



State Representative

**VALERIE GAYDOS**

**44<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

# LEGISLATION TO **KEEP MORE \$** IN YOUR POCKET

## **Initiative to Ensure More Transparency in Prescription Drugs Pricing Now Law**

Access to affordable prescription drugs is vital for the health and well-being of millions of Pennsylvanians. Legislation I co-sponsored with Rep. Jessica Benham (D-Allegheny), which aims to protect independent pharmacies and their customers from the impacts of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Pharmacy benefit managers serve as middlemen in the pharmaceutical industry, responsible for negotiating prices and discounts between prescription drug manufacturers, insurers and pharmacies. Unfortunately, some methods used by PBMs are driving independent pharmacies out of business, and in some cases leaving communities without a local pharmacy to serve residents in need of medications.

House Bill 1993 is a crucial step toward ensuring transparency and accountability in how PBMs operate within Pennsylvania, a move that will ultimately help millions of prescription drug consumers across the Commonwealth.

This bipartisan legislation demonstrates our commitment to fostering a health care environment that prioritizes the needs of patients and supports our local pharmacies.



## **Landslide Legislation Takes Major Step Forward**

Landslides pose a significant threat to our communities, causing property damage and putting lives at risk. Damage from landslides is not covered under normal homeowners insurance, so this is an area where homeowners are often “on their own.” The expense can be overwhelming.

Legislation I authored, along with Rep. Emily Kinkead (D-Allegheny), would provide much-needed financial protection to homeowners and municipalities that face the expenses of these natural disasters.

In June, the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee advanced House Bill 589 that would create a new insurance program for homeowners living in landslide-prone areas. The measure also would provide assistance to local governments that wish to mitigate the risk of landslides within their communities.

The bill is pending action in the full House of Representatives.

## **Advocating to Protect Suburban Allegheny County Homeowners from Property Tax Increases**

I strongly support property tax relief when it is afforded to all. But providing tax breaks for those in the city of Pittsburgh and not for those in the surrounding suburbs is not only unfair — it is unconstitutional.

That’s why I voted “no” to Senate Bill 219, which passed anyway and was signed into law. The measure gives the city of Pittsburgh the option of enacting a Longtime Owner Occupant Program (LOOP) to help city homeowners at the expense of other Allegheny County residents.

City residents aren’t the only ones who need help managing rising property taxes. That’s why we tried to amend the bill to make it fairer to all Allegheny County residents, but majority House Democrats voted to table all amendments.

Allowing the city of Pittsburgh to defer or exempt property tax increases for its longtime owner occupants will inevitably lead to higher county property taxes for the rest of us.







## DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS

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## AROUND THE **DISTRICT**



*I was the guest speaker as JM Steel announced it is expanding Nexttracker-Dedicated Steel to triple capacity for new U.S. solar power generation projects in Leetsdale. This is a major step in rebuilding the economy in our area.*



*Boy Scout Agostino Radzicz and his father, Dave, met with me at my district office in Moon Township. To fulfill Agostino's "Building a Better World" badge requirement, he needed to meet with a local community leader to learn more about local leadership and important issues facing the community.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DISTRICT OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, Sept. 6, 7:30–9 a.m.**

1005 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 106, Moon Township

### POP-UP TENANT TOOLKIT

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 10–11:30 a.m.**

Panera, 250 McHolme Drive, North Fayette Township

### ICE CREAM & ISSUES

**Thursday, Sept. 12, 3–5 p.m.**

Eat'n Park, 9516 University Blvd., Moon Township

### CYBER SECURITY FOR BUSINESSES

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 5–7 p.m.**

Hilton Garden Inn, 9600 University Blvd., Moon Township

### SEWICKLEY VALLEY YMCA'S SENIOR EXPO

**Thursday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

625 Blackburn Road, Sewickley

### DISTRICT OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30–9 a.m.**

1005 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 106, Moon Township

### HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FORUM

**Monday, Oct. 7, 6–8 p.m.**

SNPJ, 247 W. Allegheny Road, Imperial