

JOHN FETTERMAN

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR PENNSYLVANIA

FEBRUARY FETTERLETTER

SEARCH federal funding freeze

Senator Fetterman wants to hear from you about how the federal funding freeze is affecting Pennsylvania.

While some restrictions have been lifted, programs like the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), and DEI initiatives remain blocked.

FEDERAL GRANTS & PROJECTS

If your project has been impacted, please share the details with us by filling out our constituent impact form.

[REPORT IMPACT](#)

INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS

If you're experiencing delays in individual payments, like Social Security or tax refunds, use this form to contact our casework team.

[CASEWORK REQUEST](#)

"I'M IN THE BUSINESS OF FINDING WINS FOR PENNSYLVANIA"



Senator John Fetterman joined The View last month to discuss how he plans to continue delivering for Pennsylvania under the new administration.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

APPLICATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 28

[APPLY HERE](#)

APPROPRIATIONS

Those interested in making fiscal year 2026 CDS requests can sign up for updates from Senator Fetterman's office.

[INTEREST FORM](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- U.S. Helsinki Commission

PRESS RELEASES

COMMITTEES

LEGISLATION

DC TOUR REQUEST

RECENT LEGISLATION

- Laken Riley Act
- Kids Off Social Media Act
- Whole Milk in Schools
- Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act

Delivering Nearly \$15 Million for Hurricane Debby Recovery in PA

 

Senator John Fetterman secured \$14.62 million in federal disaster recovery funding to help North Central Pennsylvania rebuild after Hurricane Debby. This funding, delivered through HUD's Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, will help repair damaged homes and infrastructure, support displaced families, and strengthen communities against future storms. Local officials and first responders praised the quick response, highlighting the on-the-ground efforts to secure relief for the hardest-hit communities. This funding ensures rural and underserved areas aren't left behind in disaster recovery efforts.

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Fetterman Meets with Penn Interim President & Chichester Students

 

\$132 Million for Semiconductor Manufacturing in the Lehigh Valley

The Department of Commerce awarded \$79 million to expand Coherent's Easton facility and \$53 million for Infinera's new Bethlehem operations. These investments will support the production of more energy-efficient broadband in Pennsylvania and create more than 860 manufacturing jobs and 1,240 construction jobs in Northampton County.

[Press Release](#)

New Rule to Boost Wages for Thousands of PA Workers

An estimated \$23.1 million in pay raises for Pennsylvanians in the first year alone.

Senator Fetterman worked alongside the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to publish a new rule affecting more than 2,100 hourly workers in PA. Starting October 1, 2025 hourly federal employees will have raised wages. Fetterman's year of advocacy surrounding this issue will workers the respect they deserve. To ensure this rule is fully implemented, Fetterman will work with Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee.

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Pushing Pennsylvania's Whole-Home Repairs Program to the Federal Level

"Last year, we took an idea that was born and bred in Pennsylvania and brought it to the national stage. Now we're back to finish the job."

Senator Fetterman is bringing a proven Pennsylvania success story to the national stage. He and Senator Lummis (R-WY) reintroduced the bipartisan **Whole-Home Repairs Act**, a five-year pilot program to help low- and middle-income homeowners and small landlords afford critical home repairs. This bill builds on Pennsylvania's Whole-Home Repairs Program, which has already helped thousands of families stay in their homes by funding essential fixes like heating, roofing, and plumbing repairs. The bill has strong bipartisan support and endorsements from housing advocates nationwide.

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Two-Year Anniversary of Norfolk Southern Train Derailment

"The Norfolk Southern train derailment was an absolute tragedy—one that we could have prevented."

Senator Fetterman released a statement on the two-year anniversary of the Norfolk Southern train derailment that occurred less than one mile from the Pennsylvania border. He announced his intent to reintroduce the **Railway Safety Act**, bipartisan legislation he co-led with then-Senators Vance and Brown last congress.

[Press Release](#)

Keystone Senators Call on Secretary Rubio to Bring Marc Fogel Home

Senator Fetterman, Senator McCormick, and the entire PA House delegation have sent a letter urging Secretary Rubio to focus his efforts on bringing Marc Fogel home. Nearly 4 years ago, Fogel was detained by the Russian government for carrying an ounce of prescribed medical marijuana in his luggage. Despite ongoing appeals from the U.S. Department of State, Fogel remains separated from his family, without a clear path home.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMONWEALTH?

NORTHERN PA



STAFF TOURED ERIE FAMILY CENTER-DIAPER DEPOT AND PACKAGED 4,300 DIAPERS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. THE CENTER PROVIDES SAFE SPACE FOR FAMILIES AND PARENTS TO RECEIVE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION AND RECOVERY.

WESTERN PA



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

SOUTHERN PA



STAFF MET WITH PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE WOMEN VETERANS MUSEUM & TOURED THE ONLY WOMEN VETERANS MUSEUM IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA.





SENATOR FETTERMAN AND STAFF VISITED THE PA FARM SHOW TO MEET CONSTITUENTS AND SHARE FEDERAL RESOURCES.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION STAFF ATTENDED THE ASSUMPTION CEREMONY FOR COMMANDER ROBERT NOREN OF THE PA AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION SERVICE

Senator Fetterman recognized Sam Prescott, an Eagle Scout from Troop 4481 in Bedford, for his commitment to environmental stewardship with a Gold Seal Letter. Sam received the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award, the highest conservation honor in Scouting. Prescott has restored a historic site and created a pollinator garden in Shawnee State Park.

\$52 Million Funding for PA Infrastructure Projects

- \$7,750,000 to Philadelphia and Connersville to improve infrastructure and increase transportation routes.
- \$17,000,000 to West Newton Bridge Rehabilitation
- \$800,000 for Turtle Creek Rail for street safety improvements

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

GRANTS & FEDERAL FUNDING

TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, VISIT: [GRANTS.GOV](#)

TO LEARN HOW TO WRITE A GRANT PROPOSAL, VISIT:

[FREE ONLINE COURSE](#) [SAMPLE PROPOSALS](#)

FIND CURRENT GRANTS & FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

- [ASSISTANCE LISTINGS](#)
- [GRANTS.GOV](#)
- [CANDID.ORG](#)

NAVAL ACADEMY

THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY HAS OPENED ITS APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS. CURRENT 11TH GRADERS WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY CAN APPLY FOR SUMMER SEMINAR. CURRENT 8TH THROUGH 10TH GRADERS CAN APPLY FOR THE SUMMER STEM PROGRAM.

[LEARN MORE](#)

SERVICE ACADEMY

SENATOR FETTERMAN HAS MADE HIS NOMINATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2029 TO THE NAVAL ACADEMY, WEST POINT, THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND THE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY. STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A NOMINATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2030 CAN APPLY STARTING IN LATE FEBRUARY.

[APPLY HERE](#)

TAX SEASON

The deadline to file 2024 Federal tax returns is **APRIL 15**.

E-file for free via [IRS Direct File](#) or use [IRS Free Efile](#) for guided software if AGI is below \$84,000.

Free tax prep available through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or call the IRS helpline at 1-800-829-1040.

Check your tax withholding and explore tax credits like the EITC or Child Tax Credit.

GRANTS & FEDERAL FUNDING RESOURCES

Senator Fetterman just launched a new website page to help you find federal grants, loans, and assistance. Whether you're a business, nonprofit, or individual, this page has the tools you need to navigate the funding process and apply for support.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)