



State Representative **THOMAS KUTZ**

**SUMMER
2024**



2024–25 BUDGET **UPDATE**

On July 11, the General Assembly approved a \$47.6 billion budget that spends \$3.3 billion more than it takes in, depleting our state's Rainy Day Fund, reserve and surplus funds in two years. This budget represents a 6% increase in spending and uses one-time federal dollars to fund new programs that create recurring expenses. While the Commonwealth has the money to pay for these programs today, I fear they will be unaffordable in the coming years.

There are initiatives in the budget I support like historic investments in public education and school safety, tax credits for employers who assist employees with childcare costs, and improvements to the state's treatment of Net Operating Losses (NOL) for businesses. I was pleased to support several of these proposals individually, including supporting the Education Code bill which provides funding for our public schools. However, I was compelled to vote against the overall spending proposal because the increase in overall spending is unsustainable for Pennsylvanians and far outpaces the rate of inflation.

I advocated for a responsible spending plan as a member of the House Appropriations Committee at all stages of the budget process, while ensuring our most vital programs were adequately funded. I am grateful for the opportunity to be your voice in the state's budgetary process and to advocate for responsible stewardship of your taxpayer dollars.

ADVOCATING FOR TAXPAYERS **on the House Finance Committee**

I am honored to have been recently appointed to serve on the House Finance Committee, which considers important tax reform legislation for the Commonwealth.

I previously worked on tax policy in Congress for the House Committee on Ways and Means and am excited to bring that experience to the state House. I have also sponsored many pieces of tax reform legislation this term.

I'm grateful for this appointment at such a pivotal time for Pennsylvania. I look forward to working with my fellow legislators to advocate for thoughtful and responsible tax policy updates that address major issues impacting our Commonwealth.

Now is the time to make changes to our Tax Code that encourage families and businesses to plant roots in Pennsylvania. Through impactful reform, we can also attract entrepreneurs and industry that capitalizes on our potential to be an economic powerhouse.

New Law SUPPORTS DISABLED VETERANS

Recognizing the service and sacrifice of disabled veterans across the state, a new law will exempt 100% of their benefit payments from income calculations for any Commonwealth programs or benefits.

Act 27 of 2024 ensures veterans who receive disability compensation will not have those payments counted against them when applying to programs such as the Real Estate Tax Exemption, Education Gratuity Program, Veterans Temporary Assistance Program and Military Family Relief Assistance Program. It also extends the exclusion of the veterans' compensation benefits to their unmarried surviving spouses.

I was proud to support this important initiative for Pennsylvania's disabled vets. The law will take effect in mid-August.



Touring the facilities at 3M in Mechanicsburg.



Learning more about the history of American Legion Post 109.



Welcoming Gov. Josh Shapiro and Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding to Dickinson College Farm in South Middleton Township.



Reading to students at Kiddie Academy.

PROUDLY SERVING THE 87TH DISTRICT

One of my favorite parts of representing you in the 87th District is getting out and about to connect with constituents in the community. Check out some of the great things that make our piece of Cumberland County such a great place to call home.

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STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION About Upcoming Events

My team and I are working to bring several events to the 87th District this fall. Stay tuned to my Facebook page, Instagram and e-newsletters for more information about the following events. My website, www.RepKutz.com/Events, will also be updated as details are finalized.

- Fall Toast with Thomas
- Grant Seminar
- Veterans Breakfast
- First Responders Dinner
- Legislative Open House

You can also look for me and my staff at National Night Out events on Aug. 6, from 6-8 p.m. We will have legislative booths with state-related information and resources at the following events.

- **Upper Allen Township: Allen Distribution**
150 Allen Distribution Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- **South Middleton Township: Spring Meadows Park**
640 W. 1st St., Boiling Springs, PA 17007
- **Silver Spring Township: Stony Ridge Park**
50 Bernheisel Bridge Road, Carlisle, PA 17015

I hope to see you at these upcoming events!