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PA ABLE can help with disability expenses

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

The PAABLE Savings Program has expanded eligibility guidelines, allowing thousands more Pennsylvanians with disabilities to benefit from a tax-free way to save for their future. Individuals are now eligible to open a PAABLE account if their disability began before age 46 -- an increase from the previous age limit of 26 -- mak-

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Saving with **PAABLE** helps Pennsylvanians with disabilities and their families save and pay for a wide variety of disability-related expenses, including day-to-day costs like **groceries and rent**, as well as bigger expenses like **assistive technology and vehicle modifications**

Apply Now For A Home Heating Grant

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

The application period for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for 2025–26 is now open! Whether you rent or own your home, you could receive a cash grant from \$200 to \$1,000 based on your household size, income and heating fuel type to help heat your home. Most importantly, this is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

To find out if you qualify and for help applying, contact my office. You can also apply for LIHEAP online.

Need Energy Assistance?

LIHEAP can help you keep your home warm and safe during the coldest seasons.

2025-2026 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$23,475
2	\$31,725
3	\$39,975
4	\$48,225
5	\$56,475
6	\$64,725
7	\$72,975
8	\$81,225

Each additional person \$8,250

Shapiro Administration Encourages Businesses to Sponsor a Highway and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

By Zachary Appleby, DOT

Harrisburg, PA—The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is encouraging Pennsylvania businesses to help keep the Commonwealth beautiful through the department's Sponsor-A-Highway program. The 2026 tourism season – including the NFL Draft, PGA Championship, FIFA World Cup, MLB All-Star Series and America250PA – is expected to bring more than 209 million travelers to Pennsylvania, providing an opportunity for even more people to see the businesses sponsoring roadside cleanup along many of the Commonwealth's most heavily traveled roadways.

"From the World Cup to the MLB All-star Game, the NFL

Draft and the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, 2026 will put Pennsylvania centerstage," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "With so many travelers coming to our cities, now is the opportunity to show the world what makes the Commonwealth the Great American Getaway."

Governor Josh Shapiro's 2025-26 budget invests \$50 million to make sure the Commonwealth is prepared to host the millions of visitors that will be traveling to Pennsylvania in 2026 — including \$10 million to support the NFL Draft in Pittsburgh.

Through PennDOT's Sponsor-A-Highway program, local businesses and organizations can secure agreements with a PennDOT vendor who uses skilled maintenance forces to remove litter on roadways such as interstates and expressways, especially in areas where volunteer litter groups cannot safely pick up litter. Sponsors are recognized with a roadside acknowledgement sign displaying their business name and logo, and also listed on PennDOT's website.

The program signs have been redesigned to feature the "Let Freedom Ring" design Governor Shapiro unveiled last year. The department's vendors are replacing signs on sponsored roadways and will install them for new sponsors.

"With 2026 putting Pennsylvania on the world stage, we get one chance to make a first — and lasting — impression," said Department of Community and Economic Development's Deputy Secretary of Tourism Anne Ryan. "Roadside signage may seem simple, but it's one of the very first touchpoints that tells visitors who we are, what we value, and what the Great American Getaway stands for. This investment helps us welcome millions of travelers with pride, clarity, and a sense of place the moment they cross our borders."

The program began in 2000 and currently, 55 businesses in Pennsylvania participate in the program, accounting for more than 375 miles of roadway that are cleaned throughout the year. Beginning in 2026, Sponsor-A-Highway vendors will increase litter clean ups along sponsored roads from six to eight times per year.

In addition to the Sponsor-A-Highway program, individuals and civic groups have multiple opportunities to beautify Pennsylvania through volunteer programs. More information can be found on the PennDOT's "Apply to Clean Up a Roadway in Your Community" webpage.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting www.511PA.com. 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 1,200 traffic cameras. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional X alerts.

