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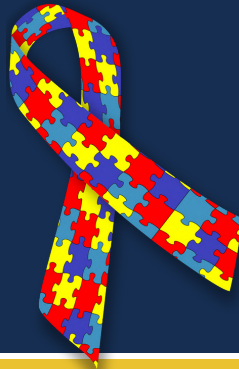
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A Letter from Chairman Sharif Street



Dear Members,

We have made it to this moment in election season by working together. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work as we work to elect our slate for the upcoming primary on April 23, 2024.

We will reelect President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. In order to protect the rights that we all hold dear, we must do everything we can to support President Biden in this historic election.

U.S. Senator Bob Casey has worked tirelessly to bring tens of millions of dollars in investment to Pennsylvania and we will continue our collective efforts to reelect him to another term. Representatives Kenyatta and Bizzarro are ready on Day 1 to bring change to the Auditor General and State Treasurer offices, respectively.

Our two statewide candidates offer a lot to the fabric of what the Pa Democratic Party stands for in our party. State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta has been a vocal proponent of protecting workers' rights, enacting common-sense gun safety policies, and rooting out government corruption and waste. As Auditor General, Rep. Kenyatta will audit the impact of out-of-state abortion bans on the PA healthcare infrastructure to help legislators better understand the funding needs in this landscape.

Representative Ryan Bizzarro is running for Treasurer to protect important programs, protect our pensions, and to protect Pennsylvanians from extremists. Ryan has been recognized and widely credited for his hard work and statewide leadership after visiting Pennsylvania's 67 counties to make sure all voices are heard in Harrisburg.

Together, our slate of qualified endorsed candidates are the ones who truly embody the democratic spirit. This primary election, let's keep the momentum high, the enthusiasm for change, and the opportunity for hope seriously as we go to the polls on Election Day.

In addition, 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

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Join Us May 2nd for A Fundraiser With
Honorary Guest Hillary Rodham Clinton



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Chairman Sharif Street &
The PA Democratic Party

cordially invite you to a

Zoom Fundraiser

with Honorary Guest



Hillary Rodham Clinton

Thursday, May 2, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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PO Box 22356, Philadelphia, PA 19110

To RSVP, VISIT: bit.ly/pademshrc or call 862-206-9166

Zoom Link will be Provided to Confirmed Guests

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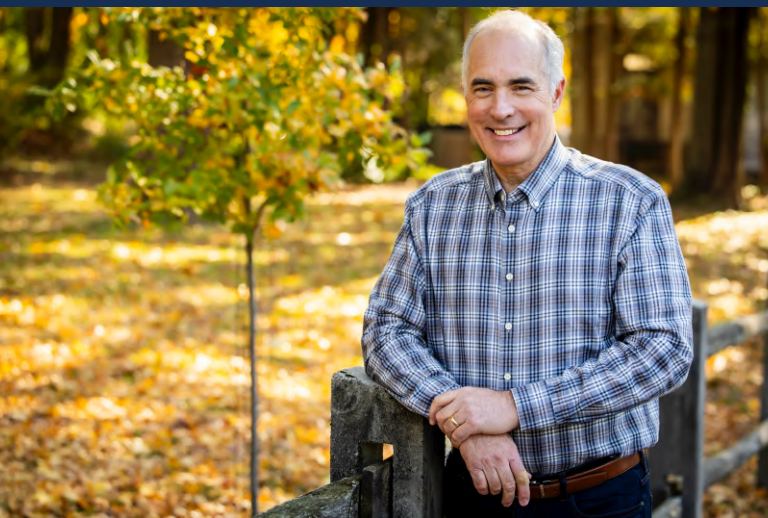
Endorsed Candidates



**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
FOR REELECTION**



**REP. MALCOLM KENYATTA
FOR AUDITOR GENERAL**



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



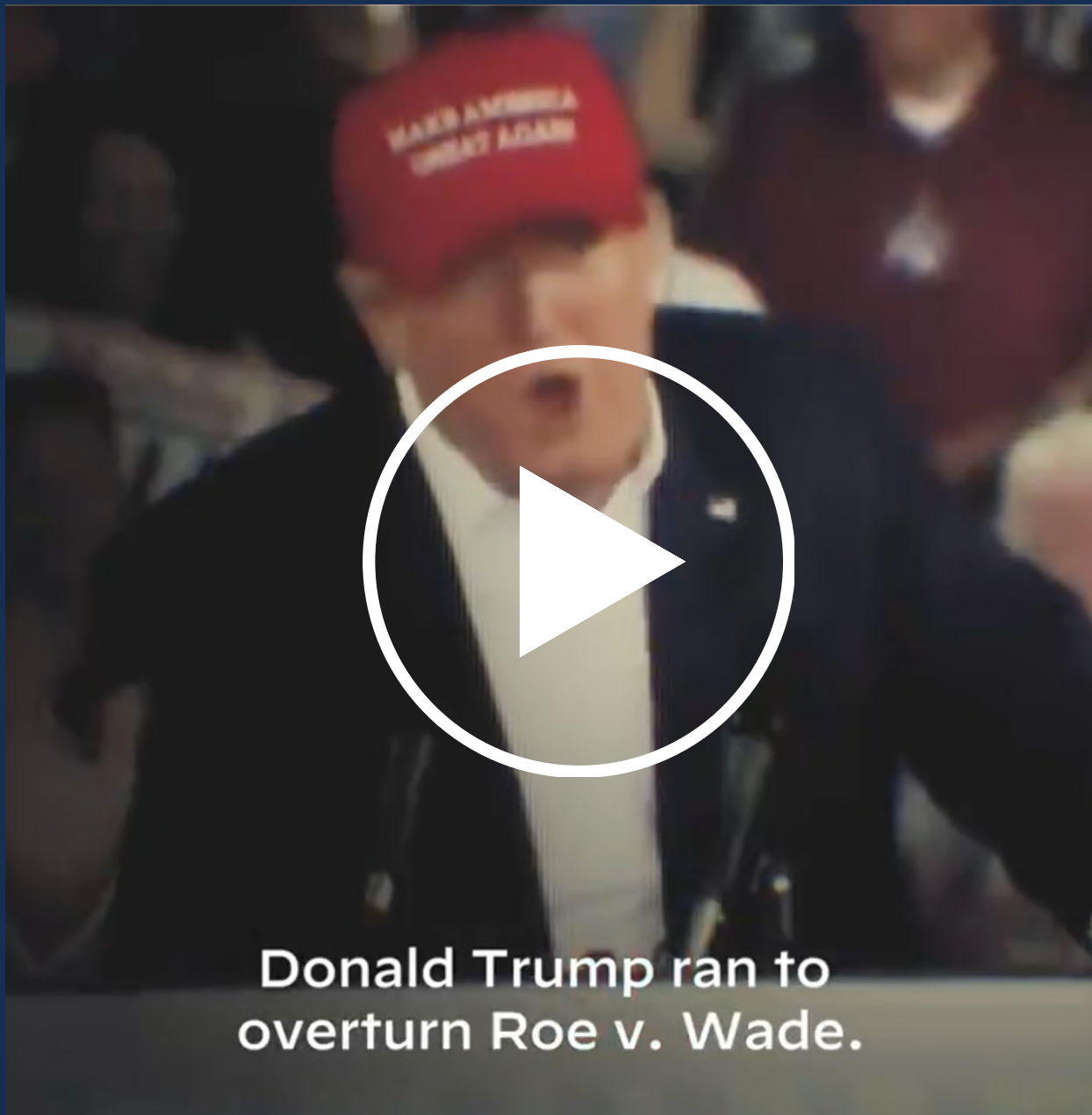
**REP. RYAN BIZZARRO
FOR TREASURER**

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Re-elect President Joe Biden
& Vice President Kamala Harris



Joe Biden For President Releases Advertising Spot Focusing on Donald Trump's Record on Abortion:



Donald Trump ran to
overturn Roe v. Wade.



Re-elect President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris



Team Biden-Harris Hits the Ground Running in Pennsylvania in March

The day after the President's powerful State of the Union, President Biden traveled to Pennsylvania to kick off the nationwide March "I'm on Board" Month of Action designed to engage and mobilize voters and volunteers in the fight for the soul of the nation.

The Democratic Coordinated campaign has opened 14 coordinated campaign field offices and hosted events focused on highlighting Trump's plans to ban abortion nationwide, gut Social Security and Medicare, and repeal the ACA.

Throughout March, the Biden-Harris campaign and Pennsylvania Democrats continued to build the infrastructure necessary to win in November: hiring coordinated staff, opening coordinated offices, and training volunteers, building on strong relationships in communities of color and rural and suburban areas. By the numbers:

- President Biden rallied supporters in Delaware County and sat down with local small business owners.
- The coordinated campaign opened 14 offices.
- The Biden-Harris campaign engaged over 1700+ volunteers dedicated to reelecting Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and Democrats up and down the ballot.
- Meanwhile, the Trump campaign still has no public presence in the biggest battleground state in the country that will decide the election – and across Pennsylvania, local media have reported there are no signs of the Trump campaign.
- Philadelphia Inquirer: Democrats open Philly headquarters as Biden campaign boosts staffing across Pa.

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Re-elect President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris



Team Biden-Harris Hits the Ground Running in Pennsylvania in March

Team Biden-Harris also launched a \$30 million, six-week paid media campaign, including ad buys targeting Latino, Black, and AAPI voters, after kicking off Students for Biden, Latinos con Biden, and Women for Biden. And the campaign held the most successful political fundraiser in history, raising \$26 million in one night – \$6 million more than Donald Trump raised in all of February.

See featured March coverage below:

- MSNBC: Biden Campaign Opens Field Office In Lancaster, PA
- NBC10: 'Hello Delco' Joe Biden brought 2024 reelection message to Philly suburbs
- Pennsylvania Capital-Star: Democrats open coordinated campaign offices across Pennsylvania
- WHYY: Pa. Democrats, doctors push preservation of Affordable Care Act in face of Trump's promise to repeal
- Pittsburgh Union Progress: Pennsylvania Democratic Coordinated Campaign opens regional HQ in East Liberty
- Philadelphia Inquirer: Democrats open Philly headquarters as Biden campaign boosts staffing across Pa.





SENATOR CASEY MEETS WITH PENNSYLVANIANS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH AS HE TAKES HIS CAMPAIGN MESSAGE ON THE ROAD

This month, Senator Bob Casey traveled across Pennsylvania to meet with Pennsylvanians and highlight his campaign's fight to lower costs for working families, secure our rights, and create thousands of good paying union jobs. He criss-crossed the state from opening the coordinated campaign office in Erie, to receiving labor endorsements in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, to meeting with voters in Tioga County and small businesses in West Philadelphia.

Read More Below:

- Wellsboro Gazette: [Sen. Casey visits Blossburg, hosted by Dems](#)
- Pittsburgh Union Progress: ['The right to organize is on the line,' Casey says as he picks up labor endorsement](#)
- Erie News Now: [U.S. Sen. Bob Casey visits Erie, focuses on economy](#)
- Philadelphia Tribune: [Senator Bob Casey and Vincent Hughes tour 52nd Street small businesses](#)





Senator Bob Casey Updates



Senator Casey also released the first two TV ads of his re-election campaign. The first ad, titled "Stench," highlights Senator Casey's fight to pass the PACT Act to deliver for veterans across Pennsylvania. The second ad, titled "Fleeced," focuses on his fight against greedflation. Both ads have begun airing across Pennsylvania to let voters know how Senator Casey is delivering on supporting our veterans and lowering costs for Pennsylvanians.

Senator Casey has been a national leader on greedflation. Last month, his latest legislation to fight back against greedy corporations was even recognized by President Biden in the State of the Union. He'll keep fighting against these shady practices to put more money in the pocket of Pennsylvania's working families.



Governor Shapiro Shares His Commonsense Energy Plan



By Governor Josh Shapiro

Pennsylvania's energy industry has long created good-paying jobs and ensured consumers have reliable, affordable power. The coal mines and oil fields of Northeastern and Western Pennsylvania fueled the Industrial Revolution, which powered the middle class and led to the creation of the American labor movement.

When fascism threatened freedom overseas, our commonwealth produced the energy that made the arsenal of democracy the most powerful manufacturing base in the world — all powered by Pennsylvania workers.

Unfortunately, due to inaction and partisan standoffs of recent years, Pennsylvania has failed to capitalize on our legacy as an energy leader, and other states are moving to overtake us. We need to be more competitive — and it's time we write the next chapter.

Soon after I took office as governor, I brought together a working group of leaders from the energy industry, organized labor, environmental groups and consumer advocates to come up with a plan to protect Pennsylvania's position as an energy leader and develop a strategy for the future.

I've made clear that any energy policy supported by my administration must meet a three-part test: it must protect and create energy jobs, take real action to address climate change, and ensure reliable, affordable power for consumers in the long term.

Following the recommendations of that working group, last week, I announced my plan to build on Pennsylvania's legacy of energy leadership by protecting and creating energy jobs and lowering electricity costs for consumers.



Governor Shapiro Shares His Commonsense Energy Plan



My plan calls for two key initiatives. First, it would create the Pennsylvania Climate Emissions Reduction (PACER), which would set a cap for the amount of carbon that large power plants can produce and release into the air and reinvest the money raised directly in Pennsylvanians to lower their electricity bills, increase energy efficiency and create energy jobs.

Here's how it would work: the approximately 55 large power plants in Pennsylvania purchase credits from the commonwealth to offset the amount of carbon pollution they're putting out. With that funding, we'll give Pennsylvanians an electric bill rebate, so no one pays more on their electricity bill — and some will even pay less. The remaining 30% of the funding generated will be reinvested in large energy-producing facilities in Pennsylvania — like Homer City in Indiana County — used to lower costs further for those who need help the most, and allocated to support projects that increase energy efficiency.

Importantly, this is a plan tailored for Pennsylvania and run by Pennsylvanians. We will set our own cap and our own price for those carbon credits. We won't have other states determining what's right for us.

If the General Assembly passes my plan, I will sign it — immediately removing us from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

The second part of my plan calls for Pennsylvania to create a more reliable and sustainable energy grid in Pennsylvania. Twenty years ago, Pennsylvania was one of the first states to pass Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards, which established what kind of energy we use here in Pennsylvania and where it comes from.

We haven't made any major updates to those standards in 17 years, but in that time, 30 other states — including states run by both Democrats and Republicans — have updated their standards.

We're losing out on new investment and innovation — and that means we're losing out on jobs and growth.



Governor Shapiro Shares His Commonsense Energy Plan



My plan creates the Pennsylvania Reliable Energy Sustainability Standard (PRESS.) PRESS updates our energy standards and expands the tiers of what kind of energy sources can qualify. It will create new markets for clean energy, while also supporting key energy industries that have helped Pennsylvania become a national leader.

PRESS accomplishes that by calling for 35% clean energy by 2035 — and expanding the number of zero-emission sources that qualify. It's not just solar and wind — it also includes sources like methane digesters, new fusion technology and small modular nuclear reactors — all things Pennsylvania has invested in in recent years.

A few months ago, I was in Etna in Allegheny County to announce a new investment by our commonwealth in Westinghouse, a company developing and producing the small modular reactors that will help power our future. PRESS encourages investment into that kind of technology, supporting Pennsylvania-grown innovation and good jobs.

Taken together, PACER and PRESS would save Pennsylvania ratepayers \$252 million over the next five years, create 14,500 jobs, and once again position Pennsylvania as a leader in the energy industry.

I know energy is a challenging topic and there are passionate views on all sides of this issue, but doing nothing is not an option. If those who propose to sit tight and do nothing have their way, consumers will end up paying more for their electricity bills, we won't create enough jobs, and we'll see more pollution and damage in communities already suffering from the impacts of climate change.

I'm sick and tired of falling behind other states — on energy, on economic development, on creating opportunity for our people. It's time to take commonsense steps to cut costs, protect our planet and create jobs.

I'm calling on the General Assembly to step up to the plate, take action to move Pennsylvania forward and pass these bills. Send them to my desk and let's ensure Pennsylvania is again an energy leader and remains so for decades to come.



Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta Updates



POLICY PROPOSALS

- 1: As Auditor General, Rep. Kenyatta will audit the impact of out-of-state abortion bans on the PA healthcare infrastructure to help legislators better understand the funding needs in this landscape.
- 2: As State Representative, Rep. Kenyatta co-authored a bill, Pennsylvania Women's Health Protection Act to break barriers in PA to receiving abortion care. As Auditor General he will conduct this review and present his findings to the legislator, along with a forensic review of former payments to crisis pregnancy centers.
- 3: As Auditor General, Rep. Kenyatta will review the impact of former Gov. Tom Wolf's executive order on ending reimbursements for Conversion Abuse.
- 4: As State Representative, Rep. Kenyatta sponsored and passed out of the House, the PA Fairness Act, and introduced bi-partisan legislation -- Philip's Law to better understand the landscape of mental health services in our schools. As Auditor General he will conduct a comprehensive audit of mental health care in Pennsylvania's schools.

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Rep. Ryan Bizzarro Updates



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Pennsylvania State Treasurer candidate

RYAN BIZZARRO

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Voting by Mail Ballot

Do's and Don'ts

Do: Return your voted ballot by the deadline.

Voted mail ballots must be received by your county board of elections by 8 p.m. April 23.

Do: Seal your ballot inside both envelopes.

Only ballots delivered in BOTH envelopes (the inner secrecy envelope marked "Official Election Ballot" sealed inside the outer return envelope) by the deadline are counted. The voter declaration on the outer envelope also must be signed and dated with the current date.

Don't: Return your ballot to a polling place.

A polling place is not an option for returning your voted mail ballot. PA voters can return it by mail, at a drop box or at their county election board.

Don't: Deliver someone else's ballot unless you are a designated agent.

Under Pennsylvania law, voters may only return their own ballots. The only exceptions to this are for voters with a disability who have designated someone in writing to deliver their ballot, or voters who need third-party delivery of their emergency absentee ballot.

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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 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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