



STATE REP. JOSH BASHLINE

63RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

SUMMER 2025

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I am grateful to serve as your voice in Harrisburg. We are inching closer to the deadline for passing the 2025–26 state budget. Gov. Josh Shapiro proposed a \$51.47 billion budget, representing a \$3.57 billion, or 7.5%, increase over the current fiscal year.

My sole focus is to ensure your hard-earned money is protected so you do not lose more of it to further taxation. We must rein in government spending and uphold fiscal responsibility as these are clear non-negotiables. If this budget fails to do that, I will be a “no” vote on it.

If you need any assistance with state-related issues, my staff and I are happy to help. You can reach out to us by phone at my district offices or Harrisburg office, send in a contact form through RepBashline.com, reach us by mail or attend one of our events.

For the latest local and state news, be sure to follow me on Facebook by scanning the QR code below and subscribing to receive my emails by visiting RepBashline.com.



Have You Heard About the 63rd?

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has taken time out of their busy schedules to talk to me about their farm, nonprofit organization or small business! I'm truly in awe of the great work you do for us.

“Have You Heard About the 63rd” is a series I created to highlight all the wonderful places the 63rd District has to offer. We are a tight-knit community that cares deeply about our places of residence and would help our neighbors in the blink of an eye. That's what makes Clarion and Armstrong counties special.

For more information and to watch previous episodes, you can check them out on my website, my Facebook page or my legislative YouTube page at youtube.com/@RepBashline.



MORE THAN \$3 MILLION ALLOCATED TO 63RD DISTRICT SINCE JANUARY

I am grateful to work alongside local and state leaders in finding ways to improve our communities. Regardless of the task's complexity, my approach is to be aggressive in maximizing opportunities for our region.

Since the turn of the calendar year, more than \$3 million in state funding has been allocated to our communities to help with several initiatives, including:

- Supporting our fire and ambulance companies to meet their facility, equipment, training and debt reduction needs.
- Expanding access to computer science and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education across the district.
- Amplifying after-school and summer programming for at-risk students in Clarion County.
- Investing in development projects in Armstrong County.

While these are resounding victories for us, the work does not stop here. My focus remains ambitious to build upon the communities in which we are so proud to live.

HANDHELD DEVICES BAN NOW IN EFFECT

A new Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving is now in effect.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. For the first 12 months, the penalty is a written warning. Effective June 2026, the penalty is a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Bluetooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws. More information is available on PennDOT's website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 6–9 P.M.

Worthington-West Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

171 Linton Alley, Worthington, PA 16262

This event will provide gun owners with the information they need to be responsible with their Second Amendment rights. Please call 814-226-9000 or 724-954-3613 if you have any questions.

ILLEGIBLE LICENSE PLATE EVENT THURSDAY, JULY 24, NOON TO 2 P.M.

Clarion Mall Parking Lot

22631 Route 68, Clarion, PA 16214

If your license plate is illegible with numbers or letters that can't be read from 50 feet or damaged due to blistering, peeling or discoloration, you qualify for a replacement plate. All drivers with illegible license plates will receive assistance in filling out the paperwork. You will need to bring your vehicle, registration card and the affected plate. There's no fee for this service. If you have any questions, please contact my Clarion district office at 814-226-9000 or my Kittanning district office at 724-954-3613.

SENIOR EXPOS

FRIDAY, AUG. 1, 10 A.M. TO NOON

Clarion Mall

22631 Route 68, Clarion, PA 16214

The expos will offer information about the following services: health care, insurance, nutrition and exercise, financial planning, government savings, hunting and fishing, and personal safety. For more information, please call 814-226-9000 or 724-954-3613.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27, 10 A.M. TO NOON

Kittanning Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.

13126 U.S. Route 422, Kittanning, PA 16201

