

Legislative Update

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The latest news from the State Capitol

Working to Wipe Out Poverty

This week I joined the House Republican Policy Committee in hosting a roundtable meeting in Coatesville to discuss anti-poverty efforts in Chester County. This meeting was a part of a series of roundtable meetings which the committee has had throughout the state. I was joined by some local community organizations from the district whose input was extremely beneficial to the discussion. I am grateful for the representatives from Mom's House Inc. from Phoenixville and T and E Cares for their participation. The discussions centered on low-income families and their struggles with child care, basic food needs and home life instability. I was honored and inspired by the groups in attendance. The committee came away with greater knowledge of successful programs, which our nonprofits are using in Chester County. The committee also heard about barriers within the state welfare system that should be re-evaluated. The policy committee's intended outcome is to take the ideas from these meetings and improve state programs for people in poverty.

