

STATE OF THE SIXTH

Tuesday, **January 16, 2024**

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSEY
HOULAHAN
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AGENDA

6:00 – Welcome and
Opening Remarks

6:05 – Presentation

6:50 – Q&A, moderated
by Peter Urscheler, Mayor
of Phoenixville

7:20 – Closing Remarks



MEETING NORMS



We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. We will discuss policy, not politics

*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, we will respond to you via email or a phone call!

Please write clearly to ensure a response.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSY HOULAHAN
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US

LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?

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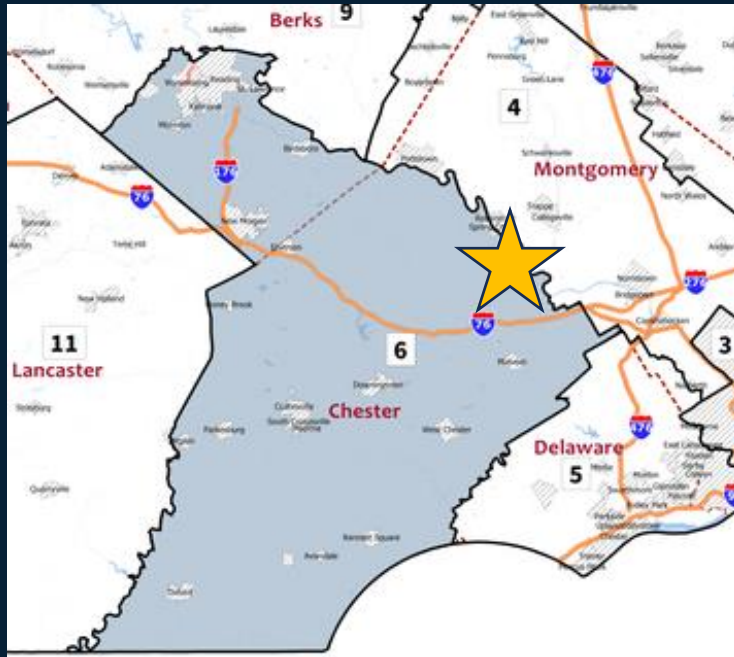
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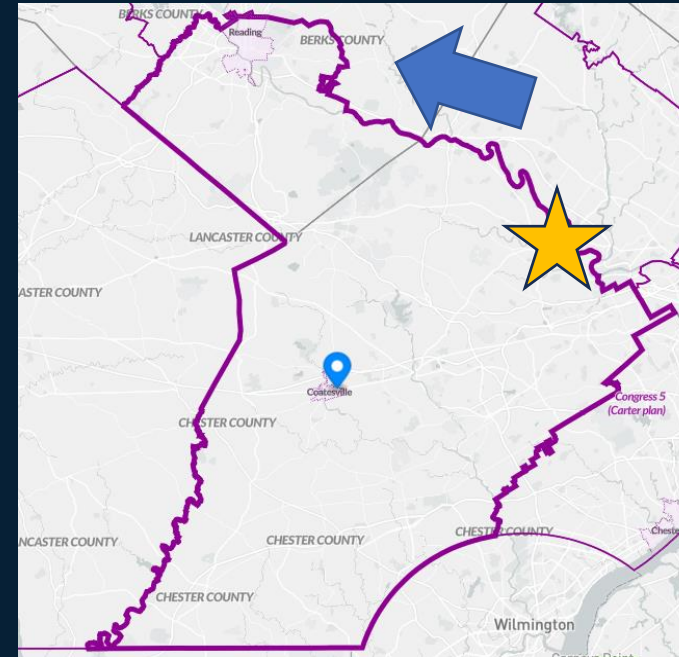
CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE



WHO DO I REPRESENT?



Old PA-06

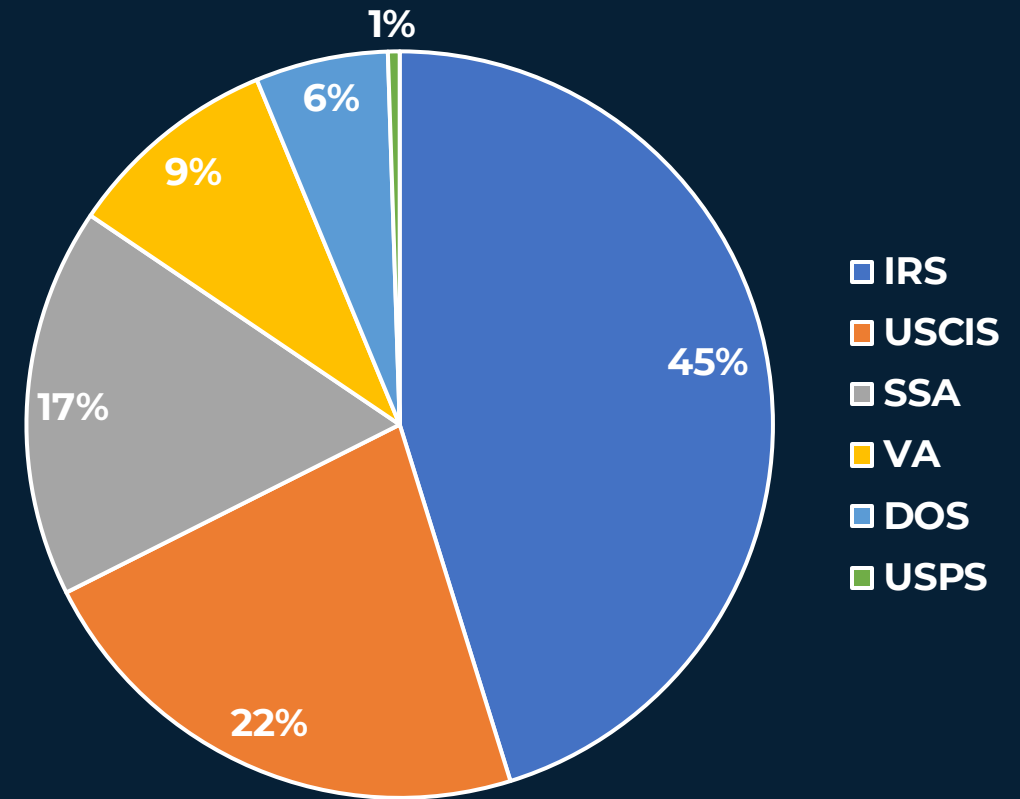


New PA-06

Every 10 years, most recently in 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau counts the number of people in the United States. This data is used to redraw Congressional districts, to keep them all equal in population size.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

- Cases closed: 8,287
- Constituent dollars returned: \$56 million
- Town halls held: ~~81~~ 82
- Student internships provided: 96
- Military academy nominations made: 122



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



CONSTITUENT SUCCESS STORIES

“”

I had a delay in reviewing my USCIS form, which blocked me from performing some of my work duties and could have cost me my job and the opportunity to pay my mortgage and cover basic expenses. I will always be grateful for the help that Rep. Houlahan's office gave me, especially by Victoria. It literally saved my life. I want to say again - thank you so much!

Darya - Morgantown

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSEY
HOULAHAN



Members of our team enjoying Longwood Gardens!

COMMITMENT TO PRAGMATIC GOVERNANCE



Houlahan receives Legislative Action Award from Laura Hall, Executive Director of Bipartisan Action Group during a town hall in Downingtown.

- Received the Legislative Action Award, presented to only 6 members each year (2 Senators and 4 Representatives)
- Among the highest scoring members of Congress for bipartisanship – recognized by the Common Ground Committee
- Reflected in my legislative record:
 - 92% of my bills are bipartisan
 - 86% of the bills I cosponsor are bipartisan

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Houlahan visits Delaware County Community College's Downingtown Campus to discuss the CHIPS and Science Act with local high school and college students!

READING EAGLE

LATEST HEADLINES

Houlahan shines light on childhood literacy at town hall

The congresswoman hosted a panel discussion about the issue Monday at Reading Area Community College.

U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan speaks during an Early Childhood Education and Literacy Town Hall on Monday in the Miller Center at Reading Area Community College. (BILL UHRICH – READING EAGLE)

By **KAREN SHUEY** | kshuey@readingeagle.com | Reading Eagle
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FAMILIES – Health and Wellness

POLICY

After infant formula crisis, lawmakers look to donor milk

Bill aims to increase access to pasteurized donor milk for infants and push the FDA to regulate the practice



Last year's formula shortage has spurred lawmakers to call for making donor breast milk more mainstream. (Sophie Brössler/Getty Images)



A new bipartisan push for paid family and medical leave

FAMILIES - Safety

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

Houlihan calls on Congress to pass bipartisan bill to improve public safety



MSNBC

Evidence shows Biden's bipartisan gun law making a difference



President Biden signs the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act into law in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on June 25, 2022. Tasos Katopodis / Getty Images file

Evidence shows Biden's bipartisan gun law making a difference

Nearly two years after President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, there's new evidence that the gun law is making a positive difference.



abc NEWS

VIDEO LIVE SHOWS

'It is historic': US poised to see record drop in yearly homicides despite public concern over crime

The year is expected to end with over 2,000 fewer murders than in 2022.

ECONOMY



- June 2022 (peak) - average price was **\$5.01/gallon**
- Current - **\$3.37/gallon**
- Natural gas rates for PECO and UGI Utilities **down 28-41%** from last year

ECONOMY – A Dynamic Picture

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

ECONOMY

Labor market added 216,000 jobs in December, capping year of big gains

*“The unemployment rate has now remained below 4 percent for 25 months, a stretch last accomplished in the 1960s. Average hourly wage growth accelerated slightly in December **continuing to outpace inflation**, boosting workers’ spending power, especially among the lowest earners.”*

“In many ways the labor market is at its best place it has been, not only since [before covid], but by some measures in decades,” said Diane Swonk, chief economist at accounting giant KPMG.”

WELCOMING NEW BUSINESSES TO PA-06!



Houlahan tours International Paper's new facility in Atglen in January of 2024.



Houlahan visits World Titus Center of Renewable Energy, Industry & Commerce in Birdsboro in October of 2023.

NEW BUSINESSES = Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

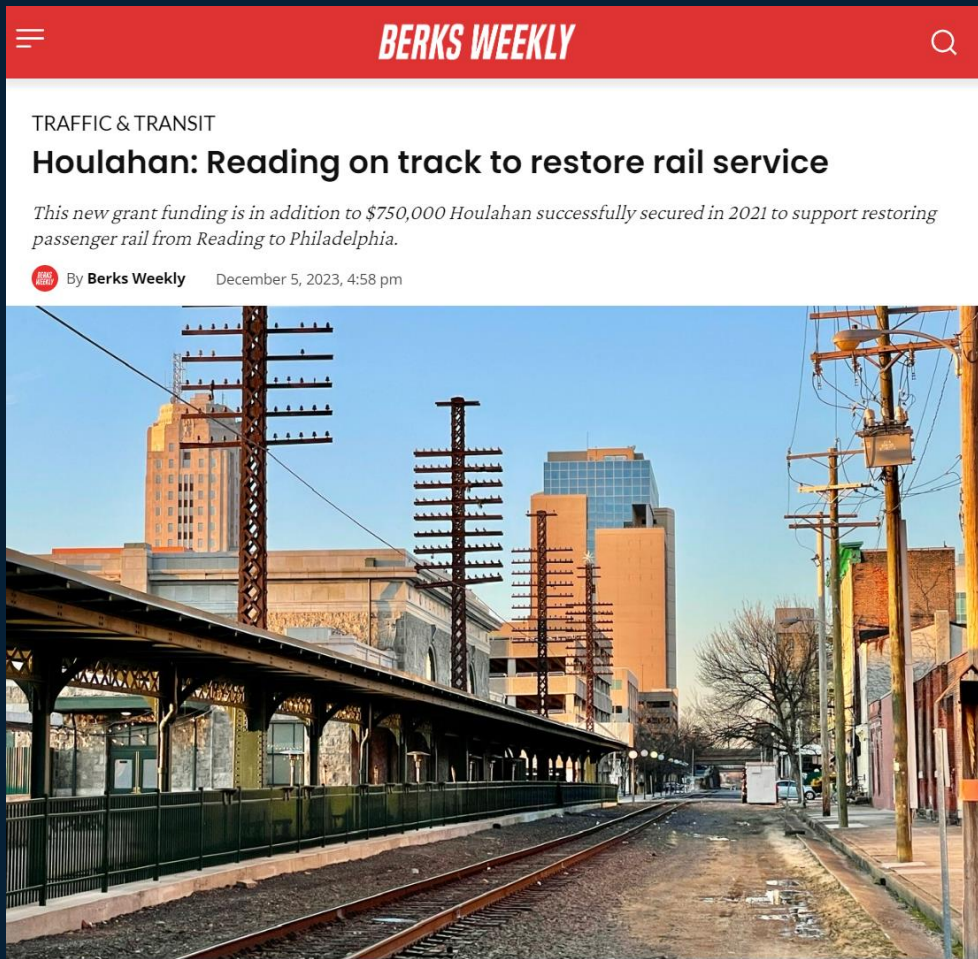


Houlahan learns about Super Natural Produce's new location, which is transforming a 40,000 square foot blighted vehicle garage.



Houlahan cuts ribbon at ceremony welcoming Piasecki Aircraft to its new Coatesville location.

REBUILDING PENNSYLVANIA'S AGING INFRASTRUCTURE



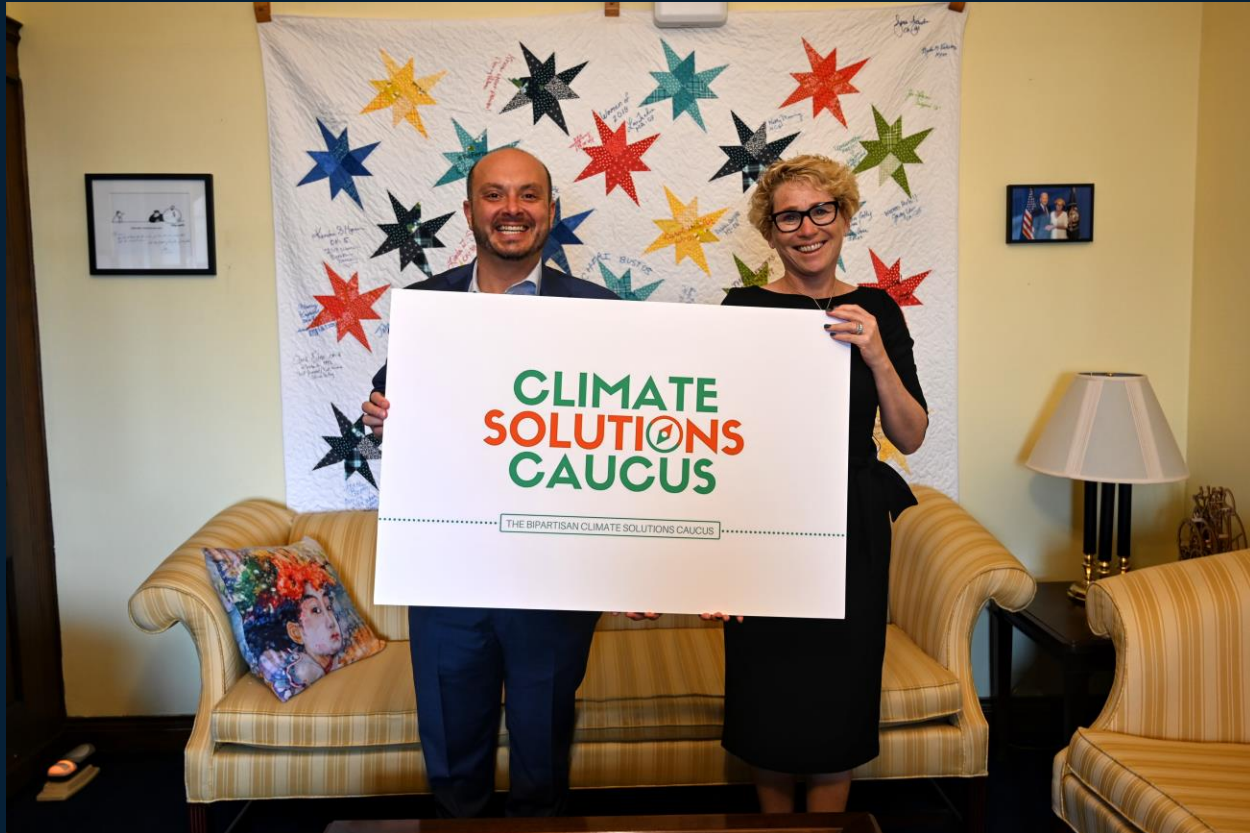
- PA has 3,112 bridges and 7,743 miles of highway in poor condition
- \$8.1 billion has been announced in Pennsylvania for roads, bridges, roadway, safety, and major projects
- \$1.5 billion has been received for high-speed internet
- \$659 million to provide clean and safe water
- Largest investment in public transit in U.S. history

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE = Jobs, Jobs, Jobs



Houlahan meets with JD Eckman senior leadership and tours their facilities in Atglen.

LOWERING ENERGY COSTS AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Houlahan meets with fellow Climate Solutions Caucus Co-Chair, Rep. Garbarino (R-NY)

A screenshot of the Energy.gov website. The top navigation bar includes the "ENERGY.GOV" logo, a search icon, and a menu icon. Below the navigation bar, the text "Department of Energy" is displayed. The main content area features a large green background with white text that reads: "Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$7 Billion For America's First Clean Hydrogen Hubs, Driving Clean Manufacturing and Delivering New Economic Opportunities Nationwide". At the bottom of the green area, the date "OCTOBER 13, 2023" is shown.

LOWERING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

2023

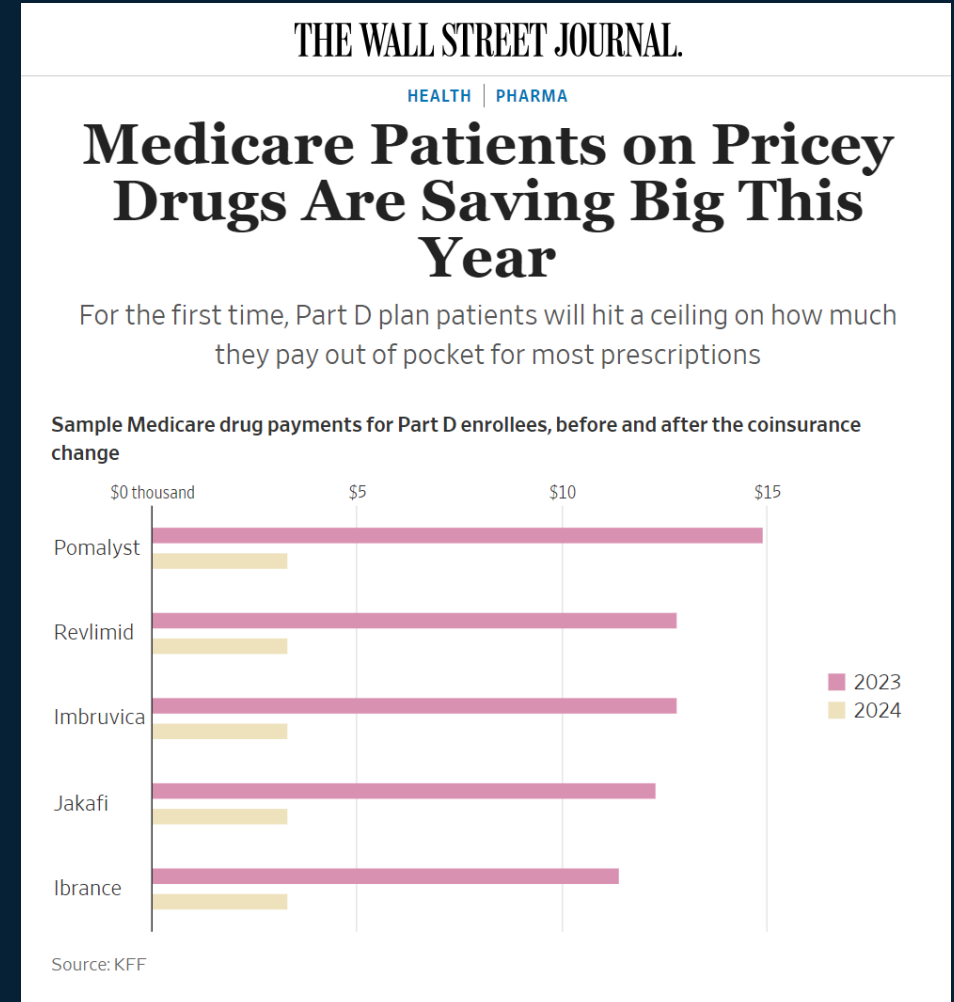
- Drug companies pay rebates to Medicare if prices rise faster than inflation
- **\$35/month insulin for Medicare recipients**
- Eliminate cost sharing for adult vaccines

2024

- Expand eligibility for full benefits under Medicare Part D
- Cap out-of-pocket spending for Medicare Part D

2026

- Require federal government to negotiate prices for some prescription drugs



HEALTH CARE INNOVATION



MENU 



Philadelphia region designated a federal tech hub for life sciences

Posted on [November 2, 2023](#)

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN PA-06



Houlahan meets with VA Secretary McDonough in Coatesville.

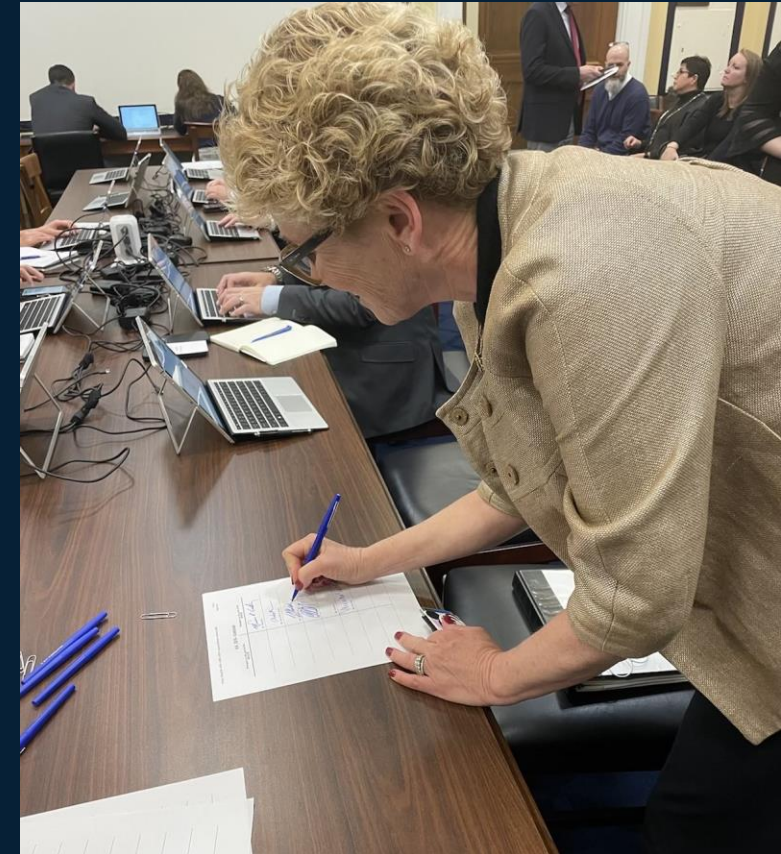


Houlahan speaks at announcement of historic partnership between Penn Medicine and the VA in June of 2023.

STRENGTHENING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY



Houlihan talks with cadets at Valley Forge Military Academy and College.



As a conferee, Houlihan signs Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act in December of 2023.

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS



Houlahan met with West Reading Fire Department in July of 2023.

LOCAL IDEAS WITH NATIONAL REACH

69 NEWS

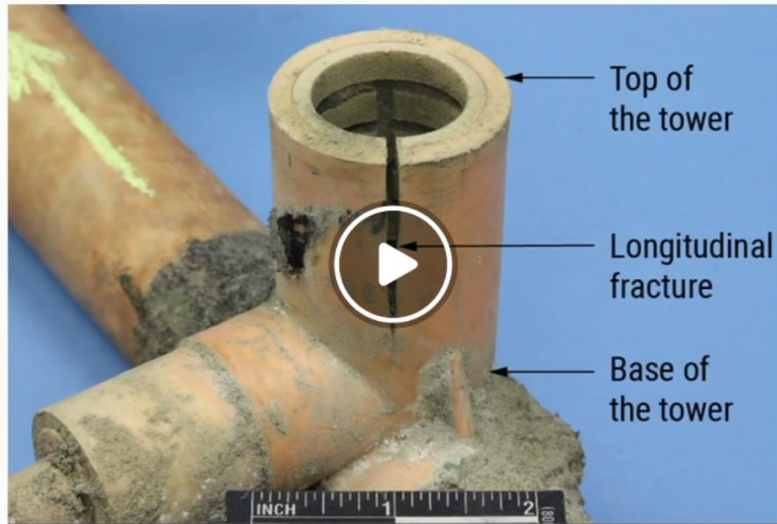
SECTIONS

Plastic in pipes: Berks lawmakers propose change after RM Palmer explosion

Jack Reinhard Nov 1, 2023 0

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023



2 *Times of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.



Houlihan with Phoenixville Police Officer who inspired her body camera legislation as a result of their ride along.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSY HOULAHAN

CONFLICTS ABROAD

Congress

Poll finds strong support for arming Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan

By **Bryant Harris**

Nov 30, 2023



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

December 18, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We are deeply concerned by PM Netanyahu's current military strategy in Gaza. The mounting civilian death toll and humanitarian crisis are unacceptable and not in line with American interests; nor do they advance the cause of security for our ally Israel. We also believe it jeopardizes efforts to destroy the terrorist organization Hamas and secure the release of all hostages.

From our positions on the Intelligence, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs Committees, we have consistently pushed for Israel to shift its military strategy—there has been no significant change.

We have dedicated our lives to national security and believe our nation's values are a source of credibility and power. Some of us also spent years fighting America's war on terror. We know from personal and often painful experience that you can't destroy a terror ideology with military force alone. And it can, in fact, make it worse.

Accordingly, we urge you to continue to use all our leverage to achieve an immediate and significant shift of military strategy and tactics in Gaza.

Sincerely,

Jason Crow
Member of Congress

Mikie Sherrill
Member of Congress

Chrissy Houlahan
Member of Congress

Seth Moulton
Member of Congress

Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress

Elissa Slotkin
Member of Congress

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Houlahan's father and grandmother after escaping war-torn Poland in 1945.

The Dignity Act of 2023

This **comprehensive, bipartisan** bill addresses border security, border infrastructure, grants legal status to undocumented immigrants already living in the United States with the possibility of earning citizenship, establishes new pathways for asylum seekers, and creates new legal pathways for economic migrants and unaccompanied minors.

- **Border Security:**

- **Funding for border infrastructure and equipment** – technology upgrades and acquisitions, research and development, and task force development.
 - Requires CBP to construct and deploy enhanced barriers where it is most effective and beneficial to establishing an operational advantage at the border.
 - Requires CBP to develop a 5-year technology investment plan.
 - Requires CBP to make several essential technology upgrades including secure communication technology, integrated surveillance systems, updates to license plate readers, and a biometric exit data system.
 - **No** funding for restarting construction of the Trump border wall or similar cross-border barrier projects.
- **Increased personnel** – funding for additional U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents and officers, incentives for retaining current workforce, increased funding for civilian Border Patrol Processing Coordinators, increased training, and reports and studies on current staffing models.
- **Investments in border communities** – codifies the newly created Shelter and Services Program to ensure that local governments and non-governmental organizations who assist arriving migrants will be able to continue providing vital services.
- **“Operational Control”** – replaces the current definition of operational control, which is currently statutorily defined as “the prevention of **all** unlawful entries into the United States”, an unrealistic and unworkable metric that was established in the Secure Fence Act of 2006.
 - **Redefines it to “Operational Advantage”** – “as the ability to detect, respond, and interdict border penetrations in areas deemed as high priority for threat potential or other national security objectives”
- **Southern Border Threat Analysis** – requires the Department of Homeland Security to develop an assessment of potential threats along the southern border.
- **Northern Border Threat Analysis** – requires the Department of Homeland Security to develop an assessment of potential threats along the northern border.
- **Border Patrol Strategic Plan** – requires the Department of Homeland Security to develop a plan regarding security enhancements for our international borders, security gaps at ports of entry, information sharing improvements, situational awareness and human trafficking prevention efforts, an assessment of training programs, and information relating to staffing requirements; the plan will be updated every two years.

- **Ports of Entry Infrastructure:**

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☰ CNN politics SCOTUS Congress Facts First 2024 Elections

Congressional leaders reach agreement to keep government funded into March

By Haley Talbot and Kristin Wilson, CNN

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Samuel Corum/Getty Images



Houlahan tours Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) in December 2023 to see results of over \$1 million in Community Project Funding.

BY THE NUMBERS

The New York Times

House Dysfunction by the Numbers: 724 Votes, Only 27 Laws Enacted

The tally reflects the extraordinary chaos and paralysis that gripped the House in 2023, when lawmakers did more voting but less lawmaking than at any time in the past decade.

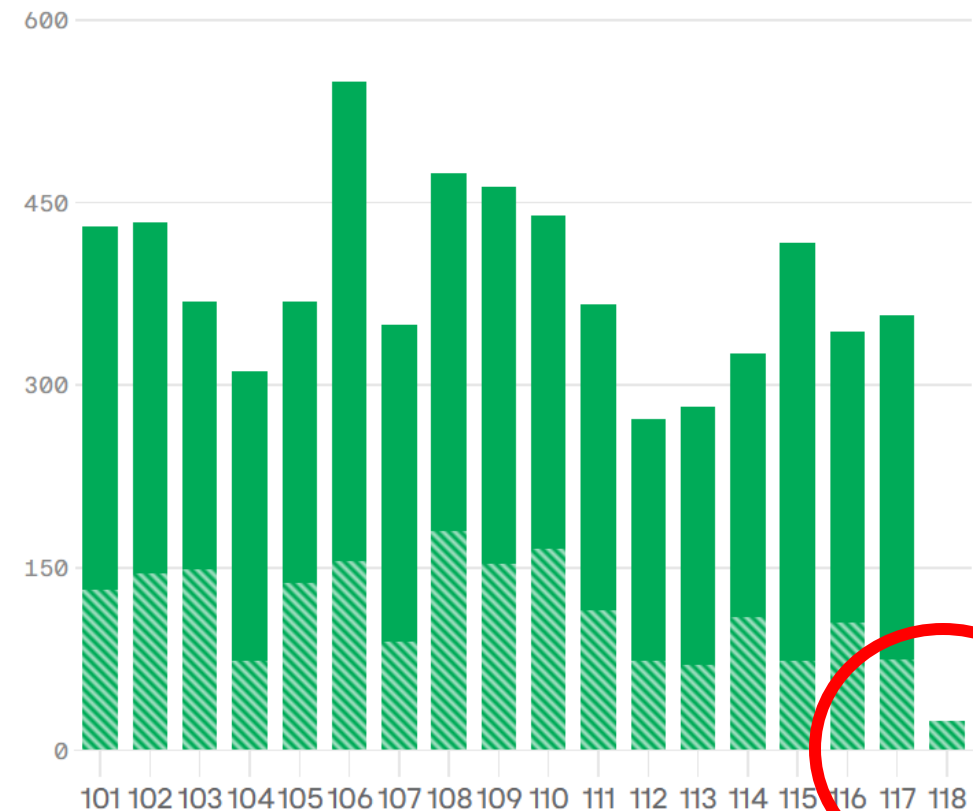
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In 2023, the Republican-led House passed only 26 bills that became law. Kenny Holston/The New York Times

Capitol Hill stunner: 2023 led to fewest laws in decades

Enacted in first year of two-year session



Data: Quorum; Chart: Simran Parwani/Axios

Q&A

*Moderated by Mayor Peter
Urscheler*

CLOSING REMARKS



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