

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With 2026 well underway, my mission remains the same: to fight for Columbia County's conservative values through policies that reduce the tax burden, restore fiscal discipline, support our local farmers and small businesses, back our law enforcement, protect our freedom, foster economic growth, and more.

This newsletter features my focus to reverse the health crisis in Pennsylvania, my progress on Aiden's Law, my commitment to defending life and liberty, and more.

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STATE REP. ROBERT LEADBETTER: STANDING UP FOR OUR CONSERVATIVE VALUES

★ ENCOURAGING PENNSYLVANIANS TO PRIORITIZE HEALTH

It was an honor to speak at the "Eat Real Food" Tour at the Capitol, where I urged the public to implement nutritious, non-processed food into their diets. This approach, led by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., comes at a critical juncture in our nation because we are seeing meteoric rises in obesity and other diseases. To wage war against processed foods and harmful additives, I am a proud co-prime sponsor of House Bill 1131. This is one of eight measures in the Healthy PA Package, which would prohibit the sale of products containing Red 40, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Blue 1, Blue 2, and Green 3 dyes in any public school in the Commonwealth. As a father, I think about my children and the role food plays in their development every single day. What our children eat matters. It fuels and shapes who they become.

★ PROTECTING PA'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS

In December, I was joined by family members of Aiden Ha, advocates, and colleagues in Harrisburg to officially introduce House Bill 2102, known as Aiden's Law. This legislation would create a Purple Alert system in the Commonwealth. Similar to Amber Alert for abducted children, Silver Alert for missing older adults, and Green Alert for missing at-risk veterans, the Purple Alert system would rapidly notify the public and law enforcement when an individual with certain cognitive, intellectual or developmental disabilities goes missing. Aiden, a 6-year-old nonverbal autistic Columbia County child, tragically passed away after his body was found in the Susquehanna River on Oct. 5, 2025 – one day after being reported missing. We must act on this life-saving measure now so we can prevent tragedies, such as this, from happening ever again.

★ DEFENDING LIFE AND LIBERTY

A steadfast champion of the sanctity of life and the preservation of liberty, I opposed the radical-left majority's ideologies to allow abortions up until birth (House Bill 1957), institute backdoor red flag laws (House Bill 1859), limit the types of materials that could be used to construct firearms (House Bill 1099), and ban parts for firearms (House Bill 1866). Every life is sacred and must be treated with dignity. Safeguarding life is essential to strengthening families and communities – two critical principles within Columbia County's conservative values. Equally important is the unwavering defense of the Second Amendment. Law-abiding citizens must defend themselves, their families, and properties from criminals looking to inflict harm. Instead of punishing the bad actors, Democrats want to penalize those who follow our laws. Standing firm on these issues reflects my commitment to valuing human life and the liberties our Founding Fathers fought so hard to obtain.



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AGRICULTURE ON DISPLAY

To celebrate our illustrious agriculture industry, I traveled to Harrisburg for the 110th Pennsylvania Farm Show to show my love and support for this critical sector. I participated in Public Officials Day, where we brainstormed ideas on how we can further cement Pennsylvania as a nationwide leader in agriculture. I spoke at length with Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and PA Grange President Matt Espenshade about agriculture's influence on Columbia County, the future of the industry, and more. We love our farmers and agribusinesses in the 109th District because of their tireless work to help thousands of families who depend on them. Thank you for being the backbone of our great state. Without you, we would not be able to function.

MORE THAN \$34 MILLION IN FUNDING SECURED FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

To improve the quality of life in our region, I have worked to ensure state resources are directed back to the 109th District for projects that strengthen our local economy. Since first elected to office and after serving two terms, I have helped secure more than \$34 million to support infrastructure, job creation, and community development. In 2025, all the small water grant applications in the 109th District were supported by me and fully funded — including all flood remediation projects.

Most recently, I supported a \$1 million grant for Sekisui Kydex in Bloomsburg to expand rail capacity at its South Campus facility. This investment strengthens a key local employer, increases manufacturing capacity, and supports family-sustaining jobs in our region. Strategic infrastructure improvements like this help businesses grow, reduce the local tax burden and keep our communities competitive.