



Happy Holidays from Senator Dave McCormick

By U.S. Senator Dave McCormick

This holiday season, Dina and I want to wish all Pennsylvanians a happy and meaningful holiday season. Whether you're celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, another tradition, or simply enjoying time with family and loved ones, we hope these days bring light, and joyful togetherness. As we head into the new year, I'm grateful for the privilege of serving every Pennsylvanian, supporting working families, strengthening local communities, and continuing the mission I ran on during my campaign. We've made progress, but we're just getting started. I look forward to continuing this work every day in the year ahead. Wishing you and your family health and happiness this holiday season.

Pennsylvania is also a leading producer of Christmas trees. I shared a video reflecting on one of my favorite childhood memories, trimming Christmas trees, as well as a special moment celebrating Christmas with my buddies in the 82nd Airborne Division while stationed in Saudi Arabia.

McCormick Legislative Wins and Bipartisan Bill Introductions

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I had a great time hosting our final Keystone Coffee of 2025 this past week. It's been such a pleasure welcoming Pennsylvanians to my D.C. office when they visit the nation's capital. These gatherings always spark productive conversations, and they give constituents a chance to connect with my team so we can better support their local communities on the issues that matter most.

This past week, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) officially passed the United States Congress and was signed into law by President Trump.

The NDAA is a decisive win for Pennsylvania and America. It includes critical provisions I introduced and supported earlier this year to counter Chinese aggression, strengthen border security, and support defense industrialization and shipbuilding, while also providing overdue pay raises and quality-of-life improvements for our service men and women. These provisions, along with investments authorized to strengthen Pennsylvania's defense infrastructure and military support operations, reinforce Pennsylvania's leadership in helping to ensure America's military readiness and advanced defense capabilities. Most importantly, the bill fulfills the first responsibility of the Congress – protecting the American people.

The NDAA builds off historic investments made earlier this year in strengthening border security and supporting our military with the passing of the One Big Beautiful Bill.

"Whole Milk Is Back In America's Schools."

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I joined my fellow Pennsylvanian Senator John Fetterman this past week to applaud passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, which is now headed to President Trump's desk for signature. The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act allows schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to serve whole and reduced fat milk. The bill passed on Monday and now heads to the president's desk.

Read our joint statement:

"Whole milk IS BACK in America's schools.

This is a commonsense bill that benefits everyone. PA farmers supply the country with some of the best milk year-round, and instead of limiting choices in our schools, this will expand the nutritious and healthy options for our kids.

We 100% have the backs of our farmers, students, and their families, and thank our colleagues in the House and Senate for getting this done."



Clean Team Workforce December Employee of the Month

By Stefanie Appel

ALLENTOWN - The Clean Team Workforce congratulates its Employee of the Month for December, Tracy S.

Tracy lived with his mother and father his entire life. In 1992, Tracy's father passed away. He and his mother continued living in the familial home, and he continued working until 2002, when Tracy's mom became ill. He then left his job to dedicate himself to her care.

Tracy's mom passed in 2010, and he fell into a state of depression. He couldn't work, so he lived off his savings and inheritance until all his financial resources were exhausted and the house became uninhabitable.

Feeling like life became too much to handle, Tracy attempted to end his life. Fortunately, his neighbor called 911, and his life was saved. Without a house to go back to, he came to the Allentown Rescue Mission after being released from a psychiatric facility.

Tracy stayed in the Emergency Shelter for a few weeks in June of this year and then enrolled in the Mission's Transformation Program to learn more about God and to learn skills to help him manage his life.

While in the Transformation Program, Tracy volunteered his free time to help organize the Mission's pantry and receive food and clothing donations. Once he graduated from the program, he began working for the Clean Team Workforce.

Tracy started as a street cleaner but has turned into a reliable worker for more skilled jobs. He worked closely with the Mission's Food Services Manager during its annual Food and Supplies drive to ensure donated items were properly stored. Most recently, he became a driver for the Clean Team Workforce.

He transports work crews to jobsites and makes grocery runs for the Mission's kitchen. Although Tracy isn't sure what direction he plans to go in the future, he does know it will be a positive direction. His current plan is to work for the Clean Team Workforce and save as much money as possible to help him get re-established in the community. When asked about his future, Tracy said, "I'm happy to be alive. I have hope again!"