

JOHN FETTERMAN

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR PENNSYLVANIA

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FETTERLETTER



THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE

Senator Fetterman sat down for a conversation with podcast host Joe Rogan. During the two hour discussion, Fetterman shared insights into public service, emphasized the need to destigmatize mental health and improve access to care, and called for comprehensive immigration reform.

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"I'm not that dude, and I'm not that Democrat. I'm going to pick my fights."

In an interview with The New York Times' Jess Bidgood, Senator Fetterman shared his perspective on the post-election climate in Washington and what lies ahead. Calling for focus, resilience, and strategic action as the next four years unfold.

"Have a conversation with anyone that's willing to have an honest conversation. That's always been the rule, and that's what I'm going to continue."

FULL INTERVIEW

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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COMMITTEES

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DC TOUR REQUEST

RECENT LEGISLATION

- Student Food Security Act
- Maternal Health for Military & Dependent Moms
- Burial Benefits for Veterans & Families
- Mental Health Care for Selected Reserve Act

Fetterman's Home Repair Bill Gains Bipartisan Momentum

Senator Fetterman's **Whole-Home Repairs Act** continues to gain traction with bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Representatives Mike Flood (R-NE) and Nikema Williams (D-GA) introduced a companion bill in the House, while Senators Mike Rounds (R-SD) and Tina Smith (D-MN) joined as cosponsors in the Senate.

The bill brings the Pennsylvania program to the national level, creating a one-stop-shop for low- and moderate-income homeowners to apply for grants and loans to make critical home repairs that may have been deferred due to high repair and utility costs.

[Press Release](#)

Over \$43 Million Awarded to Protect Pennsylvania Families from Lead Hazards

Senator Fetterman, Senator Casey, and House colleagues announced over \$43 million in federal funding from HUD's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program. This funding will help communities across Pennsylvania, including Allegheny County, Allentown, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia, Delaware County, Montgomery County, and Erie, address dangerous lead paint in older homes.

"This is a huge win for Pennsylvania families. These grants will make homes safer, healthier, and more affordable, while also supporting efforts like Pennsylvania's Whole-Home Repairs program to combat blight and strengthen our communities," said Senator Fetterman.

[Press Release](#)

\$407 Million for Southeastern PA Rail Improvements

Senators Fetterman and Casey, with House colleagues, secured over \$407 million in federal funding to upgrade rail infrastructure in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Thanks to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, these grants will support major improvements to Amtrak's Keystone Corridor and SEPTA's Regional Rail. The funding will enhance rail safety, expand capacity, and ensure more efficient service for generations.

[Press Release](#)

Standing Up for Federal Workers

After leading the fight for more than a year, Senator Fetterman celebrated the Biden-Harris Administration's announcement of a proposed rule that would end the long-standing pay disparity between hourly and salaried federal workers, giving more than 2,100 Pennsylvanians a raise. He's also backing three critical bills supporting federal workers.

The **Equal COLA Act** would ensure all federal retirees receive fair cost-of-living adjustments, regardless of their retirement plan. The **Saving the Civil Service Act** protects career federal employees from political reclassification and job threats. Lastly, the **VA Employee Fairness Act** ensures VA health care providers have full collective bargaining and grievance rights. These bills are about fairness, security, and protecting those who serve our nation.

[Press Release](#)

Continuing the Fight for Universal School Meals

Senator Fetterman joined Senator Warren and six other senators in urging the USDA to repeal a rule that allows companies to charge families fees to add money to their child's school meal account. These fees unfairly burden low-income families, who often add small amounts frequently and face flat fees each time. Senator Fetterman is committed to ensuring every child has access to meals without unnecessary financial barriers for their families.

[In the Press](#)

Advocating for Improved Emergency Medical Services

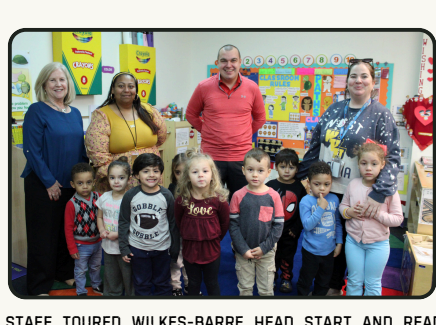
Senator Fetterman cosponsored two bills that will protect access to critical emergency medical services. Sen. Cortez Masto's **Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act** would extend Medicare ambulance coverage, a critical access point for rural and underserved communities. Sen. Welch's **Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement for On-Scene Care and Support Act** would require Medicare to cover EMS treatment regardless of transportation to hospital, allowing emergency "treatment in place."

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMONWEALTH?

NORTHERN PA



STAFF ATTENDED THE ST. BENEDICT CARE AND THE EAST MIGRANT PROGRAM IN ERIE. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES EDUCATION AND SERVICES TO MIGRANT FAMILIES WHO WORK IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN PA.



STAFF TOURED WILKES-BARRE HEAD START AND READ "CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG" TO STUDENTS, HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF THE PROGRAM DURING HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH.

EASTERN PA



STAFF ATTENDED THE CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE MORAVIAN CHURCH SETTLEMENT BUILDINGS IN BETHLEHEM AS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.

WESTERN PA



STAFF ATTENDED THE OPENING OF THE BRADY BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL. THE RAILROAD TUNNEL WAS BUILT IN 1915 ALONG THE ARMSTRONG TRAIL.



STAFF VOLUNTEERED AT THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIAPER BANK AND HELPED TO PACK DIAPERS FOR THE COMMUNITY.



CONSTITUENT SERVICES HOSTED A BOOTH AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SENIOR FAIR.



Local Fiber Optic Investment in Erie

VNET Fiber completed their Phase One fiber-to-the-home buildout providing service to more than 16,000 homes throughout Erie County. Phase Two is underway and will provide an additional 16,000 households with access to VNET's fiber-optic network. VNET is the only locally owned end-to-end fiber-optic network in Northwest Pennsylvania, and has expanded high-speed internet access while supporting the local businesses like Erie Bank.

Fiberglass Geese Take Flight in Mifflin County

The Goose Day legend, promising wealth and prosperity for those who dine on geese on Michaelmas Day, is a cherished tradition in the Juniata River Valley where local Amish herders raise geese in small flocks. Inspired by this local custom, Community Partnerships (RC&D) spearheaded the "Wild Geese: Flock Together" initiative. This region-wide project involved the painting fiberglass geese sculptures painted by local artists throughout Mifflin County and the Juniata Valley.



CONSTITUENT SERVICES

HELP FROM JOHN

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH A STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY, SUBMIT A REQUEST:

FEDERAL AGENCY ASSISTANCE

FOR PASSPORTS, VISAS, OR OTHER TRAVEL ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES TEAM:

TRAVEL HELP

HOME HEATING & ENERGY ASSISTANCE

APPLY FOR THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) BEFORE APRIL 4, 2025

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HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

Interested in having one of our team members attend an event to share federal resources for Pennsylvania residents?

[CONTACT US](#)

JANUARY 1, 2025 DEADLINE: NEW BUSINESS FILING REQUIREMENT

The bipartisan Corporate Transparency Act requires businesses to report their ownership to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). Filing is quick, secure, and free.

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