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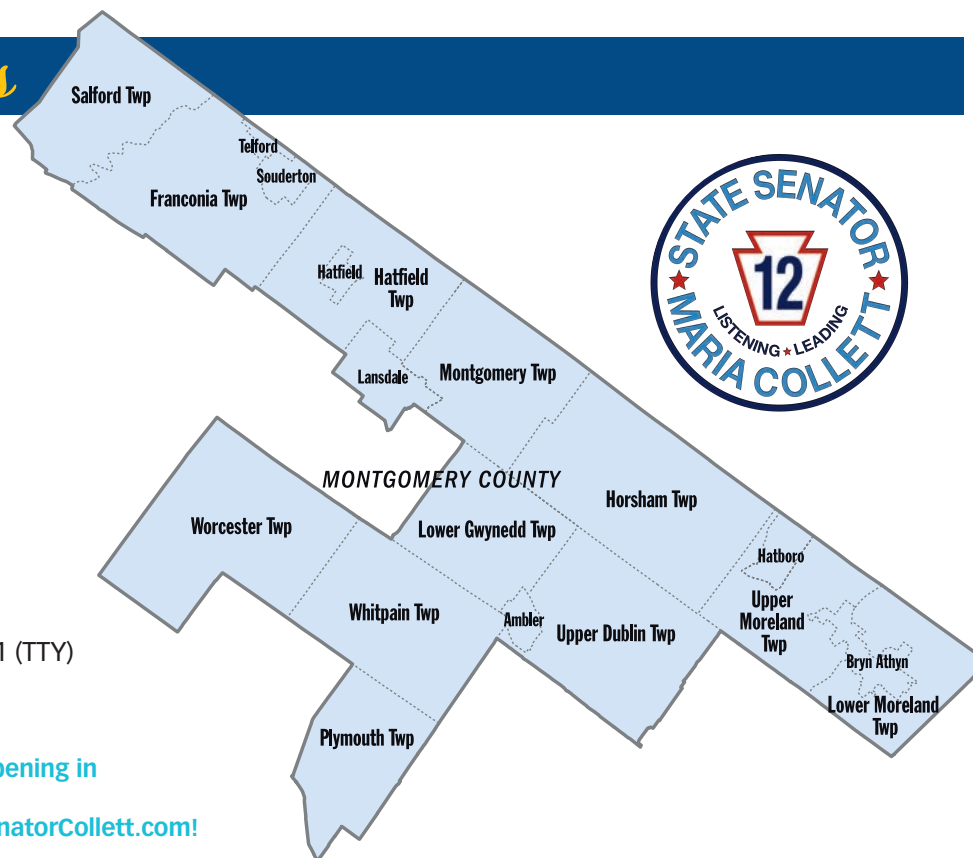
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State Senator **MARIA COLLETT**

Representing the 12th Senatorial District

Fall 2022

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Dear Neighbor,

As I finish my first term as your senator here in the 12th District, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for the privilege of letting me represent you. My staff and I take great pride in assisting everyone who calls, emails, writes and visits us in our offices and when we're out in the community. Your input always guides my decision-making, whether it be in casting votes in Harrisburg, choosing what types of events to host, or identifying projects in the community to support. My staff and I are always interested in hearing your concerns and ideas, and helping you identify state resources and take advantage of state services. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Senator Maria Collett, 12th Senatorial District



In The Community

Hatboro Gold Star Garden



On Armed Forces Day, I was humbled to join local Gold Star families, veterans and community members to break ground for the future Hatboro Gold Star Garden, which honors the families of service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Gold Star Garden Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at 11 AM.

Bucks-Mont Pride Festival

In honor of the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising that launched the LGBTQ civil rights movement, June is known throughout the United States and around the world as Pride Month. My team and I had a wonderful day at the Bucks-Mont Pride Festival celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and renewing our commitment to the fight for acceptance and equality.



Coffee With Collett



In the Spring, I hosted meet-and-greets at Be Well Café & Bakery and Hatboro Dish so folks could share what's on their minds over some fresh coffee and delicious snacks. The only thing my staff and I enjoy more than coffee and snacks is meeting constituents!

Variety – The Children's Charity

Variety – the Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley offers a wide range of programs for children and young adults with intellectual disabilities. They currently serve more than 150 families in the 12th District, and with the funding I've helped them secure from the state and county, they will be able to continue to expand their impact.



Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum

I was excited to explore the Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum this summer and especially glad my son was able to join me! The volunteer-run museum is located adjacent to Horsham's Biddle Air National Guard Base and features one of the largest collections of historic aircraft in the country.

Ukrainian Aid Collection Drive

We were completely blown away by the generosity of our community during our Spring collection drive for Ukraine. With your help, we donated thousands of relief items to St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, where they were sorted, boxed and sent overseas to humanitarian groups.



Habitat for Humanity Build in Hatfield



Montgomery County is in dire need of more affordable housing options. In July, my team and I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Hatfield Township, where they're in the process of building the first four units for local families. I was proud to support nearly \$1,000,000 in state funding to make this project possible.

Juneteenth in the 12th



I'm always glad to celebrate our district's rich diversity and engage in community events like this year's Juneteenth Block Party in Upper Moreland and picnic in Lower Gwynedd, where I learned more about the Juneteenth holiday, which commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. and the continued struggle for racial justice.



2022-23 Budget Wins

With an unprecedented surplus and billions in federal ARP funds on the table, I fought hard for a budget that would bring about meaningful change for the people of the 12th District and all Pennsylvanians.

While the 2022-23 budget doesn't do all the things I hoped it would, there is plenty to celebrate:

- An historic **\$1.1B increase in state education funding**, including \$850M in recurring funds for K-12 schools. School districts across the 12th District will receive a major boost from the state, which I'm hopeful will ultimately lessen their reliance on local property taxes.
- **\$35M** more for my **Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program**, bringing the total investment to \$55 million and allowing even more nurses to benefit.
- One-time **bonus payments for current Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program recipients** equal to 70% of your rebate, on top of your rebate.
- **\$90M** for the recruitment and retention of **childcare staff** and a new **PA Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit** that will return up to 30% of child- or dependent-care related expenses for eligible filers beginning in 2023.
- **\$250M** for expanded supports for **long term care residents and staff**. This budget also requires 70% of Medicaid funds to be spent directly on resident care, staffing, and support.

- Substantial investments in our mental health infrastructure, including **\$100M for adult mental health supports** and **\$100M for student mental health grants**.
- **\$540M for clean water infrastructure** grant programs.

I look forward to returning to Harrisburg in September and continuing to advocate for the things that matter



most to you, like inflation, job creation, defending reproductive freedoms, and addressing gun violence.

Senator Collett holds a letter from a young constituent asking for more funds for her school.

Save the Date!

My staff and I are looking forward to hosting and attending many community events this year, including:

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NORTH PENN MOSQUE COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION

11am – 4pm
North Penn Mosque
600 Maple Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446
Free community day with kids' games, a health clinic, lunch, and more.

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SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

10am – 12pm
Generations of Indian Valley
259 N 2nd St., Souderton, PA 18964
My second health fair will offer a wide range of resources and services for the senior community.

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LOWER GWYNEDD FALL FEST

11am – 5pm
Houston Rd., Lower Gwynedd
Annual fall fest with a 5k, business vendors, food trucks, kids' amusements and music.

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FREE E-RECYCLING EVENT WITH REP. MATT BRADFORD

9am – 12pm
Methacton High School
1005 Kriebel Mill Rd., Eagleville, PA 19403
Recycle anything with a plug except televisions or monitors.

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FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

10am – 12pm
Willow Grove YMCA
3300 Davisville Rd., Hatboro, PA 19040
The first of my two health fairs with a focus on whole family health.

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MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP AUTUMN FESTIVAL

12pm – 5pm
William F. Maule Park @ Windlestrae
1147 Kenas Rd., North Wales, PA 19454
Community celebration with music, food, fall crafts, police/fire demonstrations, amusements, and more.

Be sure to sign up for my e-newsletter at senatorcollett.com and follow me on social media for additional details about these and other upcoming events.