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THE 2021 STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT:

PENNSYLVANIA'S 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



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Dear Constituents and Friends of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District,

It has been my honor to serve you in Congress for the past five years. From the start, my priorities have centered on strengthening Philadelphia block-by-block through supporting our city's small businesses, schools, housing programs, and health care systems. Now, as the United States faces an unprecedented crisis spanning across multiple sectors of our society, including our public health, economy, justice system, and environment, I am taking action to pass bold legislation to create generational change for Americans and future Philadelphians.

I have worked hard with fellow Democrats to help pass President Biden's legislation which has provided immediate relief to Philadelphians affected by the coronavirus pandemic, supported our small businesses hurt by the pandemic and recent unrest, and expanded opportunities for families and households struggling with the effects of the outbreak. I have also worked to pass the landmark Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which will help the American economy recover from its recent downturn while also investing in the next generation of Philadelphians by building state-of-the-art infrastructure, accelerating the growth of green jobs, and reconnecting communities that have been segregated and disadvantaged due to racist historical patterns.

I was proud to help the House pass a transformational economic and social spending package, the Build Back Better Act, that would combat historical inequities in environmental justice, health care, child care, housing, and more. This bill, which still requires approval from the Senate, is the third part of this Congress's plan to improve American society to create a more inclusive economy and social system for all Americans. America has not seen this level of reformative action to fight inequity since the 1960s, and I believe now is the time for bold, real, effective change to combat America's pressing problems of the pandemic, racial injustice, economic inequality, and the threat of climate change.

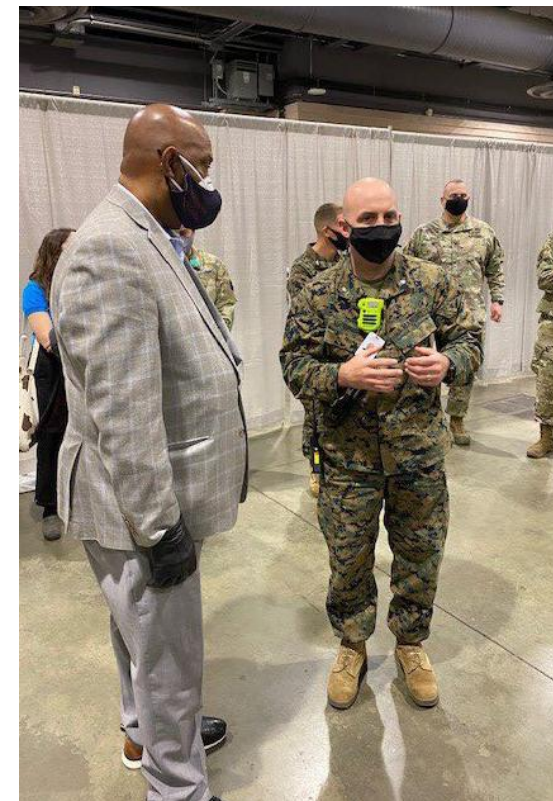
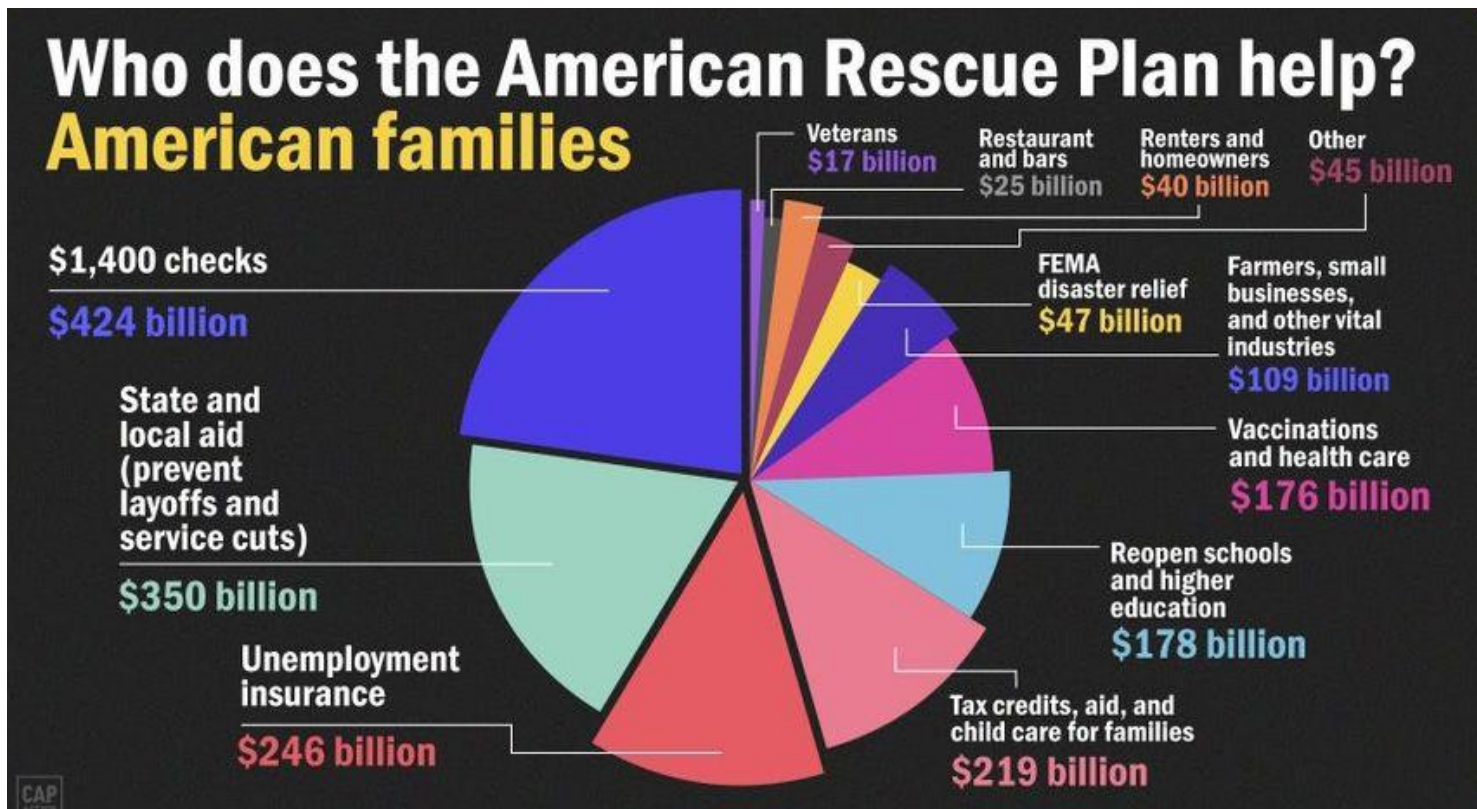
It has always been my mission to be a voice for the voiceless and represent the underrepresented. This 2021 State of the District report will highlight the essential tools in the toolbox to provide quality health care access, expand housing affordability, encourage small business growth and economic opportunity throughout Philadelphia, and the progress that we are making together. I look forward to our continued work to improve the lives of all our residents.

- Congressman Dwight Evans (PA-03)

THE MARSHALL PLAN FOR AMERICA

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Just as President Franklin Roosevelt was elected to office during the Great Depression on the promise to provide relief to the American people suffering from economic hardship, President Biden and Congressional Democrats made a similar promise to fight the coronavirus pandemic and provide direct relief for millions of Americans facing threats to their health and economic stability. That is why Democrats passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP), a \$1.9 trillion relief package to provide immediate support to the American people. I worked to include an expansion of the Child Tax Credit, extend support for small businesses and workers, and fund improvements to our health care system in the face of the worst public health crisis in a century. The American Rescue Plan was only the first part of a broader plan to reform and improve the American economy, starting by injecting direct financial support into local economies and providing relief to families in need.



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses in Philadelphia have been severely impacted from the pandemic and the resulting financial crisis. Most were forced to close temporarily or reduce capacity during parts of 2020 and 2021. Many closed permanently due to overwhelming financial strain. To address this, I fought for passage of several programs aimed toward providing small businesses with financial relief, including:

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provided small businesses with a forgivable, Small Business Administration (SBA)-backed loan up to \$2 million that helped businesses cover costs, such as payroll expenses, rent, and utilities. PPP was originally created during the CARES Act in March 2020 and received additional funding over the following year. ARP provided an additional \$7.25 billion for a total of over \$800 billion in PPP funding since March 2020. **Philadelphia small businesses received over \$3.6 billion in PPP funds.**



ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN TARGETED ADVANCE

The American Rescue Plan provided an additional \$15 billion for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance payments, including \$5 billion for Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advance payments for those hardest hit, for a total of \$35 million in Targeted EIDL Advance payment grants. Targeted EIDL Advance grants provided up to \$10,000 to small businesses in a low-income community. Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advance payments supported businesses with an additional \$5,000 to those in low-income communities. **As of December 9, 2021, Pennsylvania businesses had received over \$128 billion in Targeted EIDL Advance grants and over \$60 million in Supplemental grants.**

SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT

The American Rescue Plan supplied an additional \$1.25 billion for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) grant program for a total of \$16.25 billion, which provided grants to performing art venues, theaters and other entertainment and cultural organizations that were forced to close during the pandemic. **As of January 2022, Philadelphia entities had received over \$122 million in grants, many of which were in the 3rd Congressional District.**



RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

This fund assisted financially distressed restaurants, bars, and other eligible entities that were forced to close temporarily or reduce capacity by creating the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) that provided businesses with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business. **A total of 727 food and drink establishments in Philadelphia were approved for grants from RRF, receiving over \$268 million before the funds were exhausted at the end of June 2021.** I have co-sponsored legislation to provide additional funding to help restaurants get through the continuing pandemic.



CHILD TAX CREDIT

The American Rescue Plan provided the largest child tax credit increase in history. Most families automatically received monthly payments of \$250 or \$300 per child. Families with very low or no income can currently claim the benefit, even if they do not make enough to file taxes. **112,000 qualifying children across our congressional district received \$169.8 million in child tax credit payments** from July 2021 through December 2021. Households have been using this poverty-busting credit on necessities such as clothing, groceries, and housing costs. The expanded child tax credit is expected to reduce child poverty by more than 40 percent across the U.S. I support making this expansion **permanent**.



The Expanded Child Tax Credit

76,000
PA-03 households received
payments in December 2021.

\$574 MILLION
In total payments for families
with children who qualify.

2,214,000
Children in PA
qualify for this credit.

Learn more: ChildTaxCredit.gov

HOUSING

The American Rescue Plan has:

- **Delivered more than \$58 million in emergency rental assistance to the City of Philadelphia. Since May 2020, this federal funding has helped almost 23,000 Philadelphia households cover the rent and avoid eviction.**
- Pennsylvania received \$350 million through the federal Homeowner Assistance Fund in the American Rescue Plan Act. Many Philadelphia homeowners have experienced economic distress in the wake of COVID-19, and this federal funding is helping households address mortgage issues and avoid default, foreclosure, and utility cutoffs.
- **Delivered nearly 900 emergency housing vouchers to serve Philadelphia families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.**



PROTECTING CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT

Congress increased the child and dependent care tax credit to help working parents afford child care, including for adult children who aren't mentally or physically able to dress, clean, or feed themselves. The more generous credit will reach more low-income families in our district and many other constituent families struggling to afford quality child care. For 2021, the once-a-year tax credit covers up to \$8,000 in qualifying child care expenses per child.

HEAD START

The American Rescue Plan delivered **\$5.4 million to the Philadelphia School District and about \$163,000 to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** to run Head Start programs that provide high quality early childhood education for low-income children from prenatal to 5 years old. With American Rescue Plan funding, the federal government directed Head Start programs to prioritize children experiencing hunger or homelessness and children with disabilities.



CHILD CARE

Under the American Rescue Plan Act, Pennsylvania is distributing \$655 million in federal funding to expand access to affordable, quality child care.



1/ Yesterday, I visited the Chinatown Learning Center in #Philly to spread the word about \$39 BILLION available for child care through the big & bold #AmericanRescuePlan I voted for! I don't want to see any of that money left on the table!



MAKING HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE

MAKING HEALTH INSURANCE MORE AFFORDABLE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The American Rescue Plan took three important steps to make quality health care accessible to Americans:

- Extended Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as "Obamacare," subsidies to individuals and families who previously did not qualify
- Increased ACA subsidies for lower-income people who already qualified for 2021 and 2022
- Provided maximum ACA subsidies for individuals who receive unemployment benefits in 2021
- Through these changes, nearly **14.5 million Americans have gained health insurance and 3.7 million more became eligible** for the health care law's premium subsidies



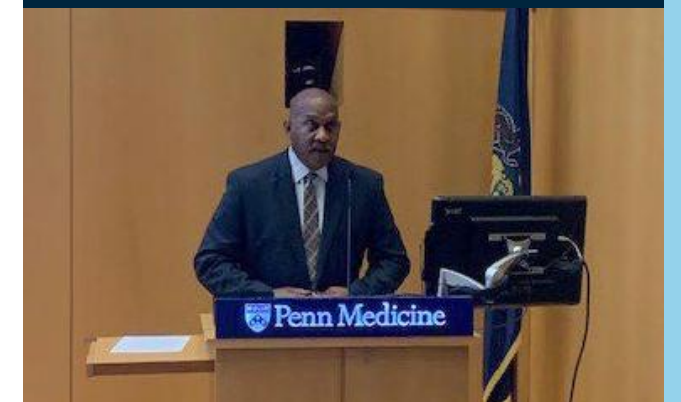
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

The American Rescue Plan provided over \$6 billion to Community Health Centers across America to help them respond to the pandemic and meet the needs of the uninsured and under-uninsured. **Of this funding, \$157,607,000 went to 42 centers in Pennsylvania, including almost \$50 million to 12 centers in Philadelphia.**



INVESTING IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

Through the American Rescue Plan, **\$7.4 billion was invested to hire and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.** More specifically, this funding is creating tens of thousands of jobs to support vaccinations, testing, contact tracing, and community outreach, and strengthen America's future public health infrastructure ensuring Pennsylvania and Philadelphia had the resources needed to respond to the pandemic.



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021, is a generational investment in the future of the United States, with a focus on supporting a long-term recovery of the American economy and addressing inequities in transportation, environmental justice, broadband, clean water access, and more. I believe a society can be judged on the support it provides to its residents most in need, which is why this law centers America's economic recovery on expanding economic opportunities for low-income communities and communities of color, creating good-paying, union-supporting jobs that will expand and repair crumbling infrastructure, increasing federal support for minority-owned businesses, and breaking down infrastructural barriers that continue to segregate low-income communities from economic opportunity. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a long-term investment in the health of our city's economy and its environmental sustainability, while working to address the wrongs of the past.

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES

For decades, racist redlining and infrastructure laws have separated neighborhoods of color and low-income communities from their own cities' surroundings. This has led to a lack of economic opportunity, inaccessibility to public services, and an overall lower standard of living.

I have been a leader in passing the \$1 billion Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, which will provide grants to remove, reconstruct, and retrofit existing highways that segregate communities of color. I worked with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to prioritize the program's inclusion in the infrastructure law and conducted a whistle-stop tour throughout the Mid-Atlantic to highlight the impact of dividing low-income communities. The House version of the Build Back Better Act that I voted for would provide another \$4 billion for similar transportation equity programs that would benefit these communities.

In Philadelphia alone, various neighborhoods continue to feel the burden of highways which unfairly divide them and separate them from opportunities. These include:

- Chinatown (I-676: the Vine Street Expressway)
- Nicetown (the Roosevelt Boulevard Expressway)
- Delaware River Waterfront (I-95: the Delaware Expressway)

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program will make these Philadelphia communities eligible to apply for grant money to transform the transportation infrastructure that has negatively impacted them for generations.



IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

America's roads, bridges, and tunnels are in dire need of repair – in Philadelphia alone, fifteen percent of our bridges are structurally deficient. Pennsylvania will receive an estimated \$11.3 billion in federal highway funding, and an estimated \$1.6 billion to replace and repair our state's bridges. Rebuilding our highways and bridges is imperative to making America competitive again and to rebuilding our economy. **These projects will also create good-paying, much-needed jobs.**



PUBLIC TRANSIT

Nearly a quarter of Philadelphians rely on public transit as their primary mode of transportation. Improving our public transit must be a priority for lowering emissions and providing greater mobility and economic opportunity for low-income families. The Delaware Valley is expected to receive nearly \$2.3 billion for public transit improvements, and **SEPTA is receiving an extra \$120 million in funding per year** over the next half-decade.



FIGHTING INEQUITY

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Across America, communities of color struggle with accessing safe, clean drinking water, best exemplified by the crisis in Flint, Michigan. And in Philadelphia, nearly 40 percent of residents do not trust their tap water. The Infrastructure Act will deliver nearly **\$1.4 billion to Pennsylvania** to improve the state's water infrastructure and ensure safe drinking water for all. There is additional funding to improve testing for lead in water at schools and childcare centers and to remove hazardous lead pipes. Every American deserves clean drinking water, and I am determined to make sure there are no more Flints anywhere in the U.S.

FLOOD MITIGATION

Climate change is increasing the frequency and destructive power of natural disasters. **Philadelphia recently witnessed firsthand the damage caused by extreme weather events, when parts of the city experienced historic flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.** It is imperative that the U.S. improves its capabilities to respond to natural disasters, which is why the Infrastructure Act includes over \$8 billion for flood mitigation projects to allow cities like Philadelphia to better prepare and respond to extreme weather events.



MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Minority-owned businesses have experienced disproportionate impacts from the economic downturn caused by the pandemic and need additional support. That is why this bill made the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) a permanent federal institution and authorized **funding of \$550 million over five years**, so it can address the dire needs of minority-owned businesses and disadvantaged entrepreneurs across the country.

- The largest undertaking of the MBDA is its creation and operation of over 20 MBDA business centers across the country, **including the business center located in the Enterprise Center in Philadelphia.** The Philadelphia MBDA provides clients with individualized strategic and business planning, staffing, organizational structure consulting, and general business advising.

“2021 continued to test many local, small businesses as they sought to rebuild from the pandemic. Fortunately, the community came together to show their support for entrepreneurs in need. As we enter a new year with many challenges still ahead, we must build on this support to guarantee an equitable and inclusive recovery for the small business community.” – Della Clark, The Enterprise Center, President



BUILD BACK BETTER

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would make transformational changes in the lives of Philadelphians and people across America. The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare the basic inequities that exist in American society and the House-passed bill would take major steps to correct those inequities. From addressing child poverty in a way unseen since the 1960s and making health care more accessible and affordable, to investing in new housing infrastructure and creating green jobs, this legislation will massively improve the lives of many Americans who have struggled to get by for too long.

Hubert Humphrey once said that “the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.” The House-passed Build Back Better Act answers that test – it would invest over a trillion dollars to create and improve programs to make this vision a reality.

BUILD BACK BETTER LEGISLATION IS A HISTORIC STEP FORWARD



Reduces poverty, particularly among children, by extending the Child Tax Credit expansion



Expands affordable health coverage



Reduces housing instability and homelessness



Helps young children get a good start by expanding child care and pre-K



Reduces child hunger



Makes college more affordable

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILD TAX CREDIT

The Build Back Better Act would extend the higher child tax credit - \$3,000 for children aged 6-17 and \$3,600 per child under age 6 - and keep delivering the benefit to most families monthly. The enhanced child tax credit would be permanently available to families with very low or no earnings, including those who do not typically file taxes. Throughout 2022, the credit would continue helping **parents of 112,000 children across our congressional district pay for food, electricity, rent, and transportation.** This credit could cut child poverty in half. I support going even further and making this entire expansion permanent.

UNIVERSAL PRE-K

Congress would invest in a free preschool program for all 3- and 4-year-old children. The bill would **guarantee that all of Philadelphia's young children have access to high-quality early education**, which would help prepare them for academic success in elementary school and beyond



BUILD BACK BETTER
LOWERING the COST of CHILD CARE
\$10,370
IN ANNUAL CHILD CARE SAVINGS
For a typical family of four with one infant in child care

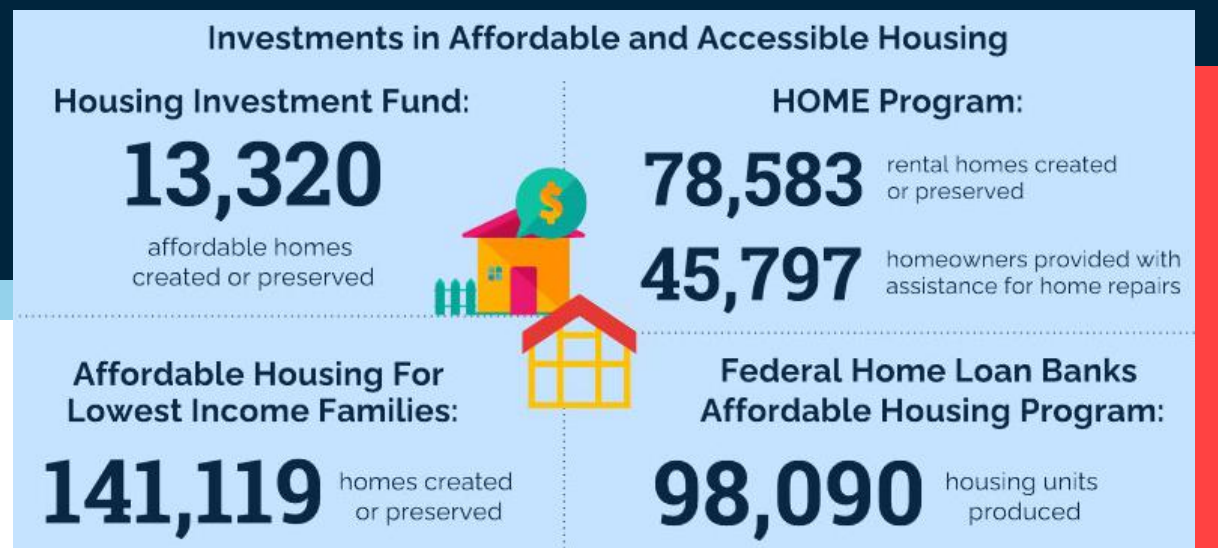
Source: House Committee on Education and Labor Analysis

EDUCATION LABOR

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

HOUSING

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would make a historic \$170 billion investment in quality affordable housing, a top priority for me. This includes **\$65 billion to preserve and rebuild over 500,000 public housing units**, which would help the Philadelphia Housing Authority protect and update affordable homes across my congressional district. The bill would also provide **\$25 billion in federal rental assistance, which is expected to help more than 260,000 families**. My constituents' need for rental vouchers far outpaces the available supply, so this federal investment could help many families afford rent and would reduce homelessness. The legislation would also invest \$15 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund, which helps build and preserve rental homes for lower-income households, and would **improve the Low Income Housing Tax Credit that has catalyzed affordable housing development throughout Philadelphia**.



CHILD CARE

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would **ensure that most Philadelphia families would pay no more than 7% of their income on child care, a savings of thousands of dollars for many families**. Many families in Philadelphia struggle to find and afford quality child care, which can lead to some parents leaving the workforce. The bill would also help child care providers raise wages for their employees.

PAID LEAVE

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would guarantee all workers four weeks of paid family and medical leave. For too long, workers have struggled to balance caregiving responsibilities - or recovering from their own serious illness or celebrating the birth or adoption of a child - with professional responsibilities. **This federal program would build upon Philadelphia's paid sick leave law to support Philadelphia workers** who need time off to take care of family members or to recover from a major illness or childbirth.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TAX CREDIT

The federal government must address the harmful impacts of climate change and other environmental hazards that disproportionately affect low-income communities and neighborhoods of color. To that end, I led the Creating Opportunities for Research in Environmental Justice Act, which was included in the House-passed Build Back Better Act. Initially authored by the late Representative John Lewis, the bill would create a tax credit to support universities engaged in environmental justice research. In other words, the bill would help fund efforts to address or study air, water, soil, or food contamination in low-income areas. Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions would qualify for a higher tax credit under this new environmental justice program.



JOBS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The key to long-term economic prosperity for disadvantaged communities is creating good-paying, union jobs. That is why I helped introduce the REVIVE the CCC Act, which would bring back the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, an organization that provided job training and employment to young Americans through conservation and environment sustainability programs. A similar provision is included in the Build Back Better Act to create a new Civilian Climate Corps that would support jobs for 300,000 Americans to fight climate change through projects in their local communities. There is a direct connection between providing economic stability to families and supporting long-term environmental reforms. I am dedicated to supporting programs that will tackle both issues simultaneously and create good-paying, local jobs that protect the environment of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley.



SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses account for 99% of all businesses and are the backbone of our economy. The Build Back Better Act would provide a \$5 billion investment in small business programs and support entrepreneurs, especially those in underserved communities. Among other provisions, it would provide:

- \$2 billion for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make direct loans of less than \$150,000 and targeted loans of \$1 million to government contractors and small manufacturers
- \$105 million for the prison to proprietorship program, which would provide entrepreneurship counseling and training services to people formerly incarcerated in a federal prison
- \$60 million for Small Business Investment Companies to provide capital to underserved small businesses
- \$60 million for the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) program, which helps businesses expand into exporting



HEALTH PROFESSION OPPORTUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM (HPOG)

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would expand this program that helps low-income workers qualify for good-paying jobs in one of our nation's fastest-growing industries. Our district is home to world-class health institutions - including the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia - and ambitious, talented health professionals. Increased federal investment in the Health Professional Opportunity Grant Program **could help many of Philadelphia's health workers advance in their field** through support services including child care and transportation. The bill would enact my Mentoring and Supporting Families Act (H.R. 2312) requiring the Health Professional Opportunity Grants Program to provide coaching, mentoring, and peer support to ensure participants' progress and success. I drafted and led this bill because many of my constituents could benefit from strong community support as they work to earn the licenses and credentials necessary for succeeding in their health careers.



SAVINGS ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would extend the enhanced marketplace subsidies authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the end of 2025, ensuring Philadelphians access to high-quality, low-cost health insurance plans as the pandemic continues, and beyond. Through this and other changes included in the House-passed version of the Build Back Better Act, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the Build Back Better Act would reduce the number of uninsured people by 3.4 million from 2022 through 2025.



REDUCING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would take important steps to reduce the cost of prescription drugs in a number of ways, including for the over 2.7 million Pennsylvanians enrolled in Medicare:

- Would empower Medicare to negotiate the cost of certain high-cost drugs to bring down the price, making these drugs more affordable for Philadelphians
- **Would cap insulin co-pays for individuals covered under Medicare and private insurance to \$35 each month (in addition to providing more help to pay for health insurance)**
- Would cap out-of-pocket costs under Medicare Part D at \$2,000 per year
- Would bar pharmaceutical companies from raising drug prices faster than inflation, ensuring that drugs remain affordable and that drug companies could not simply raise prices to increase profit

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS)

The House-passed Build Back Better Act would expand access to home and community-based services (HCBS) to **more of Pennsylvania's seniors** and people with disabilities, though a historic \$150 billion investment. This would allow individuals to receive help and assistance with activities of daily living in their homes and communities rather than having to go into a nursing home. This change would also improve the quality and wages of caregiving jobs, ensuring the workers who provide this vital care are fairly paid.



COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

The Build Back Better Act would fund investments in programs aimed to reduce gun violence. It would provide \$2.5 billion for community-based violence intervention initiatives through the U.S. Department of Justice, including competitive grants to support evidence-informed intervention strategies, support for training, and funds for research evaluation and data collection on the differing impact of community violence on demographic categories. **It would also furnish \$2.5 billion** to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support public health approaches to reduce community violence and trauma, such as the use of trusted messengers to mediate conflicts and interrupt violence; hospital-based violence intervention; school-based mental health services; and connecting people to social, health and wellness, and employment services to reduce the likelihood of violence.



TOP PRIORITIES FOR PHILADELPHIA

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Last year, Philadelphia saw its deadliest year in terms of homicides in recorded history. At 562 homicides, this number shattered the previous record of 500 set in 1990. The use of firearms accounted for nearly 90 percent of the homicides. In addition, our city endured over 1,800 non-fatal shootings. These numbers are not acceptable. Children, parents, and ordinary citizens should not have to live in constant fear of gun violence. Reducing gun violence requires the coordination and collaboration of the local, state, and federal government, as well as more community involvement.

In 2021, I took several actions to address gun violence – including writing a letter to the Mayor Kenney of Philadelphia, a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, and two letters directly to President Joe Biden in addition to meeting with leaders and experts, and introducing and supporting legislation:

- I met with the Pennsylvania Attorney General and the Pennsylvania Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to discuss ways to reduce gun violence and get illegal guns off the street.
- Senator Casey and I reintroduced our bill, [Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act \(H.R. 1560\)](#), which would establish an interagency advisory council to determine the resources that victims of gun violence need – including assistance with finances, physical and mental health, housing relocation, and legal services.
- I also voted for two gun-reform bills that would [establish universal background checks](#) and [close the Charleston loophole](#) – which allowed the murderer of nine Black church members in Charleston, South Carolina, to obtain a firearm in 2015.
- Further, I co-led the \$1 billion [Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods \(VICTIM\) Act \(H.R. 5768\)](#) with Rep. Val Demings (D-FL-10). The legislation would establish a Department of Justice grant program to hire, train, and retain detectives and victim services personnel to investigate fatal and non-fatal shootings and provide better support to victims. If passed into law, this bill could help Philadelphia improve its unsatisfactory 20 percent shootings clearance rate (percentage of shootings that are resolved or end with an arrest).

Evans Co-Leads Bill to Provide \$1 Billion to Solve Shooting Cases, Make Neighborhoods Safer

November 1, 2021 | Press Release

WASHINGTON (Nov. 1, 2021) – Congressman Dwight Evans (D-PA-3rd) is co-leading a new bill that would provide \$1 billion in federal funding over the next 10 years to help local and state police raise their clearance rates for both fatal and non-fatal shooting cases.



These are only a few among the other numerous bills I supported that address the gun violence epidemic. I will continue to use every available tool to fight this crisis – including meeting with federal, state, and local officials in addition to community groups to collaborate and determine how to most effectively reduce gun violence and make our community safer for everyone.

Congressman Evans voted to close the “Charleston Loophole” which has put:

75,000
guns into the hands of prohibited gun owners since 1998.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PANELS

In 2021, I hosted several panels with community organizations, experts and local elected officials on the issue of gun violence. These panels provided an opportunity for participants to share ideas at the city, state, and federal level to address the gun violence crisis in Philadelphia. Discussions included how to align federal, state, and local strategies and resources:

- November 29, 2021: Gun violence panel discussion on youth outreach with local groups to discuss their work with youth, such as mentoring, youth activities and youth sports. Such programs have been shown to prevent youth from engaging in gun violence.
- October 22, 2021: Gun violence panel discussion on employment and economic opportunities with local organizations to discuss what they are doing to support employment opportunities for at-risk youth and adults, as well as returning citizens, and how the federal government can support their work. Studies show that more economic opportunities help keep shooters off the street and prevent gun violence.
- October 8, 2021: North Philadelphia policy coordination meeting with elected officials to discuss gun violence initiatives and how the city and federal government can collaborate.
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- October 7, 2021: Gun violence panel discussion on mental health and trauma with representatives from local hospitals – Temple University, Penn Medicine and Jefferson Health – as well as counseling provider, Every Murder is Real. Preventing retaliatory shootings and treating trauma is instrumental in preventing future gun violence.



Congressman Dwight Evans
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I was proud to join my #Philly colleagues @RepKinsey, @Replizzy & @RepDarisha last night for a public safety meeting on ways to reduce #GunViolence in our community.



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July 23, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
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VIA EMAIL

Dear President Biden,

I have represented Philadelphia neighborhoods in elected office for nearly four decades. During that time, we have witnessed and worked through enormous challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the multitude and enormity of challenges we have faced, I have yet to witness one as devastating as Philadelphia's current shooting and homicide epidemic.

As of Wednesday, more than 1,200 shooting have been recorded with 311 homicides. We are well on our way to exceeding what we once thought to be amongst the darkest years, in the 1990s and mid-2000s, of Philadelphia's long-running violence. Innocent children are being killed, men and women are scared to walk outside their homes, and amenities such as playgrounds and recreation centers have turned into shooting galleries. To that end, I am very grateful for your recent actions on gun violence prevention. Reducing gun violence must be a collaborative effort of the community, as well as the local, state, and federal government.

Yesterday, Attorney General Garland announced that the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Bureau (ATF) is going to start stepping up enforcement in "supply areas"—states and cities where it is easier to obtain firearms, which will include New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington. I believe that Philadelphia should be added to this list. Pennsylvania is a state where it is easy to obtain a gun, as there is no waiting period, no license or permit required, and private sales of long guns do not require background checks. Philadelphia is prohibited by state law from enacting gun laws any more restrictive than state laws, which means that Philadelphia cannot make laws according to its own needs. Further, Pennsylvania state legislators recently introduced a bill that would allow a concealed handgun without a permit. In the beginning of 2021, police in Philadelphia made arrests for carrying illegal weapons

HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL

Accessible, affordable housing is key to building and maintaining livable communities. I want to be clear - my congressional district, my home state, and much of the nation were experiencing a housing crisis before any of us had heard of the coronavirus. Significant investment in our nation's housing infrastructure has been needed for years. Economic fallout from the pandemic has only underscored the urgency for such bold action.

In March 2021, I released my Housing Is Essential Plan, which would bring more than \$63 billion in new federal affordable housing funding. Pennsylvania Congressmen Mike Doyle (D-PA-18th) and Matt Cartwright (D-PA-8th), and housing advocates from across the state support the plan.



SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

- \$45 billion for rental assistance to provide housing vouchers to families who need help covering high housing costs
- \$5.5 billion to address homelessness
- \$3 billion for HOME Investment Partnerships, a program that provides federal funding for states and local governments to build, buy, or rehabilitate affordable housing and can also be used for direct rental assistance to low-income families.
- \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grants, which empowers communities to plan and implement strategies to address community needs including housing rehabilitation.
- \$1.9 billion for assisted housing units that house seniors and people with disabilities
- \$500 million for Choice Neighborhoods, a community renewal program that provided \$30 million in federal funding to leverage \$225 million in investment to revitalize the Sharswood-Blumberg neighborhood in Philadelphia
- \$350 million for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) self-sufficiency programs that help people living in HUD-assisted units achieve financial stability through training, counseling, and other support services that expand employment opportunities
- \$250 million for HUD-sponsored Housing Counseling to provide free or low-cost advice to people buying or renting homes and to people dealing with credit issues, foreclosure, or reverse mortgages - and expanding the program to cover financial literacy
- Expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to finance more affordable rental projects serving extremely low-income and homeless individuals

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Since being elected to Congress, I have worked hard to ensure Philadelphians can access quality, affordable health care. This means fighting to protect our health care providers and infrastructure, and expand affordable health care options. The pandemic has shone a bright spotlight on the wide health disparities among the communities served by these Philadelphia-based hospital systems, and I will continue working with them as trusted partners to address those disparities in our diverse city and region. By expanding access to coverage and protecting the health care providers and facilities that make Philadelphia strong, we help create a brighter future for all of our constituents.



“NO MORE HAHNEMANNS”

In 2019, Hahnemann Hospital in Center City Philadelphia closed, despite my best efforts to keep it open. At that time, I vowed there would be “No More Hahnemanns” and since then I have fought hard to prevent hospital closures in Philadelphia.

In 2018, Jefferson Health announced plans to purchase the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia. At the time, Einstein was in a precarious financial situation and I vowed to help ensure it did not meet the same fate as Hahnemann Hospital. While there were some initial objections, after the U.S. District Court rejected a bid by the Federal Trade Commission and the Pennsylvania Attorney General to temporarily block the merger, all parties worked on an agreement that allowed the merger to move forward and it was finalized in October 2021. Since the merger:

- Einstein Health Care Network continues to provide high-quality care for the residents of North Philadelphia today and for the foreseeable future. The pandemic has underlined how vital all hospitals are to our communities and I appreciate all parties coming together to achieve this result.
- Jefferson Health has taken ownership of the Health Partners Plan, which provides Medicare and Medicaid coverage to Philadelphians.
- Jefferson Health now provides comprehensive and quality care as both a provider and insurer and is the fourth Integrated Delivery and Finance System in Pennsylvania.

Issues of rising costs should be addressed through Congress and the state legislatures, as should solutions to maintain the viability of safety-net hospitals. As a member of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, I have been leading an ongoing, bipartisan ‘No More Hahnemanns!’ effort to seek these types of solutions. Hahnemann University Hospital’s 2019 closing was the 10th hospital closing in Philadelphia in 20 years, and this problem has affected large cities as well as small towns and rural areas of Pennsylvania.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE

Ensuring a stable health care infrastructure is only one part of protecting access to quality care. We must also ensure that Philadelphians and Americans have health coverage and I support making quality, affordable health care available to all. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the American Rescue Plan Act narrowed the gap of access to health care between socioeconomic and racial groups, but there is more work to do. To that extent:

- I am proud to support legislation that would create public health options available to all Americans. H.R. 4974, the State Public Option Act, would allow states to create a Medicaid buy-in program so that all residents, regardless of income, can obtain a state-driven, high quality Medicaid health insurance plan.
- I also support H.R. 5011, the Choose Medicare Act, which would allow all Americans the ability to buy Medicare as their health insurance plan and use ACA subsidies to help pay for it. Ensuring that all Americans have access to a public option, either through Medicaid or Medicare, is an important step towards ensuring quality, universal health care for all Americans.
- Lastly, I support H.R. 5165, the Improving Medicare Coverage Act, which would lower the current Medicare eligibility age to 60 from 65, consolidate and streamline Medicare savings and benefits programs, and improve prescription drug affordability. Additionally, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 4311, the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act, which would expand Medicare to cover these services for all Medicare beneficiaries.

Since the Biden Administration took office on January 20, 2021, several administration officials have visited Philadelphia to meet the residents and learn about the needs and issues that are important to the city. As your representative, I have made it a priority to encourage administration officials to visit to broaden their understanding and allow them to see firsthand how programs are being implemented or could be implemented. In 2022, I will continue to push for these visits and look forward to welcoming additional officials to the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.



BRINGING WASHINGTON TO PHILADELPHIA

PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN 46TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1. July 13, 2021: President Biden visited Philadelphia International airport to continue to push to protect Americans' most basic right – our constitutional right to vote.
2. April 30, 2021: On the 50th Anniversary of Amtrak, President Biden spoke at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station to advocate for his Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. [Funding for Amtrak](#) was a significant piece of [the president's \\$2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan](#), which included \$80 billion for upgrades to the federal rail service's Northeast Corridor and other travel networks.
3. March 16, 2021: President Biden kicked off his American Rescue Plan campaign in Philadelphia when he visited a black-owned small business to express that ["more help is on the way."](#) in regard to the coronavirus pandemic. The Biden Administration worked to get vaccines distributed through a range of locations, including pharmacies, community centers, and schools, to better reach Black and brown communities.



DR. JILL BIDEN FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES

December 3, 2021: First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden visited a pediatric COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pediatric Care Center to continue a nationwide effort urging parents and guardians to vaccinate kids ages 5-11 and encourage families to get booster shots.



SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

January 14, 2022: Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited Philadelphia to highlight President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that I voted for. On this day, the Biden Administration chose to kick off the Federal Highway Administration's new bridge program in Philadelphia. With city, state and federal officials present, Sec. Buttigieg announced that Pennsylvania would receive **\$1.6 billion over 5 years to repair bridges in our state, which also means additional JOBS.**



BRINGING WASHINGTON TO PHILADELPHIA

SECRETARY MARCIA FUDGE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. October 27, 2021: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Sec. Fudge came to Philadelphia to celebrate the successful revitalization of the North Central Neighborhood supported by a federal Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant. This \$30 million in federal funding awarded by HUD was key to helping community leaders and residents develop and execute a plan to:

- replace distressed public and assisted housing
- improve household incomes in terms of employment, income, health and education
- create safer neighborhoods that promote economic activity

2. September 1, 2021: HUD Sec. Fudge visited Philadelphia to tour St. Rita Place and Cascia Center. The visit focused on the Biden-Harris Administration's announcement to increase the supply of affordable housing across the country and the broader Build Back Better housing agenda, which includes:

- historic investments in affordable housing preservation and rehabilitation
- funding for climate resiliencies
- federal grants for addressing housing needs in our communities
- boosts to tax credits that catalyze the development of affordable homes.



SECRETARY MARTY WALSH

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

1. October 28, 2021: Labor Sec. Marty Walsh toured the Philadelphia Port Authority and discussed operations with Port Authority senior staff and the marine terminal operator, focusing on the supply chain crisis in the U.S.



2. July 3, 2021: Sec. Walsh met with labor unions and Pennsylvania officials at the Philadelphia Laborer's Training Center to address the pandemic economy and plan for a more equitable labor force.



SECRETARY MIGUEL CARDONA

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

April 6, 2021: Sec. of Education Cardona visited Olney Elementary School as part of the "Help is Here" tour, an effort to support states, schools, students, parents, and educators as they navigate returning to in-person learning and highlight how the [American Rescue Plan](#) will aid them in these efforts.

U.S. Department of Education



ARCHIVED INFORMATION

Secretary Cardona Continues "Help is Here" School Reopening Tour with Visits to Schools in Philadelphia and Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

BRINGING WASHINGTON TO PHILADELPHIA

ADMINISTRATOR ISABELLA GUZMAN

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

July 15, 2021: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman traveled to Philadelphia to showcase the success of businesses participating in SBA's economic relief aid programs, as well as to talk to local business owners about their experiences. She joined me and Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, both members of the House Small Business Committee, for a small business roundtable, listening session, and walking tour of 52nd Street. Administrator Guzman also highlighted vaccinations as a critical strategy allowing Americans to get back to work safely.



ADMINISTRATOR CHIQUITA BROOKS-LASURE

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

November 30, 2021: I joined a roundtable with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Brooks-LaSure and representatives from health care facilities focused on vaccine requirements. Attendees shared their experiences and best practices implementing the mandate in their health care setting and also shared how vaccination helped preserve and restore efficient operations while protecting their staff.



SERVING OUR CONSTITUENTS

The on-going coronavirus pandemic has created many challenges in ensuring the needs of the constituents of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District are being met. My office had to pivot often and create opportunities to engage with our constituents in new ways. For several months, I held Curbside Service hours one Saturday a month, and held mobile office hours at local elected officials' offices each Wednesday. Despite the challenges, I hosted events during the year, many virtual, and some in-person in accordance with safety protocols.



SERVING OUR CONSTITUENTS

DOLLARS RECOVERED:

This data reflects 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021

Number of Constituents served by casework CY 2021

2733

\$25,030,955

Total Dollars Returned since being in office

IRS money returned CY 2021

\$1,045,460

\$48,258

SSA money returned CY 2021

Veterans Administration money returned CY 2021

\$423,188

\$8,074,277

Small Business Cases money returned CY 2021

Total Money Returned for CY 2021

\$18,527,553

BRINGING RESOURCES TO THE DISTRICT:

Throughout 2021, I hosted many events to ensure that my constituents received valuable resources, information, and tools necessary to remain informed of the many federal resources available.

- **National Service Opportunity Fair (Virtual):** An annual event where I highlight opportunities of National Service for youth and young adults. The organizations that provide resources include military services, federal agencies and community service organizations.
- **Small Business Roundtable (Virtual):** As small businesses strive to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, I have been on the frontline, ensuring resources and information are available to small business operators across the district. I have worked closely with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and hosted tours and discussions with SBA Administrator Guzman and her staff.
- **Senior Resource Fair:** An annual event offered to provide older adults information and resources that impact their health and quality of life. Senior adults participated in exercises and activities, received healthy cooking demonstrations and resources that covered a wide array of topics.
- **Federal Agency Resource Fair:** An annual event aimed at providing information, resources, and job opportunities from mostly federal agencies. Agency participants this year included: United States Postal Service, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Veterans Affairs and several others.



STAKEHOLDER TESTIMONIALS



"2021 has been quite a year! I am thankful that Congressman Evans is representing our district at this time in our nation's history. Fighting so hard for affordable housing and issues that impact the way of life for all people in the district. I look forward to the New Year with the same sentiment that 'No one is home until we're all home!'"

- **Sister Mary Scullion, ProjectHOME**

"I am writing to commend Keira Jaha and Janee Taft, who were able to resolve an issue we had with the IRS and SSI due to a fraudulent claim on my husband's Social Security dating back to 2018. My communication was with Keira, who was always extremely polite and quickly called me back when I left a voicemail message. She was able to enlist the help of Janee to deal with Social Security as well as an advocate to assist with the IRS. It is nice to know our Congressman and his staff truly are working on their constituents' behalf."

- **N.B. Oberlander, District Resident**

"I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks and to say that the issue with the IRS has been successfully resolved from our perspective."

- We have received a refund for the overpayments paid for toward the 2020 tax year
- Our estimated tax payments were corrected and applied correctly to 2021

All to say, your help was invaluable and we are very grateful."

- **A. Molot, District Resident**

"I'm writing you to thank you a lot for your help and support to reopen my brother's case who is mentally disabled. I appreciate your continued follow up with the case and I'm deeply touched with your sincere and caring act of support. May God bless you."

- **M. Aboudi, District Resident**

"This past year saw great accomplishments for Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA). We more than made good on our promise to develop or preserve 6,000 affordable housing units in a five-year period, under a plan we called '6 in 5.' PHA and its partners created more than 6,440 housing units by 2021, although the original timeframe was extended by the pandemic. The agency also completed the North Central Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant, putting the finishing touches on 302 new rental apartments and affordable homes. Finally, 95 PHA households - a record number - became homeowners in 2021. Still, the need for affordable housing remains great in Philadelphia, and our efforts are focused on adding and maintaining as many homes as possible. That begins with the rebuilding of Westpark Apartments, which gets underway in 2022. PHA's residents and staff are grateful for the leadership of Congressman Dwight Evans, who is a champion for affordable housing funding in Congress."

- **Kelvin A. Jeremiah, President & CEO Philadelphia Housing Authority**



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RESOURCES

COVID-19

THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE: 1-800-722-7112
TO RECEIVE COVID-19 TEXT ALERTS FROM THE CITY: TEXT COVIDPHL TO 888-777
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PATIENT TRIAGE HOTLINE: (215) 707-6999
JEFFERSON HOSPITAL: (800) 533-3669
PENN MEDICINE COVID HOTLINE: (267) 785-8585

HOUSING

HOMELESS OUTREACH HOTLINE: (215) 232-1984
SAVE YOUR HOME PHILLY: (215) 334-4663

- the only government-authorized foreclosure prevention program in Philadelphia

PHILLY VETS HOME COALITION HOTLINE: (215) 923-8387

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

- helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs
- visit their [website](#) to learn more about your eligibility, and [apply](#) here!

HEALTH CARE

If you live in Philadelphia, you can get high-quality health care at one of Philadelphia's health care centers:

CITY HEALTH CENTERS OPERATED BY THE PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ([link](#))

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (ALSO KNOWN AS FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS) ([link](#))

MEDICAL CENTERS OPERATED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ([link](#))

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