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Let's Talk About Affordability and Why Electricity Costs Remain High

By Senator Rosemary Brown

In this video <https://senatorbrown40.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/175/2026/08/pmj.png>, I provide a detailed overview of Pennsylvania's electricity landscape. Across my district, I am consistently asked why electric bills continue to rise. It is a complex issue, so I wanted to break down the factors driving these costs in a clear and easily understandable way. This is an important conversation because when energy costs rise, the cost of nearly everything else rises with them.

Energy costs are a significant part of our broader affordability challenges. That is why I have worked to advance numerous bills in the Senate aimed at lowering costs for Pennsylvania families. Many of these proposals have been passed by the Senate and are now awaiting consideration in the House of Representatives.

I voted to:

Cut the Gross Receipts Tax on electricity, establish a sales tax holiday on school supplies, expand educational opportunities for families, and eliminate a tax exemption for data centers (HB 1667).

Expand access to affordable and attainable housing (SB 1236, SB 1279, and SB 1281).

Reduce college costs by expanding Dual Enrollment opportunities (SB 974).

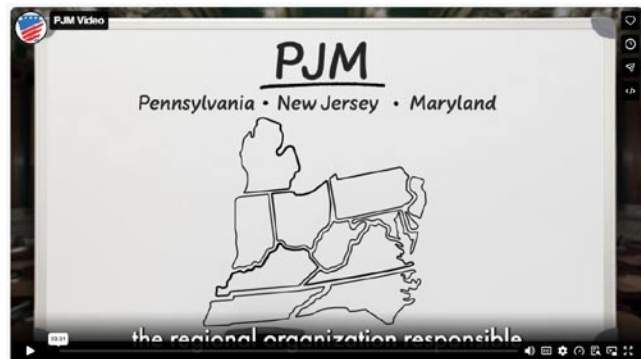
Eliminate unnecessary vehicle emissions testing requirements (SB 1298).

Promote energy development to help lower utility costs for consumers (SB 704).

Streamline state government and reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers (SB 755).

Strengthen oversight of taxpayer-funded programs and protect public dollars from fraud and abuse (SB 362 and SB 1372).

I encourage you to contact your state representative and ask them to prioritize legislation that will deliver meaningful financial relief to Pennsylvania families and our communities.



Throwback Thursday: Promoting Financial Literacy

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Senator Rosemary Brown speaks at a podium in a graphic featuring the quote, "Financial literacy is one of the most important life skills we can provide students as they prepare for adulthood..."

This week for Throwback Thursday, I highlighted legislation I enacted in 2019 to strengthen financial literacy education for Pennsylvania students. Act 91 of 2019 allows students who successfully complete a financial literacy course to apply those credits toward their graduation requirements.

Financial literacy provides young people with practical skills they can carry throughout their lives, helping them better understand budgeting, saving and other important financial decisions.

For a full list of bills I have enacted throughout my service in the legislature, go here <https://mail2.rcn.com/senatorbrown40.com/accomplishments>.



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