



State Representative

# MIKE JONES

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**Dear Friends,**

As your state representative my staff and I are your advocates at the state Capitol and here in the district. It is our goal to provide you with the information and assistance necessary to access the state resources and programs you need.

This newsletter contains updates on pending legislation affecting older Pennsylvanians, information concerning state programs, and scams directed at seniors.

If you have questions about the information contained here or concerning any other state-related matter, please feel free to call our district office at **717-428-9889** or stop by! We are located at 1949 Security Drive, York, PA. You can also email us at [mjones@pahousegop.com](mailto:mjones@pahousegop.com) or visit our website at [RepMikeJones.com](http://RepMikeJones.com).

Sincerely,



## Update on Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture operates its Farmers Market Nutrition Program for low-income seniors and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) recipients. The program provides \$50 vouchers that can be redeemed at local farmers markets and farm stands for fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs. Eligibility guidelines are available online at [bit.ly/3pATzJD](http://bit.ly/3pATzJD).



## Property Tax/Rent Rebate

I recently voted in favor of a bill that would help relieve the financial burden on Pennsylvania's low-income senior citizens. Act 7 of 2023 will boost maximum rebates for low-income seniors and people with disabilities under Pennsylvania's Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program, addressing the needs of about 173,000 people.

The bill will raise income limits for seniors, making it easier for them to qualify for property tax or rental assistance, and will restore much-needed benefits to thousands who were disqualified when Social Security increases adjusted their incomes higher.

Under the legislation, the income limit to qualify for a rebate will increase to \$45,000 a year and the maximum rebate will increase to \$1,000. The current income limit is \$35,000 and the maximum rebate is \$650.

## Dallastown Centenarian Honored

I always enjoy meeting with senior citizens in our district and it was particularly rewarding to meet **Robert A. Bupp** of Dallastown. I had the pleasure of presenting him with a House citation in celebration of his 100th birthday. Mr. Bupp is an Army veteran who served from 1942-45 in the Pacific Theater of Operations during WWII. He is retired from BorgWarner, now York International, after 40 years. Our seniors are a treasure and a great source of inspiration. We can learn from their perspectives on the history they have lived and the life lessons they have learned.



## Avoid Being a Victim of a SCAM

The House Aging and Old Adult Services Committee on which I serve, held a public hearing on scams against older Pennsylvanians. Deals that seem too good to be true, usually are! Scammers often create a sense of urgency through "limited time only" offers or will take advantage of the "crisis of the day." Protect your financial assets by refusing to reveal your personal identification, Social Security and bank account numbers. If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, you can file a complaint online at [www.attorneygeneral.gov/submit-a-complaint/scams-complaint/](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/submit-a-complaint/scams-complaint/) or call **800-441-2555**.

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## **Planning for the Needs of PA's Aging Population**

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging is working to develop a 10-year Master Plan for Aging and Disabilities, which will help determine what services and resources will be needed to address the future needs of Pennsylvania's senior citizens. The stakeholder-driven plan aims to transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for older Pennsylvanians, reflecting their needs and preferences to live where they choose and access the support they need to thrive and age in place.

Pennsylvania is ranked fifth in the nation in the number of adults aged 60 and older (3.4 million), up 17.8% since 2010. All Pennsylvanians are invited to provide input into the development of the plan by mail, email or via an online form at **bit.ly/437Mi1G**. For more information, contact Ross Stanko at the York County Area Agency on Aging at **717-771-9610** or email **rastanko@yorkcountypa.gov**.

## **PACE/PACENET Provides Prescription Assistance**

Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older. The program works with Medicare Part D plans and other prescription drug plans to lower out-of-pocket costs for medications.

Eligibility is based on your prior year's income and requires that applicants be at least 65 years old, a resident for at least 90 days prior to applying, and not receiving Medicaid prescription benefits. Income limits are as follows:

**PACE** – \$14,500 for a single person; 17,700 for a married couple.

**PACENET** – from \$14,500 to \$33,500 for a single person; and from \$17,700 and \$41,500 for a married couple.

## **APPLY BY**



**PHONE: 1-800-225-7223**

Please have income and insurance information available.



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**PACE/PACENET, P.O. Box 8806, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8806**  
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