



Senator **SHARIF STREET**

Representing the 3rd Senatorial District



LET'S GROW PA

SUMMER 2019



Senator Street & Temple Host Gun Victim Advocates, Sandy Hook Riders on Their Philadelphia Stop

Team 26 rides to commemorate the Tree of Life Synagogue massacre (PGH) against hate and gun violence. Senator Street continues to address the seeds of hate by offering safe spaces legislation. This measure enhances the penalty for intimidating entire communities by vandalizing cemeteries, churches, mosques and synagogues.

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YOUR HEALTH & HARRISBURG

I went to Harrisburg to advocate for you and protect and improve the health of our communities. As a member of Health & Human Services Committee and Chair of the Banking & Insurance Committee I continue to work for you.

Presumptive Eligibility - Get Care At Home

Too many families face uncertainty as seniors age in their homes and struggle with accessing in-home care. The prospect of our loved ones being forced into a nursing home is intimidating. Nursing homes should not be your only option. As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I've joined Senator Brooks in reintroducing our bill to make in-home care available to Medicaid recipients. Currently, seniors eligible for Medicaid in-home services endure a long application process that can take months, this forces some into nursing home facilities, putting their homes, dignity and proximity to loved ones at risk.

Pharmacy Transparency

I've reintroduced my bill to bring an end to the pharmacist gag rule and create more transparency concerning the cost of prescription drugs. We must do more to end predatory practices that target our citizens.

No one should have to choose between food and medicine.

Medical Marijuana Card

In 2016 Governor Wolf signed the **Medical Marijuana Act** into law allowing constituents suffering from opioid use addiction, anxiety, PTSD, cancer and many other ailments to safely and responsibly medicate without the risk of addiction or incarceration. I was proud to join the Diasporic Alliance for Cannabis Opportunities to host a two day conference in 2018 educating and empowering communities of color to participate in the emerging cannabis industry. With over 700 attendees I look forward to this year's conference on September 28 and 29 at Temple Medical School.

The reality is many self-



medicate, using marijuana obtained from the streets, risking health, security and freedom. The Medical Marijuana Act is your opportunity to medicate safely, and manage pain without the risk of opioids.

This is life-saving medicine that should be accessible. I'm proud to be the only legislative office in Pennsylvania, state or local, to help you obtain a medical marijuana card.

Visit my district offices to apply for a medical marijuana card from 11 am to 2 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you to Medicinally Jointed and Philly NORML for providing this service!



Community Job Fair

Proud to join Temple University in hosting the largest Community Job Fair in Philadelphia with 146 employers and thousands of attendees. This is our yearly effort to hire directly from the Philadelphia community.

Funding Our Communities

As a member of the Appropriations Committee I've delivered over \$18 MILLION dollars in RCAP grants and individual contracts to the community, including: Uptown Ent. Development Corporation, New Freedom Theatre, Cristo Rey Philadelphia H.S., WES Health Center, The Beury Building, Einstein Healthcare Network, Allegheny West Foundation and The Big SandBox.



Revitalizing North Broad

I envision a new North Broad, a revitalization that will recapture the iconic status of North Philadelphia. The rehabilitation of historic fixtures like the Uptown Theatre, Beury Building and the development of a North Station District and transportation hub, will spur economic development and reshape North Philadelphia.



Investing in Our Kids

I've teamed up with Meek Mill, who is committed to giving back to our kids, in contributing to hundreds of families in Philadelphia and to secure state funds to redevelop the MLK Rec Center in North Philly with a new gym, fitness center and computer lab.



Raising the Minimum Wage

Every person deserves the dignity and security of gainful employment. I'm proud to join Senator Tartaglione on the poverty tour to boost our efforts to raise the minimum wage in Philadelphia and PA. [#fightfor15](#)



LET'S GROW PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania's strength lies in the diversity of its people, its resources, and contributions to the world. No matter how diverse our state may be, we are strongest when our divergent interests are focused to find common ground.



Boost to Urban Farming

There are tremendous opportunities for urban farmers to create access to fresh foods and locally grown products. This can lead to the creation of locally-developed farm markets. Local markets help fight food insecurity and eliminate food deserts. As a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, I'm proud to offer legislation to boost urban farming by providing grants to spur the development of urban farmers. Saul Biddle High School and Glenwood Green Acres in North Philadelphia, which has been raising fresh fruit and vegetables for 35 years, are just two examples of many existing urban farming programs that would benefit. I recently toured Glenwood Green Acres with Secretary Redding.

Technology is Our Future

Technology is the fastest growing economic sector in the world. I was encouraged when Governor Wolf announced plans to bolster Career Technical Education programs by \$10 million for this year's budget. I joined Senator Gene Yaw to tour the Pennsylvania College of Technology. The Workforce Development and Continuing Education courses will prepare graduates with certification and placement in the fields of business, healthcare, computers and industry. I have encouraged a partnership with our CTE Schools including Murell Dobbins in my district. This will prepare our youth to have an immediate impact in building the economy while becoming a part of the world's fastest growing economic sector.



PA Agriculture Connects Communities

Agriculture is a global export contributing \$75 billion to our economy. It connects communities through food, medicine and more.

PA is home to The Hershey Company headquarters. The entire chocolate industry is tied to Pennsylvania dairy farmers and West African farmers. Cocoa beans are primarily grown by farmers in West Africa, and shipped to Hershey through the Port of Philadelphia. They are utilized to make a variety of chocolate products with milk sourced from dairy farms in PA.

I was proud to bring a delegation from West Africa to join me and Secretary Redding to tour the Pennsylvania Farm Show and explore ways in which we can grow trade. To enhance growth in an increasingly competitive global economy we must strengthen the ties that bind us while exploring new possibilities.

PROGRESSIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Pennsylvania's criminal justice system has gained a degree of transparency nationally, due to high profile cases and reform.



Smart Justice PA

Pennsylvania has more people serving time in prison than almost any other state in America. It is a poor use of your tax dollars and in many ways does not increase safety. Smart Justice must replace the “Tough on Crime” philosophy of the ‘90s that has failed so many communities.

We’ve progressed with passage of Clean Slate, sealing some convictions over time. However, we still imprison people at great cost (\$40,000) for absurd reasons: technical parole violations (which are not crimes) for longer periods of time than the initial sentence; being unable to post bail (putting an emphasis on an inability to pay instead of centering public risk); and, jailing those unable to pay court fines and costs.

I have introduced legislation to address these many imperfections. We have policy to end cash bail, repeal a racist and sexist risk assessment tool, reform parole and repeal the death penalty. We will also automatically expunge charges which have been pardoned by Governor Wolf as well as any charge which resulted in a non-conviction. We will decriminalize the simple possession of marijuana. No one should go to jail or have a driver’s license suspended for such charges.

There is a groundswell of support for reform: progressives and conservative groups like Americans for Prosperity, as well as celebrities and sport icons like Malcolm Jenkins of the Philadelphia Eagles and Sixers owner, Marc Rubin, who joined Meek Mill and Jay-Z to found the REFORM Alliance. This is a fight we must all join to fully realize a future of progressive criminal justice reform in the commonwealth of PA.

The Cost of Life

Last year we began the kickoff in Harrisburg to reform parole for lifers in the state of Pennsylvania. We traveled to Pittsburgh, Allentown, Chester, Philadelphia and hosted over a dozen legislators for the first joint policy hearing inside a state correctional facility (SCI Dallas). We picked up bipartisan support including Republican Senator Greenleaf, CADBI, the ACLU, Americans for Prosperity, Philadelphia DA Krasner, Cut50 and more.

Life sentences carry a cost that everyone pays. Victims and families bear the heaviest burden of crime. They are a diverse group, many having lost loved ones and others who have loved ones behind bars. We all have proximity to the criminal justice system. There are more than 600 men and women serving life sentences who have not killed a person (known as the felony murder rule) they will die behind bars. This includes battered women sentenced to life before courts recognized Battered Women’s Syndrome. The truth is that our correctional facilities inch toward the warehousing of senior citizens advanced in age and diminished in ability to present a risk to the public. We have a fiscal and moral mandate to administer justice in a way that is humane, efficient in its use of your tax dollars and with enhance security. Join me as we work to empower the PA Parole Board to review some life sentences in PA.



Discussing the importance of bipartisan criminal justice reform with Malcolm Jenkins of the Philadelphia Eagles.



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Unclaimed Property

More than \$45 million is owed to constituents in the 3rd Senate District by the PA Treasury Department. This includes closed bank accounts, uncashed checks and more. Find your name at www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property or call my office for assistance.



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Upcoming Events

June - September

Parole Reform Forums

July

Senior Constituent Services Day

Senior Financial Literacy Session 2

July - October

Mobile Constituent Services

August

Back to School Book Bag Drive

Small & Diverse Business Forum

September

Strawberry Mansion Day

Fall Career Expo with PHA

Cannabis Opportunities Conference:
Seeking Higher Ground