

STATE SENATOR

JAMES MALONE

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The Malone Post

Dear Neighbor,

As summer approaches, I wanted to share an update on my work as your State Senator.

After being sworn in a little more than a year ago, I'm proud of the progress we've made connecting with communities in every corner of the 36th Senatorial District. I've made it a priority to listen to community leaders, business owners, and residents from all walks of life. Your stories and perspectives are what drive my work in Harrisburg.

At the Capitol, I've focused on practical initiatives like securing funding to repair local roads, lowering costs for families, and addressing real problems people in Lancaster have brought to me.

In the coming weeks, I'll continue working to help deliver a state budget that invests in Lancaster, making essentials like housing and childcare more affordable and supporting our local businesses and farms.

Please remember that my office staff and I are here to help you with issues big or small. Don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

At your service,

State Senator James Andrew Malone · Senate District 36

IN THE COMMUNITY



I toured the Mount Joy branch of the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center with staff and student ambassadors.



At the Lititz Public Library, I joined their groundbreaking ceremony for new additions to the library and offered remarks congratulating staff and community partners for expanding the space for high-demand programs.



During a tour of local businesses in the area, I visited Kindred Collections, a small business in Columbia.

While visiting Cub Scouts Pack 47 in Manheim, I talked about my role in state government to help them earn their government badges.



At Hope Served's wall-breaking ceremony in Manheim, I joined staff and community members as they kicked off renovations for their new headquarters supporting adults with disabilities.



I spoke with a classroom of future educators at Ephrata Senior High School before visiting Clay Elementary.



I announced a \$130,000 grant I helped secure from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for East Donegal Township to purchase a new excavator to help maintain local roads.



I snapped a picture with the owner and staff at the Sandwich Factory Sports Lounge during a tour of this popular local restaurant.



After presenting a citation celebrating their 100th anniversary, I held a mini town hall with the Elizabethtown Rotary Club.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



UNLOCKING HOMEOWNERSHIP ACCESS

Unclear property titles can pose barriers to homeownership when a homeowner passes away and family members continue living in the home without formally updating property records. When a title remains in a deceased relative's name, heirs can face significant challenges, including difficulty selling the home and securing financing. I introduced SB 1203 to allow counties to use small estate primary residence affidavits to efficiently resolve unclear titles and remove this barrier to homeownership. ■



ADDRESSING E-BIKE SAFETY CONCERNS

Pennsylvania is experiencing a sharp rise in e-bike use, raising concerns about whether current laws address modern e-bike capabilities and roadway safety. To address this, I introduced a resolution requesting that the Joint State Government Commission develop recommendations for updating our e-bike laws. The report would examine safety standards, infrastructure needs, rider permitting, and the role of municipalities to modernize e-bike rules and enhance roadway safety. ■



PUTTING PETS FIRST

I introduced SB 1190 to address the proliferation of puppy mills in Pennsylvania. This issue is personal for me because my family pet, Neena, was rescued from a puppy mill. SB 1190 would reduce demand for puppy mills by ending permits for facilities that acquire dogs, cats, and rabbits from these high-volume commercial breeders. ■



CHILD CARE AFFORDABILITY

The rising cost of childcare is one of the biggest burdens on Lancaster families. Pennsylvania's Employer Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Program was created to encourage businesses to help their employees cover that cost, but businesses can only receive a maximum of \$150 per employee in tax credits for their contributions, which is too little to meaningfully incentivize participation. That's why I introduced legislation to expand the program and encourage participation by matching 100% of employer contributions to their employees' child care costs, up to \$10,000 per employee each year. ■



PROTECTING DRINKING WATER

Pennsylvania is one of only three states that doesn't require licensing for water well drillers, which I find unacceptable. More than three million Pennsylvanians rely on private wells for their drinking water, yet our state lacks even basic construction standards to ensure their safety. That's why I worked with Senators Lynda Schlegel Culver and Nick Miller to introduce SB 1249, bipartisan legislation that will protect well users by creating a licensing framework for water well drillers under PA's Department of State. ■



ENCOURAGING FIRST-TIME HUNTERS

As Minority Chair of the Senate Game & Fisheries Committee, I understand the importance of passing our hunting and fishing traditions on to the next generation. To encourage young people to start hunting, I introduced SB 1142, which would make first-time hunters eligible for a free antlerless deer tag for one year after completing the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunter-Trapper Education Course. ■



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 **SAVE THE DATE!**

KID'S FAIR
July 18 | 3-5pm
Hands-on House
Children's Museum

2ND ANNUAL SHREDDING EVENT
August 22 | 8:30-11:30am
Warwick High School

SENIOR FAIR
September 2 | 9am-noon
Kreider's Farms
Cultural Center

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST
November 9 | 8am-10am
Calvary Homes

My staff regularly attends community events throughout the district to offer in-person services and hosts virtual webinars with state agencies on topics that impact our community.

For a full schedule visit: senatormalone.com/events or scan QR code.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

- Birth & Death Certificate Application
- Assistance with Utilities (LIHEAP)
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate Assistance
- SEPTA Senior Fare Cards
- Applications for Benefits (SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP)
- And much more
- PennDOT Application Assistance