



STATE SENATOR MARIA COLLETT

Representing the 12th Senatorial District

SUMMER 2026

Dear Neighbor,

During the first half of 2026, my team and I have been hard at work assisting constituents, hosting free community events, securing grant funding for local projects, and advocating for a healthier, more affordable Pennsylvania for all of us.

Check out my latest newsletter to see what we've been up to and learn how my office can serve you and your family. As always, I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns about state-related matters. We are happy to help!

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POLICY WINS: WORKING FOR YOU



■ Paid Leave Progress

My bipartisan Family Care Act (**SB 906**) is one of the most impactful pieces of legislation for working families in a generation, establishing a

statewide family and medical leave program. Because working Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to care for themselves and their loved ones without having to sacrifice their ability to afford basic necessities.

I'm excited to share that the bill passed the Senate Labor & Industry Committee earlier this summer and now awaits a floor vote in the Senate. The companion version of the bill, **HB 200**, passed the PA House back in March. I won't stop fighting until we finally get this legislation to the Governor's desk.

■ Protecting Your Data

Consumers should have the power to decide what happens with their personal data, not corporations.

This June, Rep. Ed Neilson's House version of my and Senator Lisa Boscola's Consumer Data Privacy bill passed the Senate Communication & Technology Committee, bringing it another step closer to becoming law.

SB 112 & HB 78 increase data transparency and empower consumers to call the shots when it comes to the monetization of their personal information. I am ready to vote yes on the Senate floor.

■ Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Great news in our fight against human trafficking: **SB 45** – my bill with Senator Cris Dush to enable law enforcement to better target and prosecute prostitution related trafficking crimes – has been signed into law by Governor Shapiro!

As a co-Chair of the bipartisan, bicameral PA Anti-Human Trafficking Caucus, I'm proud of our continued efforts to crack down on trafficking and to help survivors seek the justice they deserve.



NEW LEGISLATION: BUILDING A HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE PA

■ Addressing the Housing Crisis

A healthy Pennsylvania starts with a healthy home. But for far too many families, stable, affordable housing is out of reach. The legislation I'm proposing tackles the housing crisis on multiple fronts:

- Preventing corporate investors from jacking up prices
- Addressing homelessness and housing instability
- Increasing housing availability by streamlining the ADU process (**SB 1256**)

Visit SenatorCollett.com/Housing for more details.

■ Making Healthcare More Affordable

Pennsylvanians deserve care, not cuts. They deserve leaders who offer solutions, not excuses. As a nurse who cared for patients at the bedside, I have seen firsthand the dire need for affordable, accessible healthcare.

That's why I continue to push legislation that will:

- Protect access to preventive care, without cost sharing (**SB 1195**)
- Limit out-of-pocket medication costs (**SB 268**)
- Protect our hospitals and nursing homes from private equity greed
- Limit the growth of healthcare costs
- Study the creation of a comprehensive health coverage system for the state



Visit SenatorCollett.com/Healthcare for more details.

■ My Statement on Data Centers in Our Neighborhoods

"No community should be treated as a testing ground for high-impact industrial development and until we establish consistent, statewide guardrails, I join many of my constituents in opposing data centers in our neighborhoods, including here in Plymouth Township.

I've signed on to a number of bills to regulate data center projects, protect consumers from rising energy costs, and preserve our environment and quality of life. Our legislature must move quickly to enact these protective measures so that communities and consumers don't bear the brunt of hasty development. I stand ready to vote "yes" on legislation that does just that."



OUR FIRST STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

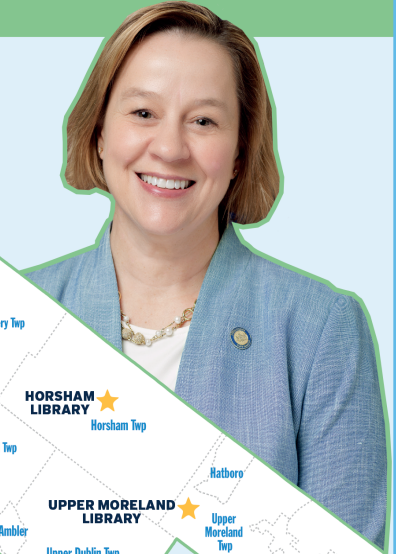
My staff and I were excited to host our first student art exhibit in collaboration with Upper Dublin High School! We displayed their impressive artwork in our district office this spring and invited families and community members to attend a special reception to celebrate these talented young artists. I look forward to our next exhibit!



Join **SENATOR COLLETT'S OFFICE** for **MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

SOME SERVICES OUR OFFICE CAN HELP WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebates
- PennDOT Issues
- Unemployment
- Senior SEPTA Fare Cards
- *And More!*



GRANT AWARDS ACROSS THE 12TH

My staff and I work year-round to bring state dollars back to projects benefitting our community. In the first half of 2026, we've secured millions of dollars for local infrastructure, public safety, nonprofits and more, including:

- **\$4,250,000** for public safety and community infrastructure projects
- **\$3,030,000** for affordable housing and housing stability services across Montgomery County
- **\$820,000** for school mental health and safety programs
- **\$850,000** for victim services and crime prevention
- **\$491,000** for local fire companies and emergency medical services

To learn more about grant opportunities,
e-mail my office at SenatorCollett@pasenate.com



SAVE^{THE}DATES

My staff and I will be hosting a number of community events this year, including:

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PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

co-hosted with **Rep. Melissa Cerrato**

10 AM – 12 PM

Rose Twig at Windlestrae Park
1151 Kenas Rd. | North Wales

Shred sensitive documents and protect your identity!
3 paper bag limit per car, please. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items for local food banks!

SEPT
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COLLEGE PREP NIGHT

co-hosted with **Rep. Melissa Cerrato & Rep. Nancy Guent**

6 PM – 7:30 PM

Keith Valley Middle School
227 Meetinghouse Rd. | Horsham

Get information on financial aid, scholarships, the FAFSA process, the PA 529 Savings Plan, and finding the right higher education fit for you!
To register, call Rep. Guent's office at 215-259-5962.

OCT
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FALL FEST AT MERRYMEAD FARM

co-hosted with **Rep. Matt Bradford**

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Merrymead Farm

2222 S Valley Forge Rd. | Lansdale

Enjoy an evening on the farm with free ice cream, hayrides, a corn maze, and more while learning about the state services our offices can assist with. **Registration is required and space is limited!**
Call 215-368-1429 or e-mail senatorcollett@pasenate.com to sign up.

OCT
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SENIOR SERVICES & WELLNESS HUB

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Generations of Indian Valley
259 N 2nd St. | Souderton

Our Senior Hub event is a one-stop-shop for older adults and their families, with giveaways, health screenings, state services and a variety of other wellness resources.

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PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

co-hosted with **Rep. Steve Malagari**

10 AM – 12 PM

Knapp Elementary School Parking Lot
698 Knapp Rd. | Lansdale

Join us for a free paper shredding event on Halloween!
Please limit your shredding materials to 3 paper bags per vehicle.
We cannot accept electronics.



Be sure to sign up for my weekly e-newsletter at **SenatorCollett.com/Subscribe** and follow me on social media for additional details about these and other upcoming events!

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT IN THE 12TH DISTRICT

DOG LICENSES

Did you know my office can help you secure your annual dog license? Bring a check for the license fee, complete the simple application form, and we will provide your license and tag on the spot!

- **Regular license fee: \$10.80**
- **Senior Citizen / Person with Disability License Fee: \$8.80**



2026 SENIOR EXPO

This year's Senior Expo was our biggest yet! I'm grateful to our incredible vendors and hosts at the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center for supporting older adults across our community. Together, we're working to ensure every Pennsylvanian can live and age with the dignity and safety they deserve. Stay tuned for our 2027 Expo!



BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



New Habitat ReStore ▶

This spring, we celebrated the grand opening of the newest Habitat ReStore, a massive thrift store located in Montgomery Township where you can shop for furniture, books, homeware, clothing, and much more. Every purchase supports affordable, safe housing in our region!



▲ Lower Moreland Awareness Walk

It was an honor to attend the Out of the Darkness Walk at Lower Moreland High School this May to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and local families who have lost loved ones to suicide. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or need support, call or text 9-8-8.



◀ Scam Prevention Events

I was proud to partner with PA Banking & Securities to host fraud prevention events at senior communities in Lansdale and Hatfield. Together, we shared stories, tips and resources to help us protect ourselves and our families from scams and identity thefts.



▲▶ Supporting First Responders

It was a pleasure to visit VMSC Emergency Medical Services in March to celebrate new grant funding, meet with leadership, and learn more about their top-notch training programs for EMS professionals across our region.



▲ Bergin's Chocolates

In March, I was excited to get a behind-the-scenes look at Bergin's Chocolates, an incredible family-owned business operating in Worcester Township for over 91 years! Stop by their shop at 2634 Morris Rd in Lansdale, open Monday through Saturday, to taste the years of family craftsmanship for yourself and pick up a sweet treat made right here in Montgomery County.



Upper Moreland's Transitional Program & Cafe ▶

In May, I had the privilege of touring the new Upper Moreland School District Transition Program classrooms and BEARS Barista cafe, supporting students ages 18-21 who are building real-world skills to support independence, employment and community engagement. BEARS Barista is also open to the public!



▲ Upper Dublin Township Building Opening

In April, we dedicated the new Upper Dublin Township & Police Department building, constructed in the wake of Hurricane Ida's destruction. I was proud to support the project with \$4.5 million in grant funding to ensure the facility meets the needs of our community and the dedicated folks who serve it.



◀ Stoozeum in Lower Gwynedd

The Stoozeum in Lower Gwynedd Township is truly one of a kind as the first and largest Three Stooges museum in the world. With nearly 100,000 artifacts dating back to 1918, the Stoozeum celebrates these legends of comedy and the laughs and connection they brought to generations of families. The Stoozeum offers Thursday tours by appointment for anyone who wants to relive the laughs. Request a visit at stoozeum.com.

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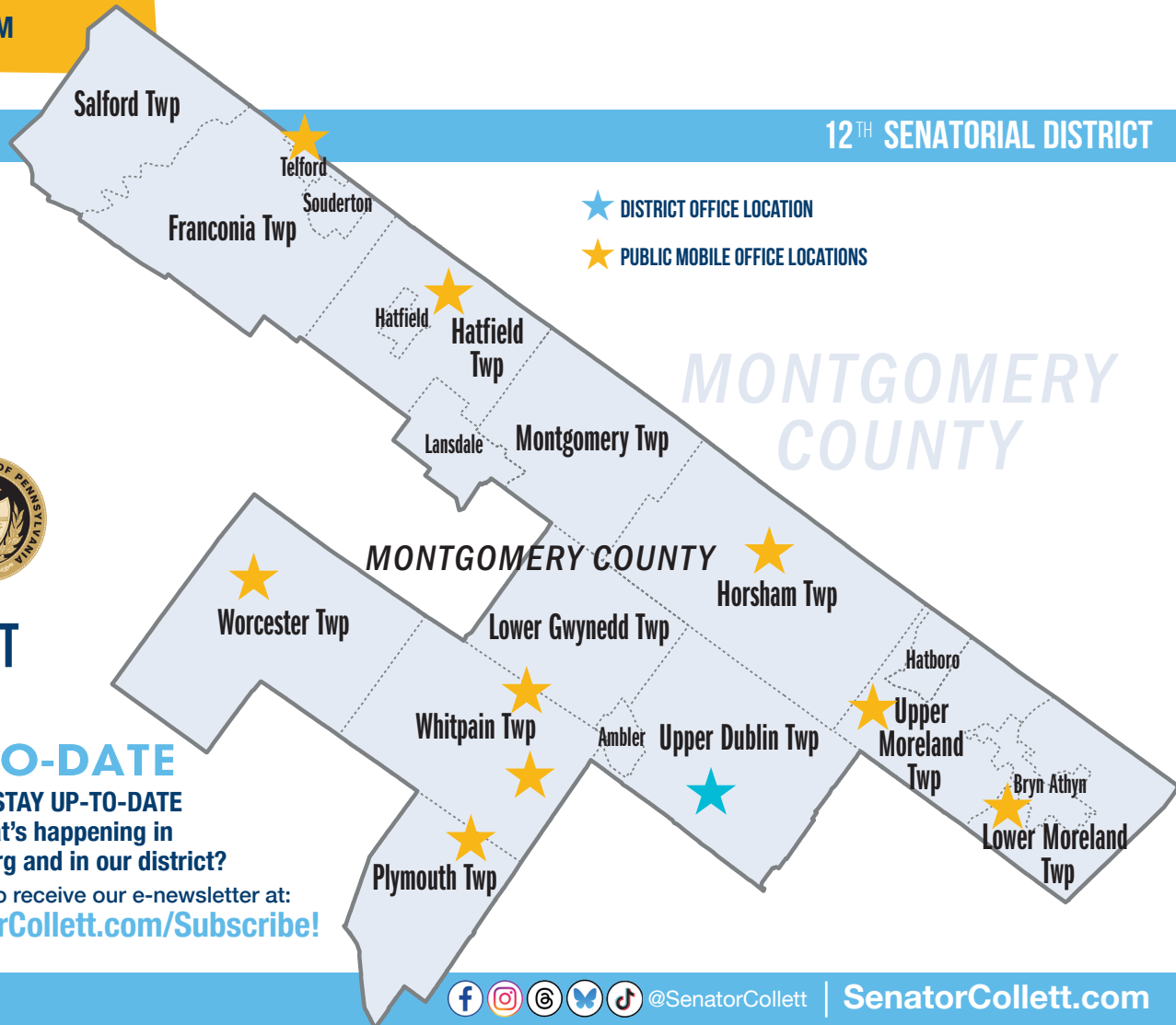
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