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New Tax Credit to Help Working Pennsylvanians

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

With tax season in full swing, Pennsylvanians should know about a new tax credit adopted as part of the current year's budget.

The Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Tax Credit, also known as the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit, provides income-qualified working Pennsylvanians with a tax credit equal to 10% of their federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This tax season, please be sure to verify you're eligible to receive it. I was proud to support this measure to return hard-earned money back to taxpayers.

Pennsylvanians qualify for credit based on their income and number of dependents. More information, including a tax credit calculator, is available here.

My offices are open to serve you. My staff and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

NEW TAX CREDIT

TO HELP WORKING PENNSYLVANIANS



Another Scam Involving Owed Tolls Making Rounds

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

A new wave of smishing scam texts is making the rounds. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) advises that the smishing scam is being sent to random individuals, aiming to deceive them to share their personal financial information to settle outstanding toll amounts.

The texts purport to be from "Traffic Division of Philadelphia Municipal Court" and may include a fake QR code for payment and center on an unpaid toll violation, fine and court costs. An example of part of the scam text is above.

People who receive an unsolicited text, email or similar message suggesting it is from the PA Turnpike or another toll agency should not click on the link. E-ZPass account holders and Toll by Plate customers can use approved safe methods to check their accounts such as the official PA Turnpike E-ZPass website or the PA Toll Pay app available from the Apple App Store, or Google Play store.

Those who receive a fraudulent text can file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov. That is a site dedicated to sharing information on Internet crimes across law enforcement agencies.

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Case No: PA-26-TL-149285 Judge: John Smith

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You must:

- Appear for a hearing on the date and time listed below; OR
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