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Dear neighbor:

Thank you for taking the time to read this special report for senior citizens living in the 193rd Legislative District.

There are many state programs and services that are designed with seniors in mind. This newsletter contains helpful information about state programs to help ease your property tax burden, save you money on your prescription drugs, and ensure that you stay healthy and active.

If you have any questions about any of these programs, please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me. We are available to answer your questions and help solve your problems with state government.

Feel free to stop by my office, located at 1157 Eichelberger St., Hanover, or give us a call at (717) 633-1721, or toll free at 1-877-480-9525. Also, please be sure to visit my website at **RepWillTallman.com** for the latest news about developments in Harrisburg and here in the district.

While you are there, you can also sign up to receive regular email updates about state government. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Will Tallman

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SEE YOU AT MY SENIOR EXPO

I will be hosting a Senior Expo on Friday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the United Hook & Ladder Company Number 33, 21 N. Bolton St., New Oxford. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

This event is designed for senior citizens, their families and caregivers. A number of senior-oriented vendors will be on hand, including the Agencies on Aging from Adams and York counties, AARP, and various health-related service organizations.

TALLMAN SUPPORTS SENATE BILL EMPOWERING PENNSYLVANIANS IN PROPERTY TAX BATTLE

Legislation gives citizens a 'say' in school district budgets

On Thursday, June 30, I voted to support Senate Bill 330, legislation that requires certain school boards to enact a resolution permitting small businesses to remit school property taxes in installments. The bill, which was signed into law by Gov. Tom Corbett, was amended on the House floor to remove most of the exceptions to a state law requiring school districts to seek voter approval for tax increases that outpace inflation.

Property taxes remain the No. 1 topic on the minds of my constituents, and the heaviest burden the taxpayers of Adams and York counties must bear. This legislation puts us on a path to relieving that burden by giving our citizens a seat at the table and a voice in determining school district spending.

The amendment would remove all but three exceptions specified in Special Session Act 1 of 2006, which allows school districts to increase property taxes above the state-set index without seeking voter approval. Those three exceptions are special education costs, pensions, and certain forms of long-term debt.

In essence, the voters would go to the polls with the ability to determine if their taxes should go above the index. They would play a significant role in determining future school spending and whether or not they feel they are essentially "getting what they paid for."

Our taxpayers know that good schools play a key role in good communities. At the same time, they feel somewhat powerless when it comes to the property tax increases imposed on them, and deserve the right to be able to say yes or no.

Visit me online at **RepWillTallman.com**

FINDING THE BEST PRICES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Even with the Medicare Part D Program and assistance from PACE or PACENET, there are still many older Pennsylvanians who struggle to afford their prescription drugs. If you have fallen into the “donut hole” or do not qualify for PACE or PACENET because of age or income, there are still resources available to make your medications more affordable.

Pennsylvania has an online service to help you find the best prices on your prescription drugs called the PA Rx Price Finder. This website allows you to enter the names, strength and doses of your medications to find the pharmacies offering the most affordable prices. Simply log onto www.PARxPriceFinder.com, and follow the simple instructions.

Be sure to have your prescription information ready when you begin. If you have difficulty using the website or do not have Internet access, contact my office and we will be happy to help you. For more information about PACE or PACENET, call 1-800-225-7223.



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Many Pennsylvania seniors are well aware of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/PACENET programs, but you may not be aware of a number of other benefits available to seniors. Here is a look at a few of those programs.

Vehicle Registrations

Retired Pennsylvanians receiving Social Security or other pension funds whose incomes are under \$19,200 annually may register a one passenger car or non-commercial light truck at a reduced rate. Instead of the regular \$36 fee for a passenger vehicle, retired Pennsylvanians pay just a \$10 processing fee. The discount does not apply to title fees, transfer fees or sales tax. Please call or visit my office if you would like to obtain more information about this program.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Pennsylvanians age 65 and older may purchase hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates of \$13.70 for a hunting license and \$11.70 for a fishing license. Lifetime licenses are also available: \$51.70 for both hunting and fishing. Free fishing licenses are available for Pennsylvania veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities.

Licenses may be purchased at license issuing agents, county treasurer's offices, or at the online Outdoor Shop at www1.pa.wildlifelicense.com.

Dog Licenses

Pennsylvania dog owners age 65 and older (proof of age required) may obtain licenses for their dogs at a reduced price. The fees are: \$6.45 annually for productive male or female dogs or \$4.45 annually for spayed or neutered dogs. Dog license applications are available at county treasurer's offices, pet and pet supply retail outlets, and online at www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

State Parks

Senior citizens age 62 and older are eligible for a \$4.50 reduction in the base price of camp sites at state parks. Further information is available at state park offices, by calling 1-888-727-2757 or visiting www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

If you are a Pennsylvania resident over the age of 60 and in need of assistance getting legal advice, the SeniorLaw Helpline may be able to help you. This service provides free, confidential legal advice and referrals for services to participating lawyers. Volunteer attorneys affiliated with the service advise callers about civil legal matters but do not provide direct representation. The SeniorLaw Helpline is available by calling toll free to 1-877-727-7529, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Congratulations to Fred and Dorothy Feiser. The New Oxford couple recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary!

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