

STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM JONES

98th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



SECURING OUR BORDERS IS A MUST!

The impact of our nation's unsecured border with Mexico is being felt here in the Keystone State.

With a recent rise of ghost flights, which are untracked, unmonitored flights carrying undocumented illegal aliens into the United States, legislation was introduced in the House to urge federal officials to address the problem. House Resolution 294 urges Congress and the federal government to address ghost flights.

If ghost flights continue, this policy not only risks the safety of our communities but also the safety of the foreign aliens. The policy also skews census data and impedes the election process.

Congressional and Electoral College apportionment is based on the number of residents, as determined by the Census, which, following an executive order by President Joe Biden, includes illegal aliens and other noncitizens as residents.

As such, states can receive additional congressional districts and representation in Congress should it have an influx of illegal aliens who aren't even allowed to vote. This creates inequality at the expense of other states that, in theory, could have more legal residents but a smaller overall population than states with a high number of illegal aliens.

Such a scenario also impacts presidential elections. The Electoral College is based on the number of senators and representatives.

Ultimately, the solution is to secure borders. Until that happens, steps must be taken to stop ghost flights and protect the citizens of the United States.

Working to Deliver Inflation Relief

As we all pay more and more of our hard-earned money for basic necessities, such as utilities, groceries and gas, not to mention everything else, House Republicans are working to pass legislation to deliver "Bidenflation" relief through tax breaks to residents.

The initiative stands in stark contrast to Democrats' plans to grow the size and cost of government by spending down the state's reserves, which would worsen Pennsylvania's financial future and not give anything back to hard-working Pennsylvanians. The Republican tax cut plan would put about \$3 billion annually back into the pockets of taxpayers, helping them deal with the ongoing burden of inflation.

The bills range from permanent exemptions from the Sales and Use Tax for items such as children's books, cribs and youth sports equipment to reducing the Personal Income Tax (PIT) rate from 3.07% to 2.8% and eliminating the Gross Receipts Tax on energy, providing critical relief from high energy costs.

Another piece of legislation, House Bill 165, would increase funding for the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion by redirecting ALL revenue generated from gaming that is designated for the General Fund to be used to cut school property taxes.

If you aren't already enrolled in the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion program, I strongly recommend you sign up. The program provides school property tax relief to homeowners who live in owner-occupied homes and is funded through gaming revenue. To sign up for the program, go to **DCED.pa.gov**, contact my office, or contact the Lancaster County Tax Assessment Office.

Events Throughout the Community

I thoroughly enjoy hosting and attending events throughout the district. Below are a few snapshots of some I hosted or attended this year.



I hosted a Concealed Carry Seminar in March at Kinsey's Outdoors in Mount Joy. We had a great turnout, and I want to thank Jim Stoker, president of Firearms Owners Against Crime, for his presentation.



In April, I also held a free Shredding Event that gave residents the opportunity to have documents shredded, which can help prevent identity theft. A big thanks to Tri-State Shredding for providing its services, St. Paul's Church for hosting and to all who attended.



In February, I held a Senior Sweetheart Tea at Paramount Senior Living in Maytown, where I honored husbands and wives who have been married for 50 years or more.

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UPCOMING ★ ★ ★ EVENTS

I host numerous events across the district throughout the year. All of these events are **FREE** and you can RSVP to attend, or find additional information, at RepTomJones.com/events, or call our district office at **717-367-5525**.

I hope you will join us!

★ ★ ★ Ice Cream and Issues ★ ★ ★

There's nothing better than ice cream to cool off during the heat of summer. **In celebration of National Ice Cream Month, join me at GiGi's Ice Cream Bar, 2 S. 2nd St. in Bainbridge, on Thursday, July 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** for Ice Cream and Issues. We'll chat about state-related issues over some ice cream.

★ ★ ★ Calling all Farmers ★ ★ ★

I'm hosting a farmers' luncheon to show my appreciation for the hard work of the 98th Legislative District farmers who help to feed the Commonwealth and our country. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from Rep. Dan Moul, Republican chair of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, to learn more about some of the state's agricultural resources. **This event will be held at the Gathering Place, 6 Pine St., Mount Joy, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15.**

★ ★ ★ 55 and Up Expo ★ ★ ★

Save the date for my 55 and Up Expo on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 9-11 a.m. The event will be held at Hope Community Church, 1806 Harrisburg Ave., Mount Joy. Attendees will receive a wealth of information about state-related services, senior and health-related programs, and resources from area providers.



Come Visit my Legislative Booth at the Etown Fair

My staff and I will be participating again this year in the week-long **Etown Fair from Aug. 19-24**. I will have plenty of free state-related resources available for you and your family. You can also come by the Cornerstone Youth Center Dunk Tank and take a shot at dunking me!

Children taking part in my Patriotic Summer Celebration can return coloring pages and essays at my booth during the fair. Go to RepTomJones.com/events for more information and to print coloring pages and essay sheets. Participants can also submit videos of themselves singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "The Star-Spangled Banner" or "America the Beautiful," or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to my Facebook page, [facebook.com/RepTomJones](https://www.facebook.com/RepTomJones).