



State Representative  
**TARAH PROBST**  
 NEWS & EVENTS  
 District 189 | Monroe & Pike Counties

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

I'm writing in response to misleading text messages recently sent to residents across Monroe and Pike counties about recent education tax credit legislation, and to clarify what it actually does.

House Bill 2632 does not cut funding from Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit programs. The legislation maintains the full \$680 million allocation for the 2026-27 fiscal year, and students currently receiving scholarships will continue to do so without interruption.

The bill focuses on strengthening support for students while improving transparency and accountability. It also expands access to early childhood education programs for children from birth to age 2 and broadens opportunities for some of Pennsylvania's lowest-income students.

Importantly, it adds stronger reporting and oversight, including additional review by the Auditor General's Office, so taxpayers can better understand how these funds are distributed and who benefits.

The misleading messages circulating about this bill raise the question of why anyone would oppose greater transparency and accountability. This legislation does not cut funding or eliminate scholarships; it strengthens oversight and provides the public with clearer information about a \$680 million tax credit program that allows corporations to reduce their tax burden, ultimately supported by Pennsylvania's working families.

This legislation is about transparency—not cuts.

As always, my office is available if you have questions.



**EITC REFORM**  
 HOUSE BILL 2632 (RIVERA)

Taxpayers are pouring **\$680 MILLION** into a program where we don't know where the money goes

PA HOUSE DEMS HAVE A PLAN, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NON-PARTISAN, INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE, TO:

- Help Kids Who Need It Most
- Create Transparency + Accountability
- Save Taxpayer Dollars



**Healthy Meals All Summer Long!**

**Sun Meals TO-GO**

Weekly Drive Thru Pick Up of 5-7 Breakfast & 5-7 Lunch

**FREE Weekly Meal** Boxes for children ages 1-18

**Stroudsburg:** EVERY MONDAY Starting June 22 5:00-7:00 PM

Greater Shiloh Church  
 831 Ann St. Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
 Parking Lot

DRIVE-THRU NO INCOME VERIFICATION NO QUESTIONS ASKED

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
[www.summermeal4kids.com](http://www.summermeal4kids.com)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Greater Shiloh in Stroudsburg and Sun Meals have partnered together to offer weekly meal boxes for children ages 1-18. The distribution of meals from 5-7 p.m. every Monday in the Greater Shiloh parking lot. Families must sign up through Sun Meals using this link <https://mailchi.mp/7516a64ce1f1/meal4kids>.

## I-80 update: Challenging environmental permits

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I am challenging recent environmental permits issued for the Interstate 80 Reconstruction Project for construction in Stroud Township following approvals by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennDOT, along with coordinated branches of the federal government. An appeal has been filed with the state's Environmental Hearing Board seeking a formal review to ensure all required rules and environmental protections were properly followed before the work proceeds.

My responsibility is to protect our community's environment, including streams, wetlands, and water resources. Major construction projects must follow strict regulations to prevent flooding, erosion, and pollution. This appeal ensures those standards were met and that natural resources are not put at risk.

The permits at issue are required to protect water quality and prevent flooding. I am concerned the current I-80 expansion plans might not adequately safeguard local waterways and ecosystems.

This action reflects my role in ensuring development is responsible and that watershed health remains a priority. Growth must be safe, sustainable, and transparent.

A prior permit I appealed, now under review by the Environmental Hearing Board, involves the Sunny Brook Mitigation Bank in Damascus Township. According to [i80project.com](http://i80project.com), PennDOT has also proposed to "move" or mitigate Stroudsburg wetlands as part of the broader project.

My staff and I will continue monitoring this issue and keeping the community informed.

You can add your voice by signing our petition to support efforts to scale back PennDOT's I-80 Expansion Project, if you have not done so already.



Stroudsburg EAST INTERSTATE 80

**UPDATE**

## Passport Programs in Monroe County

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In celebration of America250PA, there are four active Passport Programs available in Monroe County.

Our region is rich in history, heritage, and culture. From historical markers and museums to cultural centers and other local treasures, these programs offer a great opportunity to learn more about the people, places, and events that have shaped our community.

Simply scan the QR codes and check in at participating locations as you explore. Whether you're a lifelong resident or visiting for the first time, there's always something new to discover right here in Monroe County.



**AMERICA 250 PA PASSPORT TRAILS**  
 MONROE COUNTY (More coming soon!)

**HISTORICAL MARKERS**  
 Fort Norris - Stop #7

**NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTRY**  
 Parkside Chapel - Stop #10

**MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL CENTERS**  
 Monroe County Historical Association  
 Stop #10 and Stop #14 on Historic Registry

**THEATERS AND VENUES**  
 Shawnee Playhouse

Check-in at twelve of these locations to receive a print of Sullivan's March and eighteen locations to earn a chance to win \$250 gift card!

Check-in at ten of these locations to win an America250 T-Shirt!

Check-in at twelve of these locations to win a "K is for Keystone" Book!

Check-in at six of these locations to qualify for a chance to win tickets to races, concerts, movies and more!