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## Working Toward a Responsible State Budget

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The House Appropriations Committee concluded its annual budget hearings this week, giving lawmakers the opportunity to question state officials and examine the governor's proposed spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Throughout the hearings, I focused my questions on issues affecting residents, students, workers and communities across Pennsylvania.

During the Department of Transportation hearing, I discussed mass transit funding, rural access and infrastructure projects in my district with Secretary Michael Carroll. He confirmed that the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) will receive \$6.5 million annually for two years. The committee also addressed the effects of shifting capital funding, as well as updates on Route 611, REAL ID and commercial driver license testing.

At the Department of Aging hearing, I highlighted ongoing concerns about protecting vulnerable seniors, including abuse and deaths during protective services investigations. For far too long, our most vulnerable seniors have been abused and are subsequently dying as a result. We are failing to make progress quickly enough to prevent these egregious acts from happening to our loved ones.

Secretary Jason Kavulich initially stated the department tracks fatalities, but further questioning clarified the truth that cases are closed when a senior passes away and the department does not continue involvement. We also discussed the governor's proposal to create older adult fatality review teams and potential updates to the Older Adult Protective Services Act.

## PHEAA Hosts Scholarship Sweepstakes

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is giving away \$2,500 no-essay scholarships through its PA Forward Student Loan program!

The scholarship sweepstakes is for Pennsylvania college students, graduate students and their parents for the 2026-27 academic year who opt in to receive communications from PHEAA between now and May 1. The communications are designed to provide students and families with tips on planning and paying for college.

Twelve people will be selected for the scholarship. Winners will be announced in May. Click here to enter the PA Forward sweepstakes.

## Plan Your PA Getaway!

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The Commonwealth's 2026 Travel Guide is now available to help you plan your next getaway!

This year's free guide highlights special events celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary, as well as major sports attractions such as the FIFA World Cup, NFL Draft, PGA Championship and March Madness, all coming to Pennsylvania this spring and summer.

The guide also highlights an array of must-see attractions in all corners of the state for people of all ages. Sign up to receive a free hard copy of the guide or click here to view it online. Happy travels!



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