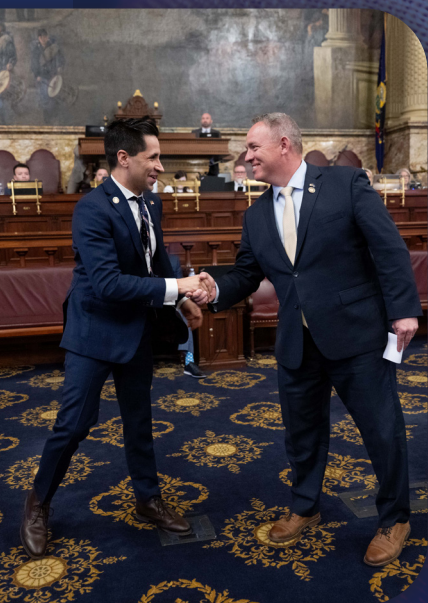




# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **TOM JONES** 98<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

SUMMER 2025



## ***Saving Good Food for Those in Need***

Legislation I worked on with my friend and colleague, Rep. Tarik Khan (D-Philadelphia), to increase access to food donations has been signed into law.

One major obstacle to food donations from individuals and businesses is the fear of liability if someone becomes ill from the donated food. Many donors mistakenly view “best by” labels as expiration dates, even though these labels are intended to reflect freshness, not safety.

House Bill 615 addresses this concern by expanding civil and criminal liability protections to include donations of food that have passed the manufacturer’s recommended date but are still safe to eat. This change aligns with recent updates to the federal Food Code and helps ensure more edible food can be donated rather than wasted. The person who donates the food must make a good faith evaluation that the donated food is good for human consumption.

This isn’t a partisan bill. This is a people bill. Our legislation will help to provide more good food to people who need it.

The law encourages food donations and provides a critical link between surplus food and the more than 1.2 million people in Pennsylvania who are facing hunger, 325,000 of whom are children.

## **District Office Services**

My district office is here to assist you. Some of the services my staff and I provide include:

- ✓ Assistance submitting PennDOT paperwork.
- ✓ Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- ✓ Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- ✓ PA Tax forms available to pick up for individuals and businesses.

If you need help with any of the above or with any other state-related matter, please do not hesitate to call my district office at 717-367-5525.

## **Events Throughout the Community**

I always enjoy the opportunity to host and attend events across the district. Here are a few highlights of some of the great gatherings here and in Harrisburg. Check out my upcoming schedule on the next page!



We had a fantastic turnout for our annual shredding event at St. Paul’s Church in Elizabethtown. Our office partnered with the folks at Tri-State Shredding to provide the drive-thru-style event.



As a rider, I proudly joined several of my House and Senate colleagues at the annual A.B.A.T.E., Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education, rally at the Capitol.



I had the opportunity to ride in three Memorial Day parades to honor our fallen heroes.



It was a pleasure to represent the 98th District at Mayfest in my hometown of Maytown.

## ***Let’s Stay in Touch!***

There are numerous ways for us to stay connected regarding all the news coming out of Harrisburg. I send weekly email updates about important legislation, events in the district and other information you will find helpful. It’s easy to receive these updates by signing up at [www.reptomjones.com/](http://www.reptomjones.com/) **Email-Signup**. You can also follow me on social media. Find me at [facebook.com/RepTomJones](https://facebook.com/RepTomJones) and at [instagram.com/RepTomJones](https://instagram.com/RepTomJones).



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## Coffee and Conversations ***ARE BACK!***

Summer is over and that means my popular monthly **Coffee and Conversations** events are back! Coffee and Conversations are held from **9-10 a.m.** on the **second Thursday** of the month at my district office at **222 S. Market St., Elizabethtown**. The next Coffee and Conversations will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, followed by events on Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. At each Coffee and Conversations we will have an interesting topic or special guest with plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

## Mark Your Calendars!

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](http://RepTomJones.com/events), or call the district office at 717-367-5525.



### 50 AND UP EXPO

**Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 9-11 a.m. | 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. 18-23**. 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! I look forward to seeing you at the Etown Fair.