



STATE REP. JOSHUA D. KAIL

15TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

SUMMER 2026



BUDGET PUTS FAMILIES, COMMUNITY NEEDS FIRST

I voted in support of the state budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The budget does not raise taxes or take money from the Rainy Day Fund, and it invests nearly \$800 million in rural roads and bridges.

Pennsylvania families deserve a state budget that lives within our means. While this budget is far from perfect, it is significantly more responsible than where the process began. Gov. Josh Shapiro's first proposal was a \$53.3 billion budget. The final agreement comes in at \$50.8 billion – nearly \$2.5 billion less than his original request – and will result in no tax increases. This matters because it reflects months of pushing back against excessive spending and insisting on greater fiscal restraint.

This agreement provides nearly \$800 million in additional funding for rural roads and bridges, helping improve infrastructure that is essential for public safety, agriculture and economic development across our region. It also spends a historic amount for PreK-12 education, where no school district will see a decrease in funding.

No budget is perfect, and I remain committed to reducing the size and cost of government wherever possible. However, securing a spending plan that is nearly \$2.5 billion below the governor's original proposal, prevents tax increases, protects the Rainy Day Fund, strengthens our infrastructure and reflects stronger-than-expected revenues is a better outcome for Pennsylvania taxpayers than the alternative.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AND COSTS DOWN

This summer, PJM issued a Maximum Generation Emergency amid extreme heat and warned of a mounting strain on the regional electric grid. Between the Green New Deal and the unpredictability of alternative energy methods, it's more important than ever to get back to the bread-and-butter basics to create stability and reliability for Pennsylvania families.

I was recently joined by my House Republican colleagues in unveiling a comprehensive 11-bill package to keep the lights on, lower electricity costs, expand reliable baseload generation and cement Pennsylvania's role as America's energy leader. House Bill 2224, one of the bills in the package, passed the House unanimously and would eliminate the nearly 6% Gross Receipts Tax on electric utility service. Other initiatives featured in this legislative package include, but are not limited to:

- Streamlining the permitting process by creating a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit ombudsman to assist applicants and improve permitting efficiency.
- Protecting ratepayers from subsidizing electric transmission costs driven by other states through a Pennsylvania-first grid reliability approach.
- Replacing the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards with a Reliable Energy Portfolio Standard that prioritizes dependable, dispatchable generation.

Pennsylvania is in a unique position to be an energy powerhouse because of the abundance of resources we have. Having Pennsylvania produce more baseload energy will create family-sustaining jobs and prevent brownouts and blackouts – two devastating scenarios residents face if we do not reverse the status quo. I'm proud to help lead this effort to keep the lights on and costs down because removing obstacles creates opportunities.



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer weather. This newsletter provides an update on the 2026-27 state budget, my leadership on lowering energy costs, district office services and more.

If you need assistance with state-related issues, my dedicated staff and I are happy to help. You can reach us by phone at my district offices or Harrisburg office, send in a contact form through RepKail.com, by mail or attend one of my events.

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Upcoming Events

IN-PERSON TOWN HALLS

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Midway Borough

99 St. John St., Upper Level, Midway, PA 15060

Thursday, Sept. 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Raccoon Township

1234 State Route 18, Aliquippa, PA 15001

Registration is not required. We will be discussing issues impacting our region and Commonwealth. Please bring your ideas, questions, concerns and appetites to these forums. Pizza will be served!

WASHINGTON COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Washington County Fairgrounds

2151 N. Main St., Washington, PA 15301

Come visit our booth and learn about the state-related resources available to you.

Honoring
OUR VETERANS

Veterans may invite a guest. Please RSVP by calling 724-728-7655 or visiting online at **RepKail.com** under the events tab.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
VETERANS
APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST**

Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.

Slovan VFW Post 6553

65 Run St., Slovan, PA 15078

**BEAVER COUNTY
VETERANS
APPRECIATION BRUNCH**

Wednesday, Nov. 11

**Immediately following the Beaver County
Veterans Day Parade**

Beaver Pool House

700 Buffalo St., Beaver, PA 15009