budget that impact the 106th District.

During the governor's address, he stated, "We have to spend less, because we have less to spend, and we must tax no more, because the people have no more to give." I agree with the governor; the federal, state, county and local governments must tighten their belts and make do with less while protecting the health and safety of all citizens.

Some of the concerns about this budget proposal include steep cuts to education while increasing funding to the Department of Public Welfare, and completely eliminating some line items in the budget and not reducing others. I plan on reviewing the budget line-by-line.

## Did You Know?

### *Slot Machines/Property Tax Relief Fund*

Rate: The state receives 34 percent of Gross Terminal Revenues (GTR); 12 percent of GTR goes to Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, 5 percent to Tourism/Economic Development Fund, and 4 percent to Local Share Assessment.

- Of Pennsylvania's 34 percent GTR, property tax relief received more than \$700 million in slot machine revenue.
- Additional funding for: volunteer firefighter grants, local law enforcement grants, compulsive gambling treatments, and other projects.

### *Pennsylvania Lottery Fund (FY 2009-10)*

Revenue that is collected via lottery activity is deposited into the Pennsylvania Lottery Fund. Lottery disbursements totaled \$3,186,339,351 and were allocated as follows:

- \$1,859,507,729 – Prizes
- \$160,113,860 – Retail Commissions
- \$228,209,000 – Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers
- \$325,931,180 – PACE/PACENET
- \$157,068,000 – Shared and Free Ride Program
- \$277,075,000 – Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program
- \$178,438,000 – Long-Term Living Services

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## Legislative Update

As the representative of the 106th District, one of my responsibilities is to ensure the needs of the local residents are met by drafting changes to current laws, or writing new laws to address issues that may arise during each two-year session. The legislative session began in January and I have already introduced 14 bills. Below is an overview of some of my proposed legislation:

- **House Bill 73** would mandate a 10 percent cut in spending across all departments and branches of state government.
- **House Bill 147** would require no more than the last four digits of a Social Security number to be recorded on a form required by a state agency.
- **House Bill 148** would allow the holder of a hotel or restaurant liquor license to sell up to three bottles of wine for consumption off the licensed premises so long as those bottles of wine remain sealed; and create an off-premises catering permit which will allow the holders of a restaurant, eating place or hotel license to provide for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a meal off the restaurant, eating place or hotel's licensed premises and on otherwise unlicensed premises. This bill passed the House Liquor Control Committee by a unanimous vote on Feb. 9.
- **House Bill 152** would require an applicant registering as a family day care provider to show proof of liability insurance.
- **House Bill 156** would permit the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to issue a severely disabled veteran license plate to disabled veterans who own a vehicle that weighs up to 14,000 pounds. Currently, the maximum weight limit is 10,000 pounds. This bill passed the House by a unanimous vote on March 9, and is under consideration in the Senate.
- **House Bill 157** would put in place specific rules and procedures before a state-owned vehicle would be assigned to a state employee. This legislation would save taxpayer dollars, as well as place stricter oversight of the state's vehicle fleet.

To view all of my sponsored legislation, visit [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com) and click on "Sponsored Legislation."

## District Office Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

This program is one of many initiatives supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery, which dedicates its proceeds to support programs for older Pennsylvanians. Eligible citizens can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on rent or property taxes paid in 2010. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are age 65 years or older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and those 18 years or older with a permanent disability. Eligibility is based on total household income, less 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits. Applications are available in my Hershey office, or by visiting my website at [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com) and clicking on the "Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program" graphic.

### 2. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

With the number of unemployed Pennsylvanians continuing to rise, my Hershey office has received many inquiries about what citizens can do after losing a job. Fortunately, Pennsylvania maintains an Unemployment Compensation (UC) program that is funded by employees and employers. Although the benefits are not equal to the level of wages received while fully employed, the compensation is helpful to meet important expenses, such as mortgage and rent payments, groceries, and other necessities.

The UC program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. After filing an initial claim, claims for benefit weeks are filed by using the Internet, or calling Pennsylvania Teleclaims (PAT).

It is important to know how and when you must file for benefits. Not fully understanding the process may disqualify you from receiving benefits, or may delay your benefits.

To contact a UC Service Center toll-free, call 1-888-313-7284. The toll-free line for the PAT system is 1-888-255-4728.

An Unemployment Resource guide can be picked up at my Hershey office. Unemployment Compensation information can also be accessed via my website at [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com).

### 3. UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Each year, the PA Treasury Department receives millions of dollars in unclaimed property, such as abandoned bank accounts, forgotten stocks, un-cashed checks, certificates of deposit, life insurance policies, safe deposit box contents, and recovered stolen property. The department maintains custody of this property and works to return it to its rightful owners. Currently, there is more than \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property held by the department. Approximately one in 10 Pennsylvanians have unclaimed property. To search the Unclaimed Property database, visit my website at [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com) and click on "PA Treasury Unclaimed Property Database," or call 1-800-222-2046.

# Economic Development in the 106th District



*Subway, located on Main Street in Hummelstown.*



*Luna Restaurant, located along Route 422 in Derry Township.*



*Rep. Payne participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Lennox Industries in Lower Swatara Township.*



*Rep. Payne is pictured with Dana Walck during the Harrisburg Area Animal Hospital's Open House in Swatara Township.*



*Expansion of the Hershey Chocolate plant in Derry Township.*



*Verizon Wireless, located along Mae Street in Derry Township.*

## Committees Assignments for 2011-12 Session

Speaker of the House Rep. Sam Smith (R-Jefferson/Armstrong/Indiana) has appointed me to serve on the following five House standing committees during the 2011-12 legislative session: Commerce, Consumer Affairs, Liquor Control, and Tourism and Recreational Development committees, as well as the Committee on Committees.

I want to thank Speaker Smith for assigning me to committees that match my expertise and interests. My service on these committees will permit me to advocate for legislation that will benefit the 106<sup>th</sup> District and all Pennsylvanians.

**The Commerce Committee** is responsible for originating legislation and overseeing implementation of programs that affect Pennsylvania businesses, such as the Banking Code, the Consumer Discount Company Act, the Mortgage Bankers and Brokers Act, and the credit union law. In addition, this committee is responsible for oversight of economic development throughout the Commonwealth.

**The Consumer Affairs Committee** has oversight on consumer issues, such as the Credit Card Information Act, Public Utility Commission related issues, landlord and tenant laws, automobile lemon laws, consumer contracts, consumer fraud and unfair trade practices.

**The Liquor Control Committee** is responsible for all legislative issues relating to the administration of alcoholic beverage licenses and the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages throughout the Commonwealth.

**The Tourism and Recreational Development Committee** focuses on issues such as travel and tourism promotion; the Historical and Museum Commission; amusement parks, fairs, carnivals and folk festivals; the film industry; scenic roadways; and the ski industry.

**The Committee on Committees** is responsible for assigning virtually all members of the House to at least two standing committees. Members of this committee analyze the experience of each member and attempt to match them to committees where they would be most effective.

## Help Save Tax Dollars

### Sign Up for Electronic Communications

In an effort to reduce the amount of tax dollars used to keep citizens informed about issues under consideration at the Capitol and events in the 106<sup>th</sup> District, I am beginning the transition to electronic communications. The advancement in technology has provided the ability for citizens and elected officials to communicate quickly, efficiently and timely. It's important to me to ensure that the residents of the 106<sup>th</sup> District have current and accurate information about their government.

In order to make this transition as smooth as possible, I encourage you to visit my website, [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com), and click on "Sign Up for E-News Alerts and Newsletters." After providing your contact information, please be sure to check the box "Stay Informed" before clicking "Save."

If you have any questions about this process, please contact my Hershey office at 717-534-1323.

# Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Events

## Senior Health Fair to be Held April 29, 2011

Citizens of the 106th District are invited to attend my sixth annual Senior Health Fair being held from **9 a.m. to noon, on Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Hummelstown Chemical Fire Department, located at 249 E. Main Street, Hummelstown.**

This free event provides seniors the opportunity to gather information about health care, state government programs and home-based services available locally. Representatives from state agencies, the health care industry and local service organizations will be available to address concerns and answer questions that seniors or their caregivers may have.



*Rep. Payne spoke with citizens during his fifth annual Senior Health Fair on April 23, 2010, at Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company.*

For additional information about the Senior Health Fair, visit my website at [RepPayne.com](http://RepPayne.com) or contact my Hershey office at 717-534-1323.

## Pistol Safety Class



On Saturday, May 7, 2011, I will be hosting a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol safety class for residents of the 106th District who are interested in learning firearm responsibility and important safety tips of pistol ownership.

The NRA's First Steps Pistol Program, taught by a certified NRA instructor, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided courtesy of The Middletown Anglers and Hunters. Time will be allocated for mandatory range work from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Seating is limited and registration is required by contacting my Hershey office at 717-534-1323. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Additional information can also be obtained by contacting my office.

## Annual Veterans Breakfast to be Held Nov. 4, 2011

Veterans of the 106th District are invited to my annual Veterans Breakfast to be held from **8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011.** This year's breakfast will be held at **Spring Garden Reception and Conference Center in Lower Swatara Township,** located at 903 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown.

The breakfast will be complimentary to those in attendance and is limited only to veterans residing in the 106th Legislative District. Accommodations will be made for disabled veterans requiring the assistance of another person.

**Reservations are required** and can be made by contacting my Hershey office. Directions to the facility are available upon request.

For additional information, contact my office at 717-534-1323.



*Rep. Payne addressed veterans during his Veterans Breakfast on Nov. 5, 2010, at the Spring Garden Reception and Conference Center in Lower Swatara Township.*

## Retiring Old Glory

The Capital Area PA Young Marines' annual flag retirement ceremony will be held at **10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11 at Kiwanis Park, Route 441 in Royaltown.**

Residents who have flags in need of retirement are encouraged to drop them off at my Hershey office by Wednesday, May 25, 2011. My office is located at 250 W. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, phone 717-534-1323.



*During the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 12, 2010, cadets properly retired American flags.*

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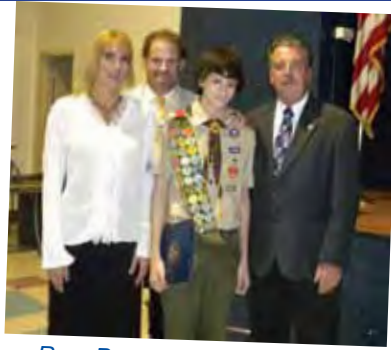
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# REPRESENTATIVE JOHN PAYNE 106TH DISTRICT

## OUTREACH EFFORTS



Rep. Payne welcomed students from Hershey Christian School to the state Capitol.



Rep. Payne presented a House citation to David Brunner in recognition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.



Rep. Payne is pictured with Salvatore Cullari during a visit to Cullari Winery, Derry Twp.



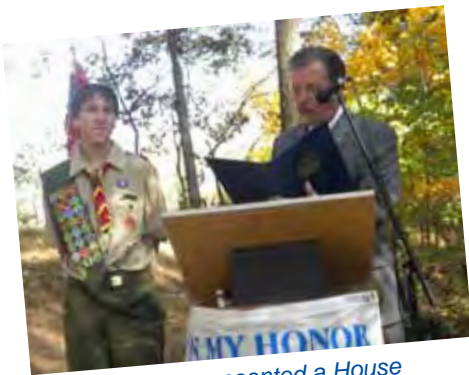
Rep. Payne presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Lynn Maines, VP of Research and Business Affairs, Apogee Biotechnology Corporation, located at the Hershey Center for Applied Research.



Rep. Payne participated in the dedication of the Capital Area Transit's (CAT) Park and Ride in Hummelstown Borough.



Rep. Payne is pictured with Robert D. Barbush, President and CEO of Barbush Rentals Inc., Lower Swatara Twp.



Rep. Payne presented a House citation to Steven Cornell for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.



Rep. Payne participated in the annual veterans event in Swatara Township on Nov. 11.



Rep. Payne participated in the kickoff of the 250th year celebration of Hummelstown Borough.



Rep. Payne presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Greg Jackson, Chief Scientific Officer at Apeliotus Vision Science, located at the Hershey Center for Applied Research.



Rep. Payne presented a Certificate of Honor to Brenda Klocko, for the opening of The Event Place in Middletown.



Rep. Payne is pictured with Ted Atanasoff during a recent visit to Theo's Foods Inc., Hummelstown.



Rep. Payne welcomed students from Hershey Intermediate Elementary School to the state Capitol.

\$\$\$ Road and Bridge Projects in the 106th District \$\$\$  
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**YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**



*Rep. Payne joins local officials in the groundbreaking of the Hershey Square realignment project in Derry Township, estimated at \$13.6 million.*



*Route 743 Bridge/Route 422 Hershey Square alignment project in Derry Township.*



*PennDOT guide rail work, Hersheypark Drive and Route 39 in Derry Township.*



*Service road to Route 322, PennDOT guide rail work, Hummelstown.*



*Burd Street Bridge in Royaltown, dedicated as the Judith Deighton Oxenford Bridge, cost approximately \$4.5 million.*



*Rt. 422 and Lingle Avenue in Derry Township. Project estimated at \$3.2 million.*



*Debris removal, Duke Street Bridge in Hummelstown.*



*Meade Avenue at Route 230, Lower Swatara Township. Project estimated at \$4.8 million.*