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### A NOTE FROM CONGRESSMAN EVANS

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for giving me another opportunity to serve you in Congress. Having grown up in North Philadelphia, it is the honor of a lifetime to work every day to create a better city for all Philadelphians. I want you to know I deeply appreciate the many calls, emails, and letters I've received wishing me well during my recovery and rehabilitation following a minor stroke last year.

Looking back at 2024, I am proud of what my team and I were able to accomplish for the people of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District. In the 2024 fiscal year, I secured over **\$13.3 million** in federal funding for **15 community projects** across our district. These projects will help increase affordable housing, small business growth, pedestrian safety, and more! My district office staff also helped return another **\$4.5 million** back to constituents from federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration and the IRS.

As I look forward, despite the challenges of a Republican controlled White House and Congress, I want you to know that **my values and priorities have not changed- and will not change**. I will continue to fight actions by the Trump administration that put federal funding for Philadelphia at risk. I will continue fighting to lower costs for working families. And I will continue defending access to health care and tax fairness for *all* Americans. Furthermore, as a member of the influential Ways and Means Committee, which oversees taxes, trade, Social Security, and Medicare, I will continue advocating for poverty-busting policies such as restoring expansions of the Child Tax Credit and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.



As we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, I am reminded of what Benjamin Franklin said, here in Philadelphia, during the Constitutional Convention— we have "a republic, if you can keep it."

Our democracy is fragile, and we must defend it no matter the headwinds we may face. Everyone has a part to play in protecting and safeguarding our democracy for generations to come. That's why I'm proud to represent our city in Congress and continue to work towards a better tomorrow for all.

— Congressman Dwight Evans

### SERVING PHILLY BY THE NUMBERS

**111,528** REPLIES TO LETTERS, EMAILS & CALLS FROM CONSTITUENTS

RECOVERED FOR PHILADELPHIANS THROUGH CONSTITUENT CASEWORK

**1,835** CONSTITUENT CASES CLOSED IN 2024\*

### TOP FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR CONSTITUENT CASES

Internal Revenue Service

**\$4.5 MILLION** 

Social Security Administration

Department of Veterans Affairs

> Department of Housing and Urban Development

State Department

(Passports *& Immigration*)

\*Note: This includes cases opened in previous years but closed in 2024.

# **CASEWORK WINS**

We are particularly grateful for the assistance [Congressman Evans'] office gives his constituents. Keira's aid was invaluable in sorting out a difficult series of problems we had with the IRS - she was truly amazing!

**Roger from Center City** 

I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and your team for the invaluable support and assistance you provided during my green card application process. Your efforts and attention gave us hope and comfort throughout the journey, and ultimately led to the wonderful news of my green card approval.

Y.K. from Roxborough

**Do you need help with a federal agency?** From issues with passports, the Postal Service, the IRS, Social Security Administration, Small Business Administration, or the Department of Veterans Affairs- my team is here to help!

Reach out to my Philadelphia offices at (215) 276-0340 or visit *evans.house.gov*.

# **OPPORTUNITIES & COMPETITIONS**



Daniya Bundick with her artwork

I also have the privilege of nominating candidates to the U.S. Service Academies. For students interested in serving our country and attending college at no cost, a Service Academy may be for you!

Each year my office hosts a Service Academy Day for students interested in learning more about Service Academies and our office's nomination process. Join us in 2025 if you want to learn more about this opportunity. Each year I have the pleasure of hosting the Congressional App Challenge and Congressional Art Competition for Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District. These opportunities allow us to shine a light on and encourage scientific discovery and artistic talent across the country. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in one of these competitions, visit **evans.house.gov** to find out more!

### Congressional Art Competition 1st Place Winner:

Daniya Bundick, Universal Audenried Charter School. "Self Portrait."

### **Congressional App Challenge Winner:**

Robbie Becker, Friends Select School. "Bakgeneering."



# FEDERAL SERVICES OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Congressman Evans' 2024 Signature Events

### PASSPORT PROCESSING EVENT

Assisted constituents with applying for and processing their passports in person

### TAX RESOURCE EVENT

Shared federal, state, and local tax information, resources, and assistance with constituents

### FEDERAL RESOURCES & JOBS FAIR

Connected constituents with federal, state, and local agencies and job opportunities

### SENIOR RESOURCE & WELLNESS FAIR

Helped seniors connect with adult service organizations such as Social Security and Medicare

#### NATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Provided information and resources to middle and high school students interested in careers in public service

2024 Seniors Resource & Wellness Fair





2024 National Service Opportunity Fair

For the latest on upcoming events, community resources, and more, make sure to **subscribe to my e-newsletter** for the latest PA-03 updates! Visit evans.house.gov/contact/newsletter

#### MT. AIRY/ GERMANTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT & RECONNECTION | \$500,000

Improve pedestrian safety by adding crossings at 7 key intersections

### OPPORTUNITIES APARTMENTS | \$1,000,000

Address the critically needed affordable housing for lowincome seniors

#### VAUX COMMUNITY BUILDING AUDITORIUM RENOVATION | \$500,000

Create a space for resident-owned businesses & community organizations

#### LAMBERTON SCHOOLYARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | \$500,000

Provide low- to moderate-income families a space to play and experience STEM learning

#### ABIGAIL PANKEY APARTMENTS | \$1,000,000

Create affordable housing in West Philadelphia

#### COMPASSION SENIOR LIVING | \$2,000,000

Help address social inequities and local disparities © mitigate the effects of climate change with the inclusion of a green roof and energy-efficient HVAC systems

### THE APARTMENTS AT 40TH STREET PLACE | \$900,000

Help create affordable housing opportunities that withstand housing market pressures

#### 52ND ST. STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT | \$500,000

Enhance traffic safety measures, increase community amenities, & beautify one of Philly's historic commercial corridors

# **COMMUNITY WINS**

This year, I helped secure more than \$13.3 million in federal funding for 15 community projects across the 3rd Congressional District. Amongst this funding is over \$8.9 million going towards affordable housing projects! Other projects will help improve worker training, small business growth, community health, the environment, and pedestrian safety across our city.

I'm proud to continue fighting to bring home critical community project funding that directly benefits Philadelphians!

#### LOWER NORTH AFFORDABLE PROJECT | \$850,000

Create critically needed affordable homeownership options for Philadelphians who otherwise would be unable to purchase their homes

#### **BEECH SENIOR APARTMENTS | \$1,666,279**

Increase housing opportunities for low-income residents

#### BRINGING THE FUTURE OF WORK TO DISCONNECTED WORKERS | \$850,000

Create a state-of-the-art training facility that will help give residents in the area a distinct competitive advantage in the labor market

#### BEACON OF HOPE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT | \$3,000,000\*

Building 30 new affordable housing units to support severely underserved women and elderly veterans

\*City-wide

### PHILLY SCHOOLS TREE CANOPY | \$300,000

Reduce pollution & increase the tree canopy to improve air quality and Philadelphians' respiratory health

### LA-ERIC | \$1,000,000

Create a small business development hub in West Philadelphia that will help startups as well as established businesses grow

#### ELEVATE – STRAWBERRY MANSION NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLYARD REDEVELOPMENT | \$900,000

Help improve community health by improving environmental conditions

# DELIVERING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PHILLY

Thanks to the leadership of the Biden-Harris Administration and the historic funding bills I voted for, Philadelphia has received millions in federal funds to invest in our workforce, infrastructure, and economy.

I am always proud to work with my federal, state, and local partners to continue bringing home federal funding that helps improve our city!

Here are just a few examples:

### **\$79.6 MILLION**

TO HELP PHILAPORT TRANSITION TOWARDS ZERO-EMISSIONS

### **\$51.7 MILLION**

TO REPAIR AND TRANSFORM PHILLY'S BRIDGES, ROADS, AND WALKING TRAILS

### \$37.5 MILLION

TO REMOVE HARMFUL PFAS CHEMICALS FROM OUR DRINKING WATER

### **\$29.7 MILLION**

TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACROSS PHILLY, INCLUDING IN FRONT OF SCHOOLS

Celebrating a \$30 million HUD grant to build affordable housing





### **RECONNECTING PHILADELPHIA** *Funding Project Highlight*

### The Chinatown Stitch: Reconnecting Philadelphia to Vine Street

Thanks to President Biden's Infrastructure and Jobs Act, which I proudly voted for, in 2024 it was announced that **\$159 million** is coming to Philadelphia to create a park over the Vine Street Expressway across 10th and 13th Streets.

Built over three decades ago, this expressway split Philadelphia's historic Chinatown neighborhood. For far too long, it has unfortunately created barriers to mobility and economic opportunity for Chinatown.

That's why I co-led the Reconnecting Communities initiative in Congress because we should be prioritizing people before pavement and putting communities before cars.





## WORKING IN WASHINGTON

My positions as a member on the influential Ways & Means Committee, Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and Black Maternal Health Caucus allow me to place Philadelphians at the forefront of national policy discussions. **This past Congress, I was proud to:** 

- Introduce legislative text, substantially similar to what President Biden later signed into law, to promote peer mentorship across the child welfare system, helping keep families together and support parents and caregivers in foster and adoptive services.
- Introduce legislation to recognize and include legal guardians in family preservation services.
- Introduce legislation that would allow Philly's historic schools to receive tax credits to upgrade their facilities and remove dangerous mold and asbestos.
- Alongside then-Senator Casey, introduce The Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act, which would establish an advisory council to help victims of gun violence, and their families access resources.



# LOOKING FORWARD

In 2025 my priorities and values remain unchanged- at every turn I will continue fighting for the priorities of Philadelphians. Here are some of my legislative priorities in the 119th Congress:

While I understand many people are upset about economic concerns and immigration, we should acknowledge that much of the Republican agenda is **unpopular**, and there is no evidence that their current plans will meaningfully address the concerns of everyday Americans.

In the 119th Congress, I will work to fight attacks on working-class families. I will oppose efforts to cut taxes for the rich or attacks on health care quality, accessibility, and affordability. And I will continue to fight actions by the Trump administration that put federal funding for Philadelphia at risk.

I will also work to find and promote common-sense solutions to end America's epidemics of gun violence, housing unaffordability, and food insecurity.



Serving on the influential Ways and Means Committee, which oversees taxes, trade, Social Security and Medicare, I will continue advocating for the Earned Income Tax Credit. This is one of America's biggest, most useful tools for reducing poverty and putting hard-earned money back into workers pockets.



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