



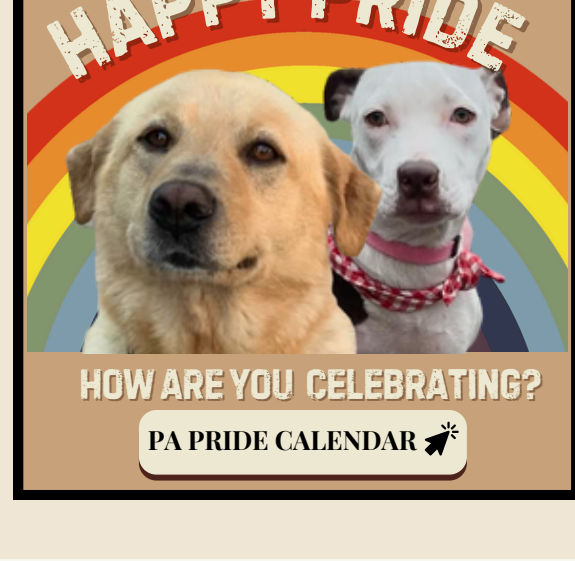
PA'S WHOLE HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM GOES NATIONAL

Sen. Fetterman spoke at Senate Housing, Transportation, and Community Development subcommittee hearing about the importance of passing the Whole-Home Repairs Act, a bill he introduced with Senator Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) that would scale a popular and successful Pennsylvania program to the national level. The Whole-Home Repairs Act would help homeowners and apartment owners with critical home repairs. Senator Lummis also attended the hearing and highlighted the value of the Whole-Home Repairs Act, demonstrating the bipartisan pressure to get the legislation passed.

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HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING?

[PA PRIDE CALENDAR](#)

JOHN ON MORNING JOE

Sen. Fetterman joined Joe Scarborough to discuss 2024 election, saving SNAP, mental health, and more.

[FULL INTERVIEW](#)

HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Visit www.travel.state.gov to research your destination country and view travel advisories.

Register for **STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program)** at www.step.state.gov. In case of emergency, STEP allows embassy officials to find you.

Know the laws of your destination country regarding items such as THC, Delta-8-9-10, CBD, weapons and ammunition. When packing for your trip, empty your bag completely and remove forgotten items that are prohibited.

If you are arrested in another country, ask the police to contact the embassy. While embassy officials cannot override the laws of another country, they can provide Americans with contacts for local legal counsel.

If you lose your passport while abroad, contact the embassy immediately to arrange for an emergency passport.

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Check the passport validity requirements of your destination as far in advance as possible. You will not be able to travel to some countries without at least six months of validity on your passport.

You are eligible for an urgent, in-person passport appointment if your travel occurs within the next 14 days.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH PASSPORTS, VISAS, OR OTHER TRAVEL ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT MY CONSTITUENT SERVICES TEAM

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IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH A STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE AT 202-228-0284

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HEARING HIGHLIGHTS

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Mental Health Commission

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INFRASTRUCTURE

MOVING TRANSIT FORWARD ACT

Senate Mental Health Commission

Sen. Fetterman and Smith introduced a bill to establish a bipartisan Senate mental health commission to address gaps in patient care, provider payment and other persistent problems.

"Before I sought help for my depression, I was the biggest cynic – but it truly worked. I'm committed to ensuring that everyone suffering from mental health challenges has access to the same resources and treatment that I did." - Sen. Fetterman

The U.S. Senate Commission on Mental Health Act would create an independent commission charged with investigating barriers to care delivery; crafting an annual report that reviews ongoing research; and making recommendations to congressional leaders and the White House.

[In the Press](#) [Bill Text](#)

Revision of Federal Wage System

Salaried employees at some federal facilities earn more than hourly workers, despite living and working in the same places, which is unfair to many union workers in Pennsylvania. Our office has worked closely with OPM, and as of mid-May, they are implementing our recommended changes by FPRAC to address this long-standing pay disparity, benefiting blue-collar union employees.

[2023 Letter](#) [2024 Letter](#)



Supporting Theater and the Arts to Galvanize the Economy (STAGE) Act of 2024.

During National Theatre Week (April 9-11, 2024), Senator Fetterman, with Senators Welch and Reed, introduced the STAGE Act of 2024. This bill will create a \$1 billion annual grant program, administered by the Economic Development Administration, to support the recovery of professional nonprofit theaters and boost local economies.

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Bryan Hagerich's Release

Senator Fetterman joined a bipartisan, bicameral group of his colleagues on a congressional delegation to Turks and Caicos Islands to fight for the release of five Americans who were arrested for traveling with ammunition in their luggage, including Bryan Hagerich, a Pennsylvanian from Somerset County. While he was there, John had the opportunity to meet with Turks and Caicos government officials and each of the detained Americans. Shortly after the trip, Bryan was released and allowed to return home to his family in Pennsylvania. John remains committed to working with our partners in Turks and Caicos to bring home the remaining Americans awaiting charges.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMONWEALTH?

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



ALLEGHENY COUNTY

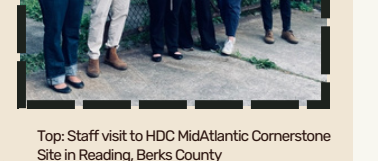
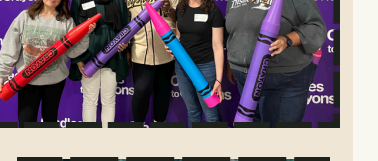
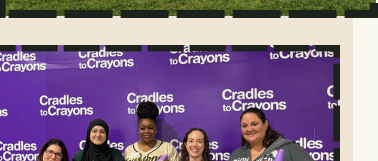
\$514,000 for Wilkensburg Police Dept.

"This federal funding for the Wilkensburg Police Department will help ensure our officers have the resources they need to serve and protect the Wilkensburg community," said Senator Fetterman. "Equipping officers with updated body cameras enhances trust and transparency between officers and civilians, provides important evidence for the justice system, and improves accountability to the communities they serve."

1,000 GOLD SEALS AND PROCLAMATIONS SENT!

Would you like a staff member to present a signed proclamation at your next event? Fill out this form to make your request.

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Top: Staff visit to HDC MidAtlantic Cornerstone Site in Reading, Berks County
Middle: Staff volunteered with Cradles to Crayons in Philadelphia.
Bottom: Staff attended the 11th Annual East Stroudsburg University Summit at Kalahari Resorts in the Poconos.



PERRY COUNTY

Celebrating Champions at Literacy Council's Race for Reading

Our office participated in the Perry County Literacy Council's Race for Reading event, raising \$85,000 for adult education programs. We presented Gold Seal Letters to four women who earned their GEDs, highlighting the council's supportive environment. Special recognition went to GED instructor Gwen Sout and Executive Director Leslie Heimbaugh for their dedication to empowering students and removing educational barriers.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Couple Fights Fentanyl Crisis in Memory of Lost Son

Deb and Ray Cullen, from South Central PA, recently met with the Senator's Regional Representative to advocate for legislation aimed at curbing the fentanyl crisis. This action comes after the tragic loss of their son, Zachary, to fentanyl poisoning. Determined to prevent similar tragedies for other families, the Cullens are championing three key pieces of legislation:

- **HALT Fentanyl Act:** This act would elevate fentanyl's classification to Schedule 1.
- **END Fentanyl Act:** This act focuses on empowering Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to stay ahead of evolving drug trafficking tactics by requiring regular updates to their detection manuals every three years.
- **FEND OFF Fentanyl Act:** This act authorizes targeted actions, such as sanctions, against foreign individuals and organizations involved in trafficking fentanyl and other illicit opioids.

A HEART for At-Risk Youth

Huntingdon Borough and Police Chief Charles Streightiff presented to representatives from both Senators Fetterman and Casey's offices. The Huntingdon Endangered At-Risk Youth Response Team (H.E.A.R.T.) aims to identify child abuse victims early to prevent future mental health struggles. The alarming number of child abuse cases locally (and nationally) spurred the development of H.E.A.R.T. Since October 2023, H.E.A.R.T. has already received more than 40 referrals, which highlights the program's potential impact. Chief Streightiff and his wife Kristen, a public-school administrator who co-founded the program, envision HEART becoming a national standard for early detection.

The Cullens' story highlights the devastating impact of the fentanyl crisis. Here's What You Can Do:

- Learn More: Visit the [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) website for in-depth information on fentanyl.
- Contact Your Representatives: Voice your support for these or similar bills by contacting your local and state representatives.
- Spread Awareness: Share information about fentanyl poisoning risks and prevention strategies with your family and community.

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APPROPRIATIONS

Every year, Congress crafts the Federal Budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on October 1st. As the budget is formed, Members of Congress may submit Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Committee responsible for crafting the federal budget, for funding consideration. CDS requests, more commonly known as an "earmark" allow Members to direct funding for specific projects in their respective states or districts.

CDS funding is drawn from funding which is already in various grant programs administered by federal agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative program (EDI) and the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration

For more information on Senator Fetterman's appropriations process, please reach out to appropriations@fetterman.senate.gov.

Any public or non-profit entity in Pennsylvania that is interested in submitting a CDS request for consideration in the 2024 Federal Budget can receive email updates on the Senator's Appropriations process [HERE](#).

Senator Fetterman successfully secured over \$118 million in direct federal investment for 101 projects in 42 counties across Pennsylvania in the 2024 Federal Budget

\$3,661,000 to Darlington Township for Public Drinking Water Infrastructure

\$2,000,000 to Housing Development Corporation (HDC) MidAtlantic for Affordable Housing in Lackawanna County

\$1,001,000 to Berks Community Health Center for constructing a new Community Health Center in Reading

[Appropriations Interest Form](#)

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