



In my decades leading PA Family, I've rarely taken the bold step of writing an email as direct and pointed as this one. But I'm convinced the urgency of this moment in Pennsylvania demands it. Please read on, and I'll explain.

Election Day -- **Tuesday, November 3rd**-- is just two weeks away. Early, mail-in voting has already begun. That's not news.

But what you and many other Pennsylvanians might not realize is how perilously close we are to being ruled by a progressive, leftist government that mirrors the craziness we see in places like California, New York, and Massachusetts. That is not an overstatement.

Four years ago, Democrats gained control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives *by one vote*. Yes, one vote. Yet that narrow, one-vote majority in the House gave progressive Democrat leadership control of all committees, the power to set internal rules, and the authority to determine which legislation could come up for a vote. Democrats maintained that slim majority from 2024 through the present.

With that power, these leftist House leaders (primarily from our state's big urban areas) started ramming through one dangerous bill after another, catering to their base and to the ideological demands of the party and the Democrat Governor, Josh Shapiro.

I can't take the space here to list all the anti-family, anti-freedom, anti-common-sense measures the House Democrats have proposed or passed, but this short list tells a story:

- **HB 300/HB 2301: "The Fairness Act"** -- Would grant special rights and protections to individuals based on sexual orientation or gender identity (trans issue), seriously threatening religious liberty and the rights of conscience.
- **HB 26, HB 1801, HB 2111, HB 1285. Abortion Expansion.**
These four bills would **greatly expand abortion in PA and remove existing protections for unborn children** and safeguards surrounding abortion, even allowing abortions up to birth. They would roll back requirements such as parental consent, informed consent, and the 24-hour waiting period, among others.
- **HB 2632, HB 1500, HB 688, HB 2634. School Choice Cuts.**
These bills would **cut or restrict funding and access to EITC (school choice) scholarships**, charter schools, and cyber charter schools, while increasing government control over private and religious schools. The result would be fewer options for families and less parental control over educational choices.
- **HB 1200, HB 20, HB 1735, HB 1773. Marijuana.** These bills would **legalize, commercialize, and normalize the recreational use of marijuana across Pennsylvania**, including potent concentrates and edibles that can resemble candy, snacks, and drinks. This would make marijuana use more attractive and accessible to young people, increasing the risk of use and addiction, accidental poisonings, impaired driving, and harm to adolescent learning, memory, mental health, and brain development.

Thankfully, none of the bills or proposals I listed above have become law, even though all are clear priorities of Gov. Shapiro, the House Democrats, and their vocal and active Democrat base. Those priorities also include soft-on-crime policies, physician-assisted death, restrictions on First Amendment rights, and a slew of "woke" absurdities, like calling mothers "birthing persons."

And that brings me to the point of this email. The reason these dangerous proposals are not law is this: the Republicans hold a small but decisive majority in the Pennsylvania Senate and have consistently fought back against that progressive agenda.

Despite its slim majority, the State Senate has shown tremendous resolve to stop the crazy, progressive, and even socialist agenda emanating from the House.

Through the past four years, the Republican-led State Senate has been the firewall that has kept these atrocious bills from passing and landing on the governor's desk, where he would surely sign them. I'm grateful these Senators have stood firm.

What's more, the Republican-led Senate has boldly taken leadership on issues like protecting girls' sports and minors from life-destroying, sex-rejecting surgeries – only to have those initiatives buried by House Democrats who don't even let them get a committee vote.

But I'm not the only one who knows this.

Governor Shapiro, Democrat leadership, and even national progressive and socialist donors know, too, that the Pennsylvania Senate is the only thing holding our state back from following the path of states like California, New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia. In those states, the Democratic Party has complete control of their House, Senate, and governorship.

And so, a well-funded full-court press is being waged by progressives to gain control of our State Senate, to try to keep the majority in the House and keep Shapiro as Governor, and to secure the "trifecta" (House, Senate, and Governor) here in Pennsylvania, aiming to create a legislative assembly line that will quickly put their dangerous agenda into law.

And this is where you come in. Your vote makes a difference. The outcome of these races will likely be the deciding factor in whether Pennsylvania becomes California East or is able to hold off the progressive assault. That result depends on who votes in this election and who doesn't. We can't sit this one out. It's too important.

I hope that I've provided a clear picture of what is at stake. It very well may come down to a single seat won or lost by less than 100 votes. Such was the case in a special House election earlier this year in Butler County – with the Democrat winning by just 88 votes. Yes, 88.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for your care and concern about the future of Pennsylvania and its families. Please pray for this upcoming election, and please **make sure to vote and tell others how important it is.**

Sincerely,



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P.S. When all the votes are tallied, and we wake up to headlines on November 4th, let us be among the ones who can say, "We did our part; we fulfilled our duty."

P.P.S. For more voting information, including obtaining a mail-in ballot, or in-person voting sites, go to our online Voter Guide website at pafamilyvoter.com or the state election website at vote.pa.gov.

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