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March Newsletter



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A Letter from Chairman Sharif Street



Dear Members,

Women's History Month is a wonderful time to recognize the vast contributions of the past and current highly respected women leaders here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Women such as Philadelphia Mayor Chelle Parker, Speaker Joanna McClinton, Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato as well as many others, are getting the work done every day.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion". We need to continue to advocate to eliminate bias and discrimination as diversity is not only the right thing to do -- it has been proven to improve results.

The Pennsylvania Democratic Party continues to make progress towards achieving its electoral goals in 2024 including the reelection of President Joe Biden, U.S. Senator Bob Casey, and the statewide races to elect Rep. Ryan Bizarro as State Treasurer and Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta as Auditor General.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming State Committee Meeting on May 31 – June 1, 2024, in Allentown, PA, as we continue to execute at the highest level.

Sincerely,

Senator Sharif T. Street

Chairman, Pennsylvania Democratic Party



A Message For Activation During Women's History Month



Hello Friends,

Welcome to March, Women's History Month. This is a time for us to celebrate the cisgender women, transgender women, femmes, and womxn who fought and fight for equality and social justice across our Commonwealth.

While this month calls for reflection, what we need is activation.

For many of us who identify as women, this month serves as a reminder of how much we have lost in recent years and the work ahead. Thanks to the commitments of so many of you, Pennsylvania has maintained access to abortion care, expanded funding for sexual and reproductive health services, and ensured additional protections for pregnant people across the Commonwealth.

In 2023, we elected the first pro-sexual and reproductive healthcare majority in the House in decades and elected champions to every level of government. But, when we look at the national landscape and see pregnant women near death before being able to access abortion care, IVF standing on shaky ground and clinics closing, Black and brown mothers unfairly prosecuted for miscarrying, and sex education being restricted in schools, we can't help but worry that we could be looking into a crystal ball.

Luckily, the future of this Commonwealth is in our hands! In Pennsylvania, 90 percent of voters say they support legal abortion in some or all cases. It's time for every elected position to reflect us; we are the overwhelming majority. We cannot be silent when laws are written about us without us. We need to show up - in our community meetings, on the ballot, on the campaign trail, and at the polls. We belong in every place where decisions are made and in every step along that decision-making process.

So, let's use this month to activate ourselves because it will take all of us to build the gender-equal Pennsylvania we all deserve!

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Board Member, Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania PAC

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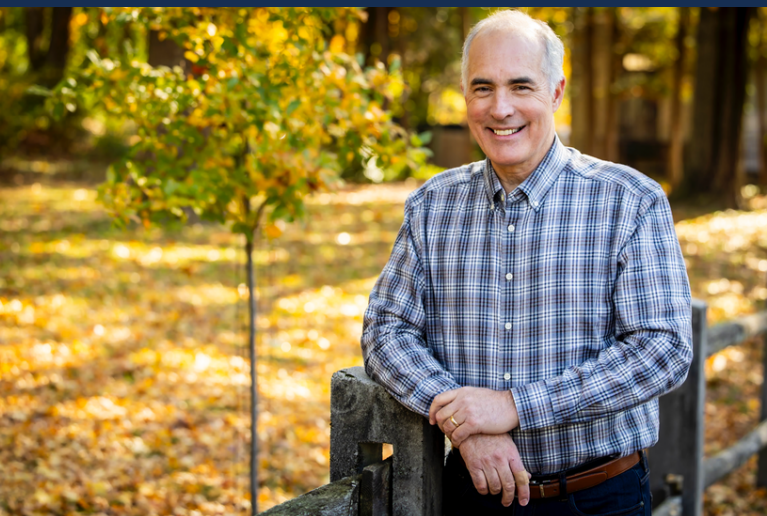
Endorsed Candidates



**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
FOR REELECTION**



**REP. MALCOLM KENYATTA
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL**



**U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY
FOR REELECTION**



**REP. RYAN BIZZARRO
FOR TREASURER**



Women for Biden-Harris Launch



Communications Toolkit: Women for Biden-Harris Launch

To mark the start of Women's History Month on Friday, March 1st, First Lady Jill Biden launched Women for Biden-Harris, a national organizing program to reach and mobilize women across the country to reelect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

We invite YOU to be a part of this launch to:

- Engage and mobilize women volunteers across the country to reach and organize others in their communities.
- Highlight women's support for the Biden-Harris ticket.
- Drive contrasts with Trump and his disrespect of women, compared to President Biden and Vice President Harris's record of fighting for women and the issues that matter to them.





SENATOR CASEY TAKES ON CORPORATE GREED IN HIS FIGHT TO LOWER THE COSTS FOR PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES

This month, Senator Bob Casey continued his fight to tackle shrinkflation, which is making working families pay more for fewer products at the grocery store. Greedy companies are ripping off Pennsylvanians with this increasingly common and deceptive practice, and Senator Casey is putting a stop to it. He recently introduced the Shrinkflation Prevention Act to crack down on the corporations engaged in shrinkflation, which are unfairly taking advantage of families. This is the latest effort of Senator Casey's continued push to fight back against greedy corporations which are raising prices on Pennsylvania families while raking in record profits.

Read More Below:

- USA Today: ['Shrinkflation' fight: Dems launch bill saying shoppers pay more for less at stores](#)
- NBC's TODAY Show: [Senator Bob Casey is calling out shrinkflation](#)





Senator Bob Casey Updates



Senator Casey also spent this month meeting with Pennsylvania law enforcement and surviving family members of overdose victims from across the Commonwealth to tout the passage of his bipartisan FEND Off Fentanyl legislation to stop fentanyl from coming into Pennsylvania communities.

The bill would crack down on the fentanyl supply chain in China and Mexico and give law enforcement and border patrol the resources they need to intercept fentanyl before it ever reaches American communities. Senator Casey hopes to bring an end to fentanyl trafficking that is devastating too many families in Pennsylvania by coming down hard on fentanyl manufacturers in China and the drug smuggling cartels in Mexico,

The Casey campaign also wants to thank the hundreds of volunteers who helped our campaign in January and February collect thousands of signatures from voters throughout Pennsylvania. Thanks to your help, we successfully collected over 25,000 petitions to get Senator Casey on the ballot in November.

We're now headed into the spring with lots of grassroots momentum on the heels of this success.



The Shapiro–Davis Administration Invests in Maternal Healthcare



During Governor Shapiro’s bold and forward-thinking Budget Address to the General Assembly, women’s healthcare took center stage as a top priority of his Administration’s focus and goals. As Governor Shapiro pointed out in his well-received speech, “This budget addresses a challenge for so many girls who lack access to feminine hygiene products at home and school.

This is something we don’t often talk about, but the First Lady has spent time this year meeting with these young women and hearing their stories. Lori has spoken to girls who have missed school because they got their period and had to run home in the middle of the day – because nothing was available for them at school. This budget makes feminine hygiene products available at no cost in our schools because girls deserve to have peace of mind so they can focus on learning.”

Another important program that the Governor has given high priority in his budget is increased support for healthcare providers that provide high-quality family planning tools and reproductive healthcare services...

“Because women and girls deserve to make their own choices about their bodies.” On women’s reproductive rights, time and again Governor Shapiro has spoken in the strongest terms, “I believe in women’s freedom to choose – and as long as I’m Governor, I will always defend freedom in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!”

Governor Shapiro’s budget also rises to the occasion on the subject of maternal mortality, “We ought to double down on our work to prevent maternal mortality – especially among Black mothers and this budget does that, fulfilling a commitment I made to the Black Maternal Health Caucus, and a priority of our Commonwealth’s Second Lady, and a new mom, Blayre Holmes Davis.”



The Shapiro-Davis Administration Invests in Maternal Healthcare



At a recent Black Maternal Health Week news conference held in Harrisburg and organized by the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, Women’s Health Caucus, and Commission for Women, Pennsylvania Second Lady Blayre Holmes Davis emphasized the Shapiro-Davis Administration’s key proposed investments in improving Black maternal health across the Commonwealth.

“For far too long, the injustice has existed that Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications, more than any other race,” said Second Lady Blayre Holmes Davis. “Behind the shocking disparities are real people. These are people who loved and were loved. These are people who left behind families and communities that needed them and are still grieving from a preventable tragedy. This Administration is fighting for them.”

“There is a popular quote that says, ‘When a flower doesn’t bloom, you fix the environment it grows in, not the flower,’” said Holmes Davis. “It is long overdue that we fix the environment of the lack of reproductive health care services for Black women. It is long overdue that we fix the environment that leads to Black women dying when all they should feel is seen, respected, and protected. And it is long overdue that we fix the environment that treats Black women anything less than what we are, which is magical.”

The Shapiro-Davis Administration is fighting for healthier families and communities all across Pennsylvania – from ensuring our kids have enough to eat, to expanding services for those with intellectual disabilities and autism, to taking action to address racial disparities in maternal health. The [Shapiro-Davis budget](#) invests \$2.3 million to expand maternal health programming and study ways to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

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Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta Updates



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



ENDORSEMENTS





Rep. Ryan Bizzarro Updates



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



THANK YOU to the thousands of Pennsylvania Democrats who worked with Team Bizz to deliver nearly 20,000 petition signatures across all 67 counties!

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“We need a state treasurer who understands we need to invest in a future that works for everyone — and protects the people’s money. Ryan Bizzarro is that leader, and I’ve got his back. Please join me in supporting my friend and Pennsylvania’s next State Treasurer, Ryan Bizzarro.”

REP. JOANNA MCCLINTON
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

HIGHLIGHTS

Financial officers former PA Treasurer Joe Torsella, Allegheny-Fayette Labor Council, Delaware County Labor Council, AFSCME Council 13, PA elected financial officers from across the state: Philadelphia City Controller Christy Brady, Montgomery County Treasurer Jason Salus, Lackawanna County Treasurer Angela Rempe Jones, Centre County Treasurer Colleen Kennedy, Centre County Controller Jason Moser, Allegheny County Controller Corey O’Connor, Pittsburgh City Controller Rachael Heisler.

Honoring Catherine Baker Knoll



The Honorable Catherine Baker Knoll was the first woman in 200 years of Pennsylvania history to serve as Lieutenant Governor. During her tenure as Lt Governor, Knoll dutifully served more than twelve million Pennsylvanians with Governor Ed Rendell. When she took the oath of office in January of 2003 she told the people of Pennsylvania that she “would not hug the shore to avoid the open sea”. Her many decades of selfless devotion to public service followed that creed unwaveringly. For her, it was about the power to care and not the care for power.

In addition to her electoral successes as Lt. Governor, Knoll served the Commonwealth as its 42nd State Treasurer. During her two successive terms, she was widely credited with “awakening a Sleeping Giant” and creating a model of innovation emulated by Treasurer’s throughout the country.

A native of Allegheny County, PA, Knoll devoted her life to public services first as a school teacher and businesswoman and later advancing issues including education, child safety financing, and business development. She was a pioneer throughout her life, especially devoted to opening doors for women and minorities in areas such as statewide business and investing, and numerous housing and small business loan programs.

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Honoring Catherine Baker Knoll



You are Invited

The Honorable Catherine Baker Knoll

Thirtieth Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Portrait Unveiling Ceremony

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | 1:00 PM
Pennsylvania State Capitol Rotunda
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Portrait By acclaimed late
Pennsylvania Artist Nelson Shanks

Commemorating Women's History Month

RSVP NOT REQUIRED

WORKING TOGETHER TO UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC VALUES

Summer State Committee Meeting, May 31 - June 1, 2024 in Allentown, PA. The deadline to book your room is on April 15 - No Exceptions. Contact Peggy Lucas for more information at plucas@padems.com

[Book Your Stay Now!](#)

IMPORTANT VOTING DEADLINES FOR THE APRIL 2024 PRIMARY

Visit the [PA Dems Voting Center](#) for more information.

April 08, 2024 - Last day to REGISTER before the primary

April 16, 2024 - Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

April 23, 2024 - Last day for County Board of Elections to receive completed mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

April 23, 2024 - GENERAL PRIMARY



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