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# THE 2020 STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT:

PENNSYLVANIA'S 3RD  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT





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**Dwight Evans**



REPRESENTING PENNSYLVANIA'S 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Dear Constituents and Friends of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District,**

It has been my honor to serve you in the United States Congress for the past five years. After serving years in the state legislature of this great commonwealth, I came to Washington D.C. in 2016 as a junior Congress member; the Democrats were in the minority; and Trump was this nation's newly elected president to the surprise of many. Despite these structural obstacles, I knew we had to get to work, and I started by going straight to Washington the morning after Trump's election.

The years since have been tumultuous. The world was shaken by COVID-19, a pandemic that magnified horrifically dismal economic and health outcomes for so many Americans across this country, many of which have been growing for far too long. We also shed a bright light on the dark history of racism woven into the fabric of our nation's society following the death of George Floyd.

Despite the gridlock in Washington and the daily challenges facing Americans, substantial progress has been made. In my first two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, I have worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to fight and push for the rights of the people of this district.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee – the oldest committee in our nation's history, and the only one written and named in our great Constitution – I have worked to change policy to create more opportunity for the people of Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District. As Vice Chair of the House Small Business Committee, I have worked to leverage that opportunity to create a path for more entrepreneurs – particularly in communities that have seen generational disinvestment – to start and grow their businesses here in Philadelphia. I have simultaneously fought to protect our safety net health care system while expanding equitable access and ensuring that all residents have quality housing options within reach.

It has always been my mission to be a voice for the voiceless and represent the underrepresented. I believe quality health care access, expanding housing affordability, and encouraging small business growth and economic opportunity are the fundamental building blocks of strong communities.

As we look forward to a brighter future, with the inauguration of the Biden/Harris Administration, and Democrats narrowly controlling both chambers of Congress, this State of the District report will highlight those essential tools in the toolbox and illustrate the evolution of where we started then to where we are now.

– Congressman Dwight Evans (PA-03)



# THE PROGRESS

(POLICY ISSUES)

## HOUSING

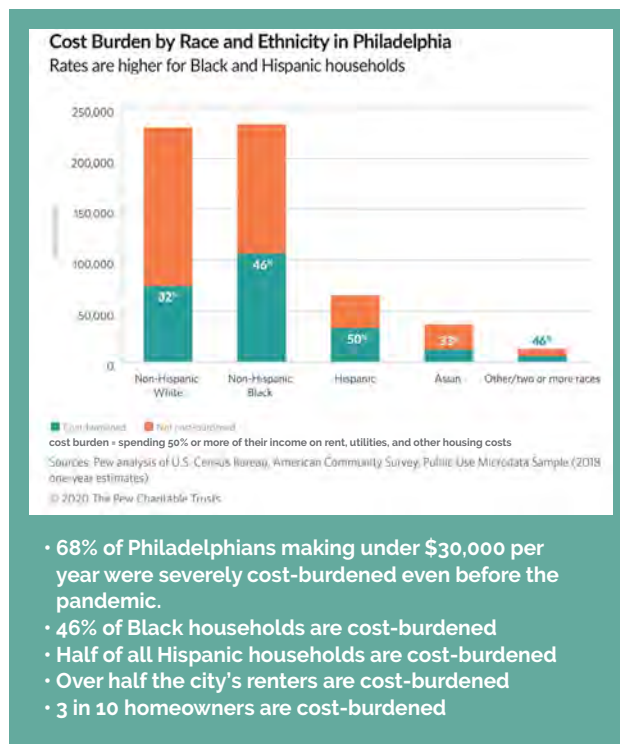
Philadelphians were experiencing a housing crisis long before any of us had heard of COVID-19. Most of my constituents are renters, and rental housing affordability has declined since 2008 due to stagnant wages and increasing rents.

Among large U.S. cities, Philadelphia has the highest proportion of cost-burdened low-income households. Such households are much less likely to recover from an unexpected medical cost or loss of income due to layoffs and furloughs. COVID-19 has only worsened financial stress for families throughout my district, particularly in Philadelphia's communities of color.

I understand that federal housing programs provide critical support to my district's children, working families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. I fundamentally believe that providing every resident with a quality housing option that they can afford, is something that Washington must support and have made this a top priority within my legislative agenda.

## LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I have fought alongside my Democratic colleagues to reject the Trump administration's frequent attempts to slash housing funding or eliminate key programs entirely. I have also opposed unjust policies that would weaken fair housing rights, while supporting tax credits to enhance affordable housing development in Philadelphia.



1.

### CARES ACT (H.R. 748):

In March 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act (H.R. 748) to address the coronavirus pandemic and the associated economic crisis. This \$2.2 trillion relief bill included an eviction moratorium for renters and mortgage forbearance for homeowners. The legislation also delivered Philadelphia:

- \$26 million for Community Development Block Grants that provide communities with funds to build more accessible housing options.
- \$13 million for Emergency Solutions Grants to assist those facing homelessness.
- \$276 million under the Coronavirus Relief Fund for rental assistance.



## MAKING HOUSING MATTER PLAN:

In September 2020, I released my Making Housing Matter plan outlining short-term relief for homeowners/renters and longer-term funding/tax measures that would enable affordable housing development. My plan calls for the preservation of a permanent floor for the 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), as well as additional rental assistance dollars; both of which were ultimately included in relief packages that passed both the House and the Senate.

I have long recognized the value of LIHTC in boosting development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in my congressional district and across the nation. I have called for establishing a permanent minimum 4% credit rate, which has benefitted upwards of 30,000 Pennsylvania households. Under a fixed 4% rate, about 2,000 additional affordable homes could be built across the Commonwealth. In the Consolidated Appropriations Package, 2021 (H.R. 133), this 4% tax credit was ultimately preserved.

Additionally, I urged House leadership in November 2020 to ensure significant rental assistance was part of future COVID-19 relief legislation as they resumed negotiations with Senate leadership and the White House. Ultimately, \$25 billion in rental assistance was included in the December 2020 Year-End Relief Package (Senate Amendment to H.R. 133), also known as the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.

My Making Housing Matter Plan also includes my Helping HOMES Act (H.R. 8003) that would expand federal mortgage relief to cover all single-family mortgages, extend forbearance to the third of the market not covered under the CARES Act, and require mortgage servicers to notify homeowners that they may request forbearance due to pandemic-related financial hardship.

My bill passed the House under the updated Heroes Act (H.R. 925), which included other assistance and protections for homeowners and renters.



# COALITION BUILDING

Over the past year, I have brought together elected officials and other Philadelphia stakeholders at the federal, state and local levels to build a coordinated housing agenda. Together, we have discussed strategies for advancing affordable housing and have communicated our aims through a series of town halls, roundtables and press conferences.

1.

## TOWN HALLS

- In July 2020, I hosted a virtual Housing Rights & Relief Town Hall. Joined by Community Legal Services, the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), we directed constituents to resources that help cover rent/mortgage obligations and helped them understand protections against eviction, foreclosure, and housing discrimination.
- I also joined State Senator Sharif Street's Utility Crisis Support Town Hall in May 2020. We helped those struggling to cover utility costs and informed constituents of available federal, state and local relief for families impacted by the pandemic.



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2.

## ROUNDTABLES

- I have held a series of policy roundtables with local housing advocates including Sister Mary Scullion of Project HOME along with lawmakers such as Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon to build a consensus around strong funding for key federal housing programs; update stakeholders on federal dollars delivered to PA-03; and hear directly from advocates how they are leveraging federal investment to improve affordable housing access.
- In September 2020, I hosted a roundtable on child homelessness with the People's Emergency Center (PEC). Roundtable participants and I discussed strategies for expanding access to early child education, including building bridges between housing and education systems and engaging parents at every step. PEC has since published a report outlining suggestions to increase outreach to homeless families and increase homeless children's enrollment in key early learning programs.
- I have organized a series of policy coordination meetings with state and locally elected officials in the district around a coordinated housing agenda. In December 2020 and January 2021, I met with the Northwest and North Philadelphia cohorts, respectively; and plan to meet with all state and local officials throughout my district to build a coordinated agenda.

I joined the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) in celebrating the Sharswood-Blumberg Choice Neighborhood groundbreaking, which will use a \$30 million federal grant to revitalize the neighborhood by addressing distressed housing and other needs identified by the community (October 2019).

## BUILDING LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CONSENSUS

- In September 2020, I held a press conference to highlight statewide consensus around my Making Housing Matter plan, which featured Mayor Jim Kenney, State Senators Vincent Hughes and Sharif Street, City Council President Darrell Clarke, and PHA president and CEO Kelvin Jeremiah.
- In October 2020, our 2nd press conference to build consensus around the Making Housing Matter plan featured Western Pennsylvania advocacy organizations including ACTION Housing and elected officials including Congressman Mike Doyle, State Senator Costa, State Representative Wheatley, and Mayor Bill Peduto.
- As a result of these press conferences and building local and statewide support in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of the major elements of my Making Housing Matter Plan – 4% tax credit, mortgage and rental assistance – ultimately passed the House and the Senate in the December 2020 legislation (H.R. 133).

## FUTURE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Affordable housing is economic development. It creates jobs, boosts tax revenues and increases home values. It ensures stability and wellbeing for children, working families, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Affordable housing is racial and economic justice. It guarantees a safe and sustainable home for all Americans – in contrast to our nation's ugly history of redlining and other restrictive and unjust policies in violation of fair housing rights.

As I look ahead to the 117th Congress, I will keep working to restore fairness to our nation's housing system by:

- Proposing a bold legislative agenda that would reverse decades of federal disinvestment in our most vulnerable communities and deliver transformative benefits to our neighborhoods.
- Advocating on behalf of housing programs for significant funding boosts, tax credit expansions, regulatory changes and a new federal grant program.
- Working with local and state elected officials to advance an affordable housing agenda. Through City Council, the General Assembly, and the U.S. Congress I will work to promote my "Housing is Essential" Plan in 2021 and beyond.



# HEALTH CARE

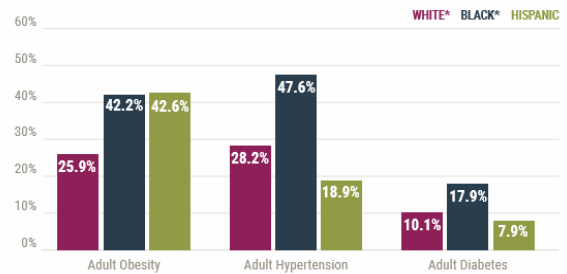
Since I first arrived in Congress, I have fought to keep health care affordable and accessible for all Philadelphians in Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District.

Almost unanimously, experts agree that health disparities along racial and ethnic lines continue to be a major issue in Philadelphia. For example, African Americans have the highest rate of premature death and lowest rate of life expectancy— a problem that has only been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic and continues to threaten our safety net hospitals. For example, a total of ten hospitals have closed in Philadelphia in the last twenty years. Each closure not only cripples our local economy, but hundreds of jobs are also lost and patients who depend on these hospitals are left without care.

Each and every American deserves health care that provides reliable coverage at a reasonable cost. I will continue to remain a strong advocate for a health care law that gives everyone in our community the access and resources needed to keep themselves and their families healthy and safe.

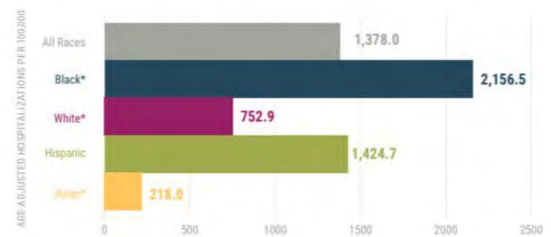


ADULT OBESITY, HYPERTENSION, AND DIABETES PREVALENCE BY RACE/ETHNICITY



SOURCES: Obesity and diabetes: 2018 – 2019 PA Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, \*Non-Hispanic  
Hypertension: 2017 – 2019 PA Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR AMBULATORY CARE-SENSITIVE CONDITIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



SOURCE: 2019 Hospital Discharges, PA Health Care Cost Containment Council \*Non-Hispanic

## Philadelphia Hospital Closures Since 1977



Source: Philadelphia Inquirer

These graphics illustrate some of the longstanding racial inequities experienced here in Philadelphia, and how our safety net hospitals are being impacted.



# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

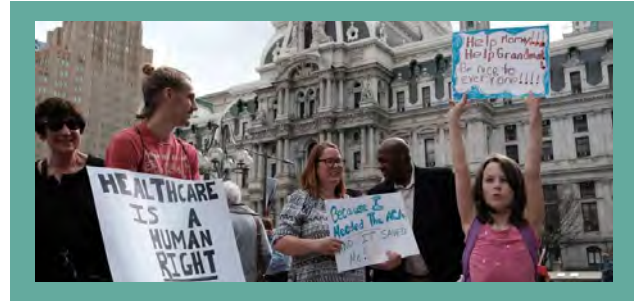
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## ELIJAH CUMMINGS LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW ACT (H.R. 3):

I co-sponsored and voted for H.R. 3 which would lower the cost of prescription drugs for most Americans. As passed by the House in December 2019, the bill includes two other health care bills that I authored or co-sponsored. Overall, the bill would level the playing field for American patients and taxpayers by:

- Giving Medicare the power to negotiate directly with the drug companies and creating powerful new tools to force drug companies to the table to agree to real price reductions, while ensuring seniors never lose access to the prescriptions they need.
- Making the lower drug prices negotiated by Medicare available to Americans with private insurance, not just Medicare beneficiaries.
- Stopping drug companies from ripping off Americans while charging other countries less for the same drugs, and limiting the maximum price for any negotiated drug to be in line with the average price in countries like ours, where drug companies charge less for the same drugs – and admit they still make a profit.

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2.

## MENTORING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES ACT (H.R. 3339)

I personally led this piece of legislation that helps low-income health care professionals climb the professional ladder and expand their opportunities. Passed by the House in December 2019 as part of the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3), this bill would specifically:

- Expand mentoring, peer support, and career coaching services under the Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) Program. HPOGs can help create jobs, address poverty, and improve health outcomes by equipping individuals with the education and tools they need to climb the career ladder in the health care industry.



The price of insulin has gone up 197% over the past 10 years. For the most-used insulin medications, Pennsylvanians currently spend up to \$20,000 per year. H.R. 3 could lower the average total cost of the insulin NovoLOG Flexpen by 76 percent, from about \$19,800 to \$4,800 per year. Under the bill, some commonly used forms of insulin would cost as little as \$400 per year.



3.

## MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE ACT OF 2020 (H.R. 8639):

Introduced in response to the tragic Walter Wallace shooting, this bill would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide grants to states to establish mental health first response units that can respond to situations in place of police. The grants would cover:

- The hiring, training, employment, and dispatch of such units to respond to situations involving mental health crises and individuals that have a mental illness or intellectual disability.
- Training for mental health professionals for de-escalation and anti-racism; ensuring mental health professionals can link individuals to community-based services where appropriate.
- Training of dispatch center staff regarding the proper handling of a report of mental health emergencies.

4.

## COVID-19 LEGISLATION

In 2021, with the new Biden-Harris administration as a strong partner, we have an opportunity to bring the pandemic under control and crush the virus. I want to see 'Operation Warp Speed' live up to its name and get the COVID-19 vaccines out faster so we can resume more of normal life, the sooner the better. And I will work to ensure the vaccines are distributed equitably.

### Taxpayer Research and Coronavirus Knowledge (TRACK) Act of 2020 (H.R. 7288):

The TRACK Act would provide transparency for COVID-19 treatment, vaccine research and development funding by creating a single database of federal biomedical investment information for COVID-19, including:

- Recipients, amounts, timelines, and expenditure breakdown, including prior and ongoing funding commitments for research, development, and manufacturing.
- Non-financial support, use of government facilities, equipment, personnel and full terms of agreements made between the federal government and a manufacturer.
- Associated patents and patent applications, clinical trial data and tax benefits for donated samples to patient assistance programs.

### COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act (H.R. 6666):

This bill would authorize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to award grants for testing, contact tracing, monitoring, and other activities to address COVID-19.

- Entities such as federally qualified health centers, nonprofit organizations, and certain hospitals and schools are eligible to receive such grants.
- In awarding the grants, the CDC would prioritize applicants that operate in hot spots and medically underserved communities and agree to hire individuals from the communities where grant activities occur.

### Coronavirus Health Care Worker Wellness Act (H.R. 7255):

This bipartisan legislation would address the mental health needs of frontline health care workers by authorizing HHS:

- To distribute grant funding to health care providers who wish to establish or expand programs dedicated to promoting the mental wellness of their workers on the front lines of COVID-19.
- To commission a comprehensive, multi-year study on health care worker mental health and burnout, including an assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.



## 5.

### RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE ACT (H.R 2585)

Each day in the United States, about 100 individuals are killed with guns, totaling more than 38,000 deaths annually. Approximately 100,000 more Americans survive gun-related injuries each year. As of January 2021, Philadelphia has suffered 50 homicides alone. These homicides and gun-related shootings have manifested into a public health crisis, the likes of which we have never seen.

- The legislation would establish an Advisory Council to help victims of gun violence—including survivors and the families, classmates, coworkers and other associates of individuals affected by gun violence—learn about and access the resources, programs, and benefits that could help them meet a wide range of personal needs.

## COALITION BUILDING

### 1.

#### COVID RESPONSE

##### Black Doctors Consortium

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium has provided free tests to African American communities in Philadelphia; educated them on isolating, contact tracing, and effects of the virus; and connected them with further treatment when necessary.

- On April 24, 2020, I wrote to Governor Wolf and Mayor Kenney to advocate for the work of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, and ask



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that the Consortium be given consideration to be included as part of a coordinated city and state outreach strategy to ensure that the African American community is reached for testing and contact tracing.

#### Supporting Community Health Partners

Community partners play a unique role in treating and educating underserved communities and communities of color which are often overlooked in public health efforts.

- On June 18, 2020, I sent two letters – one to House and Senate Leadership and one to Gov. Wolf, Mayor Kenney, and state and local leaders – highlighting the importance of community health partners, especially the clergy-medical partnerships, in testing and contact tracing efforts and reaching minority communities, which have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.
- The letters specifically asked for robust support to be provided for community providers in COVID-19 response and prevention efforts.

#### Vaccine Town Halls

I know there is a great deal of mistrust, particularly within communities of color, of the COVID-19 vaccine. I have leveraged my position to raise these community concerns with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Congress and the Biden Administration, as well as leading a local conversation including:

- On December 15, 2020, I participated in a town hall entitled “Faith, (Mis)Trust, & COVID-19,” which focused on educating and responding to concerns from the community around mistrust in taking the coronavirus vaccine.
- Participants included representatives from the University of Pennsylvania, the Union Theological Seminary, Reaching All HIV+ Muslims in America (RAHMA), Temple University, Cookman Beloved Community Baptist Church, the Salt & Light Church and CityLights Network.

## 2.

### PROTECTING PUBLIC ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

#### Health Care Roundtables

Over the past two years, I have held four health care roundtable events. These roundtables were initiated to prevent a repeat of the 2019 closing of Hahnemann hospital, which had significant impacts on its patients, residents, and neighboring hospitals. The goal of these roundtables has evolved into identifying shared policy solutions to increase the strength and stability of safety net hospitals not only in Philadelphia, but also in urban and rural underserved communities to build a coalition. These roundtables were also designed to provide a recurring forum in which all the district's health care institutions can express current concerns while also providing feedback on federal legislation.

- Regular participants include Philadelphia-area hospitals, state and local health care associations, and members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation. Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal, Ways and Means Committee staff, and former secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health have also joined these meetings.
- I have strongly and publicly supported the proposed merger of Jefferson Health and Albert Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia and the region, and I am very pleased that the hospitals and the state attorney general's office were able to reach a settlement. This merger is vital for keeping our safety-net hospitals open. I have urged the Federal Trade Commission to drop its opposition as well.

#### The COVID-19 Hospital and Health Provider Loan Forgiveness Act of 2020 (H.R. 7292)

I co-sponsored this piece of legislation that would provide major assistance for workers on the front lines to have their coronavirus loans forgiven. It would help hospitals better serve patients and work towards my goal of "No More Hahnemanns." In addition, the program provides:

- Medicare payments in advance to eligible providers experiencing claims or cash flow disruptions during national emergencies.

#### Together for West Philadelphia

I have been a longtime partner and supporter of Together for West Philadelphia, and over the past year, I have worked to expand and replicate its model for North Philadelphia. More specifically,

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we aim:

- to bring together community, public, and private sector stakeholders to increase access and opportunity in the areas of health, education, food access, and employment by breaking down silos across organizations.
- to assess community needs and identify/develop projects and programs focused on improving the health and wellbeing of residents in West Philadelphia.

## 3.

### OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

#### Enrollment Town Halls

In the past year, I have held two town halls on Medicare Open Enrollment to notify constituents of their options for enrollment before December 7, 2020. Held on October 21, 2020 and November 23, 2020 respectively, both included presenters from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Social Security Administration, and Apprise.

### FUTURE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Increasing access to affordable health care (see page 9 for examples).
- Making sure there are no more Hahnemanns (preventing further hospital closures in Philadelphia through a bipartisan effort I began leading before the coronavirus pandemic hit).
- Reducing health disparities (we cannot ignore the need to address health disparities as part of our effort to increase access. Universal access only means so much if it does not reach everyone equally).



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**FRED** — Unemployment Rate in Philadelphia County/City, PA

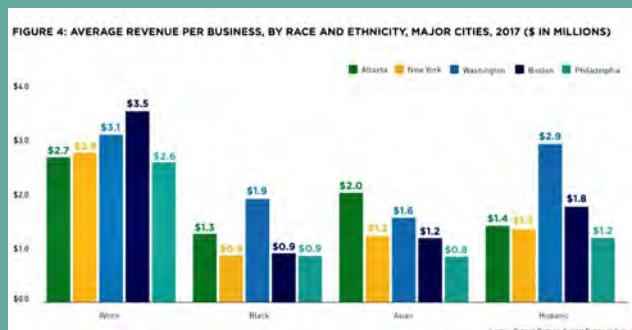
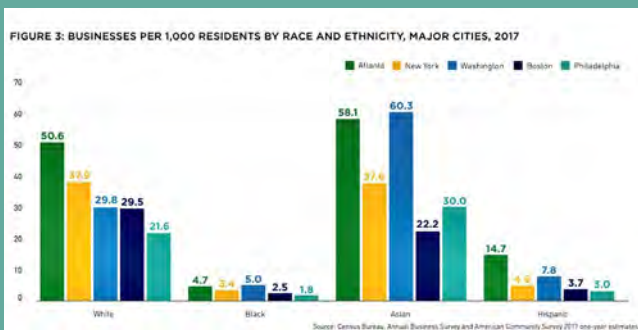
Month	Unemployment Rate (%)
Feb 2019	5.5
Mar 2019	5.5
Apr 2019	5.5
May 2019	5.5
Jun 2019	5.5
Jul 2019	5.5
Aug 2019	5.5
Sep 2019	5.5
Oct 2019	5.5
Nov 2019	5.5
Dec 2019	5.5
Jan 2020	5.5
Feb 2020	5.5
Mar 2020	5.5
Apr 2020	16.5
May 2020	16.0
Jun 2020	17.5
Jul 2020	17.5
Aug 2020	16.0
Sep 2020	14.5
Oct 2020	14.0
Nov 2020	13.1

U.S. territories are shaded (the most recent value is highlighted). Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. fred.stlouisfed.org



GROUP	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF OWNERS IN APRIL	DECLINE
Black	-41%	637,769	-441,347
Immigrant	-36%	2,009,597	-1,110,867
Latinx	-32%	1,412,925	-657,971
Asian	-26%	657,896	-230,632
White	-17%	8,761,531	-1,791,884

Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Center City District (CCD) analyzed the total number of businesses in Philadelphia and the number of Black, Hispanic, Asian and white owned firms and compared the data to four other major East Coast cities (Atlanta, Boston, New York and Washington D.C.). The findings show that among comparison cities, Philadelphia has both the lowest number of Black-owned firms in relation to Black residents and the lowest number of businesses in relation to overall population.



13.

# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1.

## RESTAURANTS ACT (H.R. 7197) & RELIEF FOR MAIN STREET ACT (S. 3742):

H.R. 7197 and S. 3742 are two pieces of legislation designed to provide federal funding for small business relief. Specifically:

- The RESTAURANTS Act would provide \$120 billion in relief to independent restaurants ravaged by the pandemic. The legislation would provide restaurants with grants to cover operating costs such as payroll and benefits, food, utilities, rent, and more.
- The RELIEF for Main Street Act would create a new \$50 billion fund to provide direct allocations to cities, counties and states to generate and expand small business local relief funds. The relief would be in the form of grants and would target small businesses with 20 employees or fewer, or with 50 employees or fewer located in low-income neighborhoods.

2.

## EXPEDITING THE EIDL PROGRAM ACT OF 2020 (H.R.6344):

Included in the CARES Act, this bill modifies the disbursement of coronavirus-related EIDL loans by the Small Business Administration (SBA). Specifically, this bill authorizes the SBA to:

- Increase the amount of a disaster loan to a small business by 20% to cover costs related to continuity of operations and risk mitigation improvements.
- Make such loans to startups, waive rules related to affiliation, and waive the personal guarantee requirement on loans made to cooperatives.
- Approve an applicant for a disaster loan that is below a certain amount based solely

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on the applicant's credit score and to use alternative methods to determine such applicant's ability to repay.

3.

## HEAL ACT (H.R. 7451)

The Helping Entrepreneurs Access Loans (HEAL) Act would provide mostly forgivable loans to small businesses damaged as a result of civil unrest. Ultimately, Congress modified the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to allow businesses to use a portion of these loans to cover costs attributable to civil unrest damage. Small business that incurred damages due to the civil unrest between May 26, 2020, and July 1, 2020, would be eligible to receive:

- A loan equal to 100% of the amount required to repair, rehabilitate, or replace property that was damaged or destroyed due to civil unrest.
- Forgiveness of 75% of such a loan if the business was still in operation on December 31, 2021.
- A waiver of certain loan requirements including personal guarantees, inability to obtain credit elsewhere and providing collateral.

## COALITION BUILDING

To date, my office has engaged with hundreds of small business owners throughout the 3rd Congressional District offering support, resources and direction to opportunities available through federal, state and local government programs. In addition to small business relief, I have worked to build strong coalitions around the coronavirus pandemic recovery and trade with Africa.



1.

## SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF



- My office has opened congressional inquiries with the SBA to assist constituents in securing their EIDL Advance payments, as well as helping them with SBA EIDL determinations and reconsideration requests.
- In a series of roundtables and town halls on small business relief, I have interacted with several industry leaders to discuss the various issues impacting small businesses in Philadelphia and the best ways to serve their needs.

2.

## PANDEMIC RECOVERY

- In partnership with Chambers of Commerce across the district, my office has offered constituents guidance and provided critical, real-time updates regarding the CARES Act and support to small businesses. Partners include the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia.
- Restaurants in Philadelphia have been hit extremely hard by the pandemic. In addition to sending a November 2020 letter to congressional leadership urging immediate and targeted federal relief funding for restaurants, I also

In the days following last summer's civil unrest, I went out with city and state lawmakers to assess the damage to small businesses and our commercial corridors and to help pick up trash and debris (June 2020).

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co-sponsored the Real Economic Support That Acknowledges Unique Restaurant Assistance Needed To Survive (RESTAURANTS) Act (H.R. 7197), as well as partnered with the Save Our Restaurants Coalition, Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association, Manayunk Restaurant Owners and individual food industry business owners to discuss the best ways to reopen safely.





3.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFIS)

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) promote economic revitalization in distressed communities. In Philadelphia, I have long supported CDFIs and have always fought for their continued funding:

- In March 2020, I sent a letter to House and Senate leadership requesting that a portion of PPP funding be set aside for smaller community leaders, including credit unions and CDFIs. I also fought for the next COVID-19 stimulus package to mandate lenders prioritize businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans and those in underserved and rural markets.
- In August 2020, I sent a letter to the Philadelphia Mayor and City Council President suggesting Pennsylvania use remaining Coronavirus Relief Funds for the small business grant program. Ultimately, we got more funds that went to CDFIs for disbursement to distressed Philadelphia businesses.
- In December 2020, I sent a letter to House and Senate leadership making sure CDFIs were included in the year-end COVID-19 relief package and asked them to replenish the Coronavirus Relief Fund so that CDFIs could continue to administer the local small business grant program.

4.

## TRADE WITH AFRICA

- In August 2019, I joined a Congressional Delegation to Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum. Since its enactment in 2000, AGOA has been at the core of U.S. economic policy and commercial engagement with Africa. AGOA provides eligible sub-Saharan African countries with duty-free access to the U.S. market for over 1,800 products, in addition to the more than 5,000 products that are eligible for duty-free access under the Generalized System of Preferences program. Increasing trade with Africa will help build business and commerce here in Philadelphia.

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- In August 2020, I held a roundtable with then-U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Lighthizer that included Philadelphia business leaders to discuss how our district can increase trade with Africa. Former Ambassador Robin Sanders moderated and participated in the discussion. I plan to build upon that discussion in 2021 to help local businesses leverage expanded trade opportunities on the African continent.

## FUTURE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### MINORITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Making capital more accessible to minority entrepreneurs.
- Getting full transparency from the SBA and Treasury on the performance of PPP and EIDL to make sure minority-owned businesses receive fair and equal treatment.

### INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Expanding job training and workforce programs to upscale apprenticeship and certificate programs to teach young entrepreneurs how to start a business.
- Leveraging the power of our universities and colleges to increase minority participation in the technology industry, including supporting research and development, and the commercialization of technology products.

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- Providing more relief to small businesses, especially minority-owned businesses, in the form of grants and low-interest loans.
- Making sure those small businesses that did not get the full requested amounts EIDL or PPP are made whole.



# WHERE WE ARE

(CIVIC LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY)

## ELECTION SECURITY & ADMINISTRATION

The 2020 election cycle was one unlike any other I have experienced in my personal or political life. With so much at stake, I knew it would be absolutely crucial to make sure every Pennsylvanian could vote and have their vote counted. That was a priority pre-pandemic. Once COVID-19 broke out, however, we faced the additional challenge of figuring out how to administer a safe, accessible election in the middle of a pandemic.

Fortunately, Governor Wolf had signed Act 77, passed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly into law the prior year, which enabled any Pennsylvanian to vote safely by mail if they chose to do so. I knew we needed to help our local election officials obtain the resources and help leadership get support to process the unexpected thousands of applications for vote by mail, as well as the subsequent ballots, in a timely, accurate and transparent manner.

In mid-June, 2020, I sent a letter to Governor Wolf and Mayor Kenney highlighting the priorities we needed to address to

accomplish this goal, including ensuring that voters were educated about the vote-by-mail option, instructing poll workers on how this election would be run, expanding ballot submission access and ensuring that the ballot canvass was efficient and timely. Working together, I believe we accomplished all of those goals. Despite an unprecedented turnout across Pennsylvania, we administered a safe, efficient and transparent election without any evidence of voter fraud.

Additionally, I also helped lead a lawsuit, challenging the Trump campaign's efforts to disenfranchise voters and limit the application of Act 77's provisions. Working with other elected officials, we also prevailed in this effort and ensured that all Pennsylvanians who wished to participate in our democratic process, would have the ability to do so in a safe and secure manner.

## BRIDGING POLITICAL SILOS

I have always believed that elected officials, across all levels of government, would serve their respective constituents more effectively if they worked together. Collaboration can include simple information sharing as well as discussing how to leverage one another's legislative and policy efforts.

In my four years in Congress, I have worked to build that ethos of aligning our respective efforts to improve our respective impact. Every year, I conduct a series of congressional briefings through which my team and I impart the details of legislation that has passed and what I have been working on in the House of Representatives.

These forums also provide our respective



offices with the opportunity to exchange ideas, provide one another with feedback and build coalitions. Given the increasing complexity of the challenges our City faces, I intend to continue bringing all levels of government together in 2021 and improving the impact we have in our communities.

## CONSTITUENT SERVICES

### CONGRESSIONAL ART CHALLENGE, APP CHALLENGE AND SERVICE ACADEMIES

- Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.
- The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a public effort to encourage kids to learn how to code, through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. Students in participating districts code original applications for the chance to be selected for recognition by their Member of Congress, win prizes, and have their work put on display in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The district-wide competitions take place from July

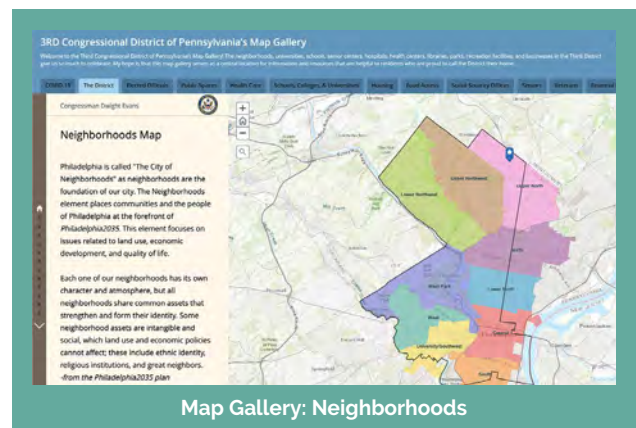
through early November. The CAC is executed by the Congressional staff of each participating district, and coordinated by the Congressional Internet Caucus and the non-governmental sponsor of the project, the Internet Education Foundation.

- Every congressional district in the country gets to nominate some of its top students for one of the four U.S. military academies – the U.S. Military Academy (USMA); the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA); the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA); and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). These academies have produced future presidents and generals, and I believe Philadelphia, the birthplace of America, is home to some of these future leaders.

### MAP GALLERY

Our Map Gallery serves as a central location for information and resources that are helpful to residents who are proud to call Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District their home.

The mapping tool highlights our neighborhoods, universities, schools, senior centers, hospitals, health centers, libraries, parks, recreation facilities, and businesses. Constituents can visit [this link](#) for information about housing, health care and small business.





## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The American Rescue Plan is a transformative \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package. As a down payment to the American public, this legislation will help speed up recovery from the health and economic crises caused by the pandemic.

### Health:

The plan includes billions of dollars for creating a national vaccine program, scaling up testing and contact tracing, providing the necessary investments to safely reopen schools and addressing health care disparities.

### Housing:

The American Rescue plan provides \$19 billion in emergency rental assistance, \$5 billion to address homelessness, and \$10 billion in homeowner assistance to help with mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, utilities, HOA fees, and other housing costs.

### Small Business:

The plan provides funding for small business relief, including the creation of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, the Community Navigator Pilot Program, and reauthorization of the State Small Business Credit Initiative to help small business weather the pandemic and recover after.

### Tax:

This relief legislation supports middle- and low-income households by expanding the Child Tax Credit, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit – two key poverty-busters – and providing additional \$1,400 economic impact payments to finish the job on the \$2,000 checks.



# CONSTITUENT SERVICE DATA



125

**Businesses Opened  
Congressional Inquiries with  
our office for SBA Loan  
Assistance**

23 Businesses reported the  
amounts received:

**\$47,000** in EIDL Advances  
**\$1,335,900** in EIDL Loans  
**\$488,852.82** in PPP Loans

**Money Returned to  
Constituents to date:**

(this figure represents total time in office).

**\$6,562,334**

IRS money returned to date:

**\$5,118,630**

Social Security money  
returned to date: **\$631,591**

Veterans Administration money  
returned to date:  
**\$248,496**

**Number of  
Constituents served  
by Casework for  
Calendar Year  
2020**

**1,608**

**Number of letters  
sent to constituents,  
in response to their opinion  
for Calendar Year 2020**

**54,693**

with top four categories:  
COVID-19 Concerns: 27,443  
Small Business Relief: 2,591  
Police Reform: 2,181  
Immigration Issues: 1,562

**Money Returned  
to Constituents for  
Calendar Year 2020**

**\$793,242**

## VIRTUAL DATA

# of events from 1/1/20 to 2/18/21:

**Total number of virtual town halls: 12**

**Total number of virtual/in-person  
constituent meetings: 168**

**Total number of virtual/in-person  
community events: 196**

**Health Care Roundtables: 3**

**Housing Roundtables: 4**

**Trade Roundtables: 1**

**Small Business Roundtables: 1**

**Chambers of  
Commerce Calls: 3**



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Philadelphia, PA 19138  
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# RESOURCES

## COVID-19

**THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE: 1-800-722-7112**  
**TO RECEIVE COVID-19 TEXT ALERTS FROM THE CITY: TEXT COVIDPHL TO 888-777**  
**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PATIENT TRIAGE HOTLINE: (215) 707-6999**  
**JEFFERSON HOSPITAL: (800) 533-3669**  
**PENN MEDICINE COVID HOTLINE: (267) 785-8585**

## HOUSING

**HOMELESS OUTREACH HOTLINE: (215) 232-1984**  
**SAVE YOUR HOME PHILLY: (215) 334-4663**

- the only government-authorized foreclosure prevention program in Philadelphia

**PHILLY VETS HOME COALITION HOTLINE: (215) 923-8387**  
**LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

- helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs
- visit their [website](#) to learn more about your eligibility, and [apply](#) here!

## HEALTH CARE

If you live in Philadelphia, you can get high-quality health care at one of Philadelphia's health care centers:

**CITY HEALTH CENTERS OPERATED BY THE PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** ([link](#))  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (ALSO KNOWN AS FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS)** ([link](#))  
**MEDICAL CENTERS OPERATED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION** ([link](#))

## SMALL BUSINESS

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT OFFICE**  
660 American Ave., Suite 301  
King of Prussia, PA  
610-382-3062  
**THE ENTERPRISE CENTER**  
4548 Market St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
215-895-4000  
**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
1510 Cecil B. Moore Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19121  
215-204-7282



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