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Congressional Update

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Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you doing well. As we head towards Fall, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the actions of the United States Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact one of my offices listed above if you have any questions or comments regarding the issues discussed in this newsletter or you believe there is a federal matter for which my staff and I can be of assistance.

Please also consider attending one of my upcoming town meetings. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are located below. I always look forward to an engaging discussion at the meetings. Your input is greatly welcomed and much appreciated.

In closing, I hope you will join me in continuing to keep our military personnel and their families in your thoughts and prayers. May we be ever mindful of the selfless service of these true American heroes. God bless them and their loved ones, and God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Todd Russell Platts

Amnesty Bill Fails, Border Security Measure Introduced

On June 27, 2007, the House Republican Conference - which consists of all Republican Members elected to the United States House of Representatives - voted 114 to 23 to disapprove of Senate legislation (S. 1348, S. 1639) which would have provided amnesty for illegal immigrants. I voted with the majority of my colleagues in disapproving the Senate legislation. Subsequent to this vote in Conference, an attempt in the Senate to move the amnesty bill towards passage failed by a vote of 46 to 53.

I believe amnesty is the wrong approach to the immigration issue for several reasons. First, amnesty encourages more illegal immigration. Second, amnesty undermines respect for the law. Third, amnesty is blatantly unfair to those individuals who have been waiting in line, sometimes for years, to come to the United States legally. Finally, amnesty is costly. Illegal immigrants do not qualify for most government benefits. According to some studies, making these immigrants legal could cost taxpayers hundreds of billions if not trillions of dollars.

Instead of advocating amnesty, the Administration needs to enforce existing laws pertaining to illegal immigration and additional border security measures need to be implemented. I am a cosponsor of the Secure Borders First Act (H.R. 2954). Introduced by the Ranking Member on the House Homeland Security Committee, Representative Peter King, this bill cracks down on illegal immigration without providing amnesty. Specifically, H.R. 2954 would establish a firm timeline for the Department of Homeland Security to gain operational control of the border with technology, fencing, and trained border agents, as well as establish a taskforce to review unnecessary restrictions on border agents. H.R. 2954 would also increase penalties for certain immigration offenses, make it easier to deport illegal aliens (especially gang members and those caught shortly after crossing the border), and provide grants for state and local police to assist in the enforcement of immigration laws.

Finally, H.R. 2954 would declare English to be the official language of the United States, increase the security of birth certificates and Social Security cards, and require employers to use an employment eligibility database when determining whether an applicant is authorized to work in the United States. The current bureaucracy necessary to bring guest workers into the country to work temporarily in agriculture would be greatly streamlined, but - in order to ensure these guest workers are truly temporary - they could no longer bring their families along and employers would withhold a portion of the temporary workers' wages until they return to their home countries. Importantly, no illegal immigrant could apply to be a guest worker.

H.R. 2954 is currently pending consideration in multiple committees in the House. It is my sincere hope that the full Congress will be given the opportunity to consider this or similar legislation in the near future.



True Heroes – U.S. Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade **Lisa Nagorny**, a 2000 York Suburban graduate, was one of the troops I had the privilege to meet with at Camp Eggers in Kabul, Afghanistan during my

most recent overseas troop visit to discuss our Nation's ongoing efforts associated with Operation Enduring Freedom. America's true heroes are those individuals, such as Lisa, who have worn the uniform of our nation's armed forces, past and present, and their family members.

Town Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 17

Dallastown Borough Office
175 East Broad Street
Dallastown
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Guthrie Memorial Library
2 Library Place
Hanover
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 21

Lemoyne Borough Office
510 Herman Avenue
Lemoyne
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Friday, September 21

Bendersville Fire Company
144 Park Street
Bendersville
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

West Manchester Township Building
380 East Berlin Road
York
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Foreign Terrorist Surveillance Act Signed Into Law

In early August, by bipartisan majorities of 60-28 in the Senate and 227-183 in the House, Congress enacted the Protect America Act (S. 1927). This critically important legislation updates the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) in order to ensure our intelligence agencies have the tools necessary to monitor foreign terrorist suspects and thereby better protect our nation's citizens.

FISA was originally enacted prior to the current widespread use of cell phones and e-mail. Its purpose was to oversee Cold War intelligence gathering. The law was never meant to require a warrant in order to spy on enemies overseas. The distinction between foreign and domestic surveillance has become blurred, however, in a time when communications bounce freely back-and-forth between countries. Sometimes communications between foreign terrorists that are both located overseas, in the Middle East for example, may access technologies that are located in the United States. Whether the original provisions of FISA required a warrant in such circumstances was uncertain.

S. 1927 allows the Director of National Intelligence and U.S. Attorney General to develop procedures permitting intelligence gathering without a court-issued warrant so long as there are reasonable safeguards in place to determine the targets of the surveillance are outside the country, the intelligence is gathered with the assistance of the communications provider, the purpose of the acquisition is to gather foreign intelligence, and the surveillance meets FISA standards meant to minimize the amount of information collected and disseminated. The procedures will have to be approved by an 11-judge court established by FISA. Phone companies and other communications providers can appeal federal requests for information to the same court.

S. 1927 was signed into law on August 5th. Prior to S. 1927's enactment, a different version of the legislation was advocated by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. I agreed with opponents of this alternative proposal who maintained that it would have imposed too much bureaucracy on our intelligence agencies to have been of any assistance in monitoring the activities of foreign terrorists. Additionally, it is significant to note that S. 1927 will expire in six months - giving Congress the opportunity to re-address this issue with the benefit of additional information and experience.



Caring For Our Troops – As co-chairs of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, Congressman Bill Pascrell (New Jersey-8) and I recently met with Brigadier General Don Bradshaw, Commander of the Southeast Regional Medical Command and Major General Gale Pollock, Acting Surgeon General of the U.S. Army, to discuss the treatment of our troops who have suffered traumatic brain injuries in Iraq or Afghanistan. As a nation, we have no greater responsibility or more important duty than caring for our courageous troops who were wounded while defending our nation and our freedoms.

New Leaders – It is a great privilege to recognize the strong moral character and leadership skills of 19th District Girl Scouts. Troop 1581 Girl Scouts (left to right): Nicole Brant, daughter of Jack and Barb Brant of Dallastown; Rachel Douglass, daughter of Stephen and Mary Ellen Douglass of York; Alicia Berkoski, daughter of Richard and Ann Berkoski of York; and Emily Berkey, daughter of Craig and Donna Berkey of York; were recent Gold Award recipients to whom I presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and a U.S. flag. State Representative Ron Miller also made a presentation at the ceremony.



9-11 Commission, Foreign Investment Bills Enacted

The full Congress approved two measures related to national security: the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act (H.R. 1) and the Foreign Investment and National Security Act (H.R. 556). I voted in favor of both bills.

H.R. 1 will put into place a variety of measures related to the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission. For example, federal first-responder funding will be distributed more according to assessed risks, and additional funding is authorized to make emergency communications more interoperable. The final bill provides the Department of Homeland Security more flexibility in achieving the goal of scanning all incoming cargo than was provided in the original House-passed measure. Importantly, H.R. 1 also protects from lawsuits anyone who, in good faith, reports a suspicion of terrorist activities to airline employees, law enforcement, or other proper authorities.

H.R. 556 is very similar to a bill passed by the House last session in response to the now-failed attempt by a Dubai company to acquire six ports in the United States. This legislation requires greater oversight by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) regarding national-security related business deals involving foreign entities. Under H.R. 556, Congress also has a greater role regarding CFIUS investigations, and the President is authorized to suspend any transactions that may threaten national security.

H.R. 1 passed the House by a 371-40 vote and the Senate by a 85-8 vote. H.R. 556 passed the House by a 370-45 vote and the Senate by unanimous consent. The President signed H.R. 556 into law on July 26th and H.R. 1 on August 3rd.

House Rejects “Fairness Doctrine”

As talk radio helped to generate strong opposition to recent Senate efforts to provide amnesty for illegal immigrants, some members of Congress began discussing the re-imposition of the so-called “Fairness Doctrine.” I recently voted with the majority of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to oppose this misguided and misnamed doctrine.

The Fairness Doctrine was established in the 1940’s when media options were much fewer than today. This law prohibited radio and television broadcasters from airing opinions on controversial issues unless equal time was given to both sides of the issue. While this may sound reasonable on its face, the practical effect of the Fairness Doctrine was to chill the free expression of opinions, in violation of the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. The Fairness Doctrine was rescinded in 1987. Since then, debate in the media has flourished, with the market operating to ensure a multitude of voices are heard in a variety of ways - from talk radio, to 24-hour cable news, to the Internet and local media.

The House voted 309-115 to adopt an amendment (H. Admt. 484) to an appropriations bill for general government operations which prevents the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from re-instating the Fairness Doctrine. I supported this amendment. The underlying bill must still be approved by the Senate prior to final enactment.

America Needs a 21st Century Energy Policy

In order to strengthen America’s economic and national security, we need to reduce our ever-increasing dependency on foreign oil and meet our growing energy needs in a responsible manner. The question is whether we continue to approach energy policy as we have for the past thirty years, or if we are going to work towards greater energy conservation and a more diversified, reliable energy supply.

The House and the Senate both recently passed broad energy bills (S. 1419, H.R. 3221). Significantly, amendments addressing passenger vehicle fuel efficiency and electricity generation from renewable sources were included in these bills prior to passage. Inclusion of these provisions in a final bill that will be sent to the President is critically important to moving America towards affordable and reliable energy independence.

In the Senate, a compromise was reached with respect to fuel efficiency standards for passenger vehicles. Under current law, automobile manufacturers are required to produce new cars and light trucks with fleet-wide fuel economy ratings of 27.5 and 22.2 miles per gallon respectively. These standards were established in response to the Arab oil embargo of the 1970’s and have not been increased in decades, despite advances in car engineering and technology that allow even larger vehicles to be greatly more fuel efficient. In fact, a 2002 National Academy of Sciences study found that fuel efficiency standards can be increased without sacrificing vehicle size or safety while also saving consumers money overall.

The Senate compromise would raise overall fuel efficiency requirements for cars and light trucks to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. In meeting this goal, the Department of Transportation would be given discretion in setting specific targets for different types of vehicles, thereby helping to preserve consumer choice. The Senate compromise is very similar to bipartisan legislation which Representative Edward Markey (Massachusetts-7) and I introduced in the House (H.R. 1506). Unfortunately, we were not able to offer a version of our legislation as an amendment to the House energy bill.

While a vote on a fuel efficiency amendment did not occur in the House, Representative Tom Udall (New Mexico-3) and I did successfully offer an amendment related to renewable energy standards for larger electricity utilities. Specifically, this amendment (H. Amdt. 748) would require such utilities to obtain by 2020 at least 11-15% of their electricity from renewable sources such as wind, solar, biomass, and increased hydropower capacity. The exact requirement would depend on whether the utility also implements energy efficiency measures. Many states - including Pennsylvania - have adopted similar measures. H. Amdt. 748 was adopted by a vote of 220-190.

Differences between H.R. 3221 and S. 1419 must now be resolved by a joint House-Senate conference committee. It is imperative that the final House-Senate conference report contain both a fuel efficiency and renewable energy provision if real gains towards energy independence are to be achieved.

Gang Prevention – The Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee, of which I am ranking member, recently held a field hearing in New York to discuss methods to protect children from gang violence and the lure of gang membership. Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy (New York-4) chaired the hearing, which included testimony from Freeport, New York Police Chief Michael Woodward, Nassau County New York District Attorney Kathleen Rice and local youth advocates.



Learning About Public Service—

Through the 19th District Internship Association’s annual program, six local college students worked 10 weeks in my district and Washington offices this summer to learn about Congress and to serve 19th District residents. Pictured from the left are:

Lauren Evens, a junior at the University of Maryland and daughter of Clifford and Tracy Evens of Mechanicsburg; Todd Holtzman, a senior at Messiah College and son of Donald and Karen Holtzman of Mechanicsburg; Bradley Garner, a senior at Gettysburg College and son of Edward and Denise Garner of York; Brock Swartz, a junior at Juniata College and son of Edward and Jackie Swartz of Hanover; Christian Gallon, a graduate of Davidson College and son of Dale and Anne Gallon of Gettysburg; and Mollie Van Lieu, a senior at McDaniel College and daughter of Lou Ann and the late Phil Van Lieu of East Berlin.



Legislation Proposes to Expand SCHIP at the Expense of Senior Citizens

The State Children's Health Insurance Program, or "SCHIP," was created in 1997 as a means to reduce the number of uninsured children in this country. This program provides funds for states to help parents who meet certain income eligibility requirements to purchase health insurance for their kids. Congress must act to reauthorize SCHIP this year. At the same time, in acting to reauthorize SCHIP, Congress must not recklessly jeopardize the health care of senior citizens.

Unfortunately, by a vote of 225 to 204 on July 31, 2007, the House of Representatives passed legislation (H.R. 3162) which would dramatically expand SCHIP at the expense of Medicare. I voted against H.R. 3162.

Specifically, H.R. 3162 would create incentives for states to expand eligibility for SCHIP to families with incomes equal to 400% of the poverty line (\$82,000 for a family of four) or even higher. "Children" would include young adults up to the age of 21. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that between 25 and 50 percent of the children to be covered by an expanded SCHIP program already have private health insurance. In other words, much of the increased spending on SCHIP would go towards replacing private health care with government health care. H.R. 3162 would also make it easier for illegal aliens to receive welfare benefits and would eliminate the five year waiting period for new legal immigrants to be eligible for these programs.

To help pay for the costs of this legislation, H.R. 3162 would slash spending on the Medicare Advantage program, in which nearly 15,000 seniors in the 19th Congressional District are enrolled. Medicare Advantage provides more comprehensive health care coverage than traditional Medicare and disproportionately benefits low-income seniors. If H.R. 3162 becomes law, many senior citizens would likely lose their Medicare Advantage coverage altogether, just as many in our area lost "SeniorBlue" coverage back in 1997. H.R. 3162 would also reduce Medicare payments for home health care, hospital inpatient care, skilled nursing care, inpatient rehabilitation services, oxygen equipment, and benefits for end stage renal disease.

I voted in favor of an alternative to H.R. 3162 which would have reauthorized SCHIP, preserved Medicare Advantage, and halted a scheduled cut in Medicare physician reimbursements in order to ensure seniors continue to have their choice of doctor. The alternative also would have maintained the requirement for states to verify the citizenship status of SCHIP applicants and maintained the current five-year waiting period for legal immigrants to participate. Unfortunately, the alternative was defeated by a vote of 202-226.

The Senate passed a competing measure to reauthorize SCHIP by a vote of 68 to 31 on August 2. While the Senate bill may not be perfect, it would not harm Medicare, would discourage states from setting income eligibility limits at more than 300% of the poverty line, and was crafted in a much more bipartisan manner than H.R. 3162. As the House and Senate work towards a conference agreement to reauthorize SCHIP, I sincerely hope that the final bill will be a more balanced and reasonable approach that I can support.

Arts Competition Winner – Each year, the Congressional High School Art Competition recognizes the artistic talents of young citizens. The 19th District's 2007 winning entry (pictured at top) was "Summer Sun," an oil painting by *Noelle Fink*, a senior at Red Lion Christian School. Noelle is the daughter of Dean and Denise Fink of Jackson Township, York County. Information regarding the 2008 Competition can be found on my website at www.house.gov/platts.



Traffic Safety – Mechanicsburg Mayor *Jack Ritter*, Mechanicsburg Police Chief *David Spotts* and other officials recently gathered to mark the commencement of the Mechanicsburg Signalization Project. I was pleased to help secure funding for this effort to increase safety and reduce congestion in Mechanicsburg Borough. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, securing funding to rebuild and improve critical infrastructure throughout the 19th Congressional District, such as highways and bridges, remains a top priority.

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If you are interested in learning more about legislation pending before Congress, or you need assistance regarding federal issues, I encourage you to visit my web site at www.house.gov/platts. The website has been redesigned to give you easier access to a wide range of information, such as programs and services available from my office and the federal government, voting records, or information about the 19th Congressional District.

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Hate Crimes Bill Targets Violent Criminals, Protects Freedoms of Speech and Religion

Currently, forty-five states and the federal government have enacted hate crimes laws. These laws increase penalties for violent crimes committed in order to intimidate certain classes of people. For example, both Pennsylvania's hate crimes law and the federal government's hate crimes law provide for increased penalties when an act of violence is committed due to the victim's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.

Endorsed by numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement officials from throughout the country, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (H.R. 1592) was passed in the House by a vote of 237-180 on May 3, 2007. Specifically, this legislation is supported by law enforcement organizations such as the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Coalition of Public Safety Officers, the National District Attorneys Association, and the National Sheriffs' Association. Former Pennsylvania Governor and United States Attorney General Dick Thornburgh also supports H.R. 1592. I voted in favor of H.R. 1592 because it will provide assistance, including financial and technical aid, to state and local officials for the investigation and prosecution of violent hate crimes.

Concerns have been raised about the possible impact of H.R. 1592 on the right to free speech and freedom of religion. I fully respect these concerns. Under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, people have the right to express their personal opinions, including their religious beliefs pertaining to the issue of sexual orientation. With this in mind, I would oppose attempts to silence pastors, ministers, and others on this or other such issues.

Importantly, H.R. 1592 specifically applies only to violent acts, not to speech. In addition, the legislation states: "Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, shall be construed to prohibit any expressive conduct protected from legal prohibition by, or any activities protected by the free speech or free exercise clauses of, the First Amendment to the Constitution." While this language is not strictly needed since freedom of speech and religion are already constitutionally protected by the First Amendment, it reaffirms that H.R. 1592 cannot be misused to diminish anyone's right to free speech or freedom of religion. H.R. 1592 is now pending consideration in the Senate.

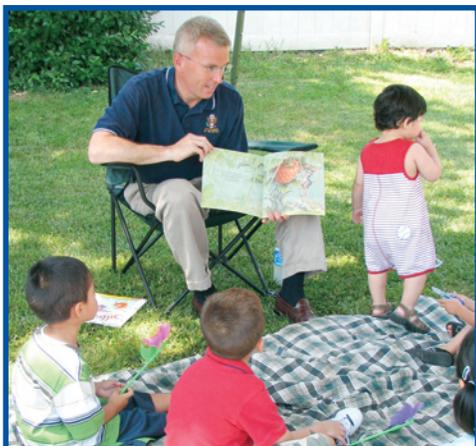
House Considers Appropriations Measures, More Spending Restraint Necessary

Every year, Congress must consider twelve separate appropriations bills to fund the federal government in the coming fiscal year, which begins October 1. This year, nearly all the appropriations bills considered by the House contain spending increases, ranging anywhere from 4% for the Department of Energy and water projects to 14% for the Department of Homeland Security. While the House has passed its versions of all twelve appropriations bills, the Senate has yet to adopt a single one.

As appropriations measures come before the House, I examine each one with due consideration to both the need for fiscal restraint and the adoption of proper priorities. Spending priorities must include protecting our nation's citizens, funding education mandates, ensuring access to quality health care, and honoring our veterans.

For example, I voted in favor of a 12% increase in spending on veterans programs. I also voted against attempts to cut spending on health care and education. On the other hand, I voted against a 4% increase in spending for Congress itself and a 7% increase for general government operations. I voted for numerous amendments which would have either eliminated or reduced specific spending increases contained in various appropriations bills. I also voted to strike more than 1,000 "earmarks" from appropriations bills.

Due to economic growth, federal revenues are expected to increase again in fiscal year 2008 - just as they have increased every year since 2004. While this increase in revenue will allow us to sustain additional spending in priority areas, it should not be considered a license to abandon spending restraint altogether. Such restraint is essential to both reducing the federal budget deficit and ensuring continued economic growth.



Early Education – As a House Education and Labor Committee member, it is helpful for me to observe firsthand programs that are focused on school readiness. I recently met with children and parents participating in the Parent-Child Home

Program in Hanover. This program highlights the importance of strong parenting skills in promoting school readiness.



Equipping Our Troops – I was honored to recently visit with the employees of BAE Systems in York to witness the assembly of advanced tactical wheeled vehicles that will offer enhanced protection to our troops serving in harm's way. The employees of BAE work hard every day to give our men and women in uniform the equipment and tools they need to defend our freedoms.

Iraq Interim Report Released

Under legislation passed by Congress in May, the Administration is required to report on progress in Iraq regarding eighteen specified benchmarks. An interim report was released on July 12th. A final report by General David Petraeus, commander of American troops in Iraq, and United States Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker is due on September 15th.

Since the new Iraq security initiative was announced in January, I have maintained that General Petraeus and his troops, along with Ambassador Crocker and his diplomatic colleagues, should be given a chance to fully implement this strategy. The final brigade of United States troops deployed as part of the new strategy were on the ground for only a few weeks prior to the release of the interim report. The consequences of failure in Iraq are too great to not even give the new security plan an opportunity for success.

The interim report indicates unsatisfactory progress in a number of key areas, including the elimination of militia control of local security, the failure of the Iraqi government to enact legislation related to the distribution of oil revenues, and the failure to reform de-Ba'athification laws. The report indicates satisfactory progress in a number of other areas, including the provision of trained Iraqi brigades to support combat operations in Baghdad and efforts to reduce sectarian violence. When General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker issue the final report to Congress in September, we will have a much better understanding of whether the new strategy can succeed in both reducing violence in Iraq long-term and creating an atmosphere where Iraqi political reconciliation efforts can move forward.

Ultimately, our role in Iraq today is focused on helping the Iraqis to help themselves. Our approach towards Iraq must be guided by the facts-on-the-ground, not domestic politics. I have voted against legislation that was politically-driven, setting arbitrary withdrawal dates and not giving General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker any chance at success.

The prospects of our political and military success in Iraq must be continually balanced against the risks to our own national security if those efforts fail. As this debate continues, I hope that we will stand as one in our support for our troops serving in harm's way. They and their families deserve our eternal gratitude and deepest respect.

Congress Enacts Additional Lobbying Reform

On July 30th, I joined the overwhelming majority of my colleagues in voting 411-8 to pass the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act (S. 1). This legislation builds on changes to House rules enacted earlier this year to further strengthen the openness and ethical environment of the legislative process. Under S. 1, "bundled" contributions - where lobbyists solicit donations for a candidate from multiple individuals or Political Action Committees (PACs) - will have to be disclosed and reported on the Internet. Lobbyists will also be required to make more frequent disclosures of their lobbying activities, and Members of Congress will be denied pensions when convicted of certain felonies related to their official duties (such as bribery or perjury). The Senate subsequently passed S. 1 by a vote of 83-14. The enactment of this measure is a substantial improvement to current law. Nonetheless, I continue to believe that Congress should adopt additional ethics reforms, including the creation of an independent oversight board focused on the enforcement of House and Senate ethics rules.

On the Job Training – The S. Wilson Pollock Center for Industrial Training in Mechanicsburg helps prepare individuals with special physical and mental needs for employment in the community. More than 400 citizens are trained annually, and their efforts help the center to offer packaging and other services for local companies. As a House Education and Labor Committee member, I have seen firsthand that it is crucial to ensure that individuals with mental and physical disabilities have equal opportunities in the workplace.



Scouting's Highest Honor – One of the most rewarding duties associated with my official position is the presentation of Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to Boy Scouts on the occasion of their achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I recently recognized Troop 105 Scout [Matthew Mann](#) of Conewago Twp. in Adams County, pictured here with State Representative Dan Moul, his parents, Mark and Holly Mann, and his brother Brady, a cub scout with Troop 105.

Citizens Need to Re-Register for "Do Not Call List"

The "Do Not Call" list offered by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office allows citizens to block most telemarketers from burdening them with unwanted telephone calls. Telemarketers are required to buy the lists and purge the registered numbers from their phone logs.

Citizens should be aware, however, that Pennsylvania's Do Not Call list is only valid for five years from the date in which you initially registered. For example, if you were among the first group of registrants after the list was launched in 2002, you must re-register by September 15, 2007, or your number will be dropped from the Do Not Call list on November 1, 2007.

To register your phone number on Pennsylvania's Do Not Call list, visit www.attorneygeneral.gov or www.nocallsplease.com, or call toll-free, 1-888-777-3406. The Federal Trade Commission runs a national do-not-call registry at www.donotcall.gov or 1-888-382-1222.