

The Good News

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY ★ 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Kelly recaps legislative wins for our region

PENNSYLVANIA – This week, U.S. Representative Mike Kelly (PA-16) recapped a busy and productive first half of 2026, marked by the passage of major legislation and news about historic refunds this tax season.

Kelly secures more than \$75 million for local projects from 2022-26.

*Congressional Research Service Read more on Page 4.



COCHRANTON – Rep. Kelly meets with employees at JM Eagle’s facility in Crawford County in August.

“House Republicans made a commitment to the American people: to provide tax relief for American families, to secure our borders, and to advance policies that put Americans first. We have done just that and so much more,” said Rep. Kelly. “I look forward to hearing from constituents and working with my colleagues in Washington to advance meaningful policies that support the great people of Western Pennsylvania.”

Among the key policies Kelly has supported so far in 2026 include his legislation to improve health care for Pennsylvania seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage; the passage of the *Farm Bill* to support local farmers; and his legislation to expand housing accessibility and affordability in Opportunity Zones. This legislation was included in the *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* that became law this summer, among other policies.

A Message from Representative Kelly

Dear Neighbor,

As we near the end of the summer season, I’m reaching out today to update you with just some of my latest work to serve you in Washington.



Throughout 2026, we have accomplished so much. This latest edition of *The Good News* highlights my important legislation to lower your health care costs, save you money, and invest in our region. Plus, we take a moment to highlight some of the truly good things that are happening right here in our communities.

As always, if you need assistance with a federal agency, please reach out to me and my team.

We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Kelly, Sens. Fetterman & McCormick partner to secure funding for Presque Isle sand replenishment.

AND

Rep. Kelly leads efforts in Washington to fund Butler County’s Gateway 228 project.

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Kelly highlights ‘Working Families Tax Cuts’ success



PENNSYLVANIA – Americans received more than \$82 billion in individual tax relief this tax filing season under the new *Working Families Tax Cuts*, according to U.S. Treasury data released in June.

In all, 96% of filers who received a tax cut earned less than \$200,000. Nearly 70% of filers who received a tax cut earned less than \$100,000, according to Treasury data.

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On The Inside



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- Investing in our communities

Putting Our Families First

Kelly-led bill to improve seniors’ health care advances to House vote

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In July, the House Ways & Means Committee unanimously approved Rep. Kelly’s bipartisan legislation, the *Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act* by a 42-0 vote.

The legislation, which has a bipartisan supermajority of nearly 300 House co-sponsors, would modernize the Medicare Advantage (MA) prior authorization process by establishing an electronic system for MA plans, including a standardization for transactions and clinical attachments.

"This legislation puts patient care and patient outcomes first, and it will greatly modernize and streamline the prior authorization process. This vote moves this critical legislation one step closer to becoming law," said Rep. Kelly.

More than 35 million American seniors, including more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians, are enrolled in Medicare Advantage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF).

The bill now advances to the full U.S. House of Representatives for consideration.



Kelly hosts Veteran Resource Fair



MEADVILLE – In August, Rep. Kelly and officials with Crawford County Veterans Services hosted their annual Veteran Resource Fair in Meadville. More than 50 veterans organizations and agencies joined the fair to assist local military veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

“Our Veteran Resource Fair is just one way our office can serve those who have served us,” said Rep. Kelly.

Nearly 43,000 veterans reside in Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District, according to U.S. Census data.

Kelly legislation would create local jobs, strengthen military

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In July, Rep. Kelly introduced the “Shipbuilding Investment and Workforce Act,” legislation which aims to strengthen U.S. shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing by encouraging long-term private investment through the creation of Maritime Prosperity Zones (MPZs).

The legislation follows recent plans to build a modern, large-scale shipbuilding project along Erie's bayfront to support the U.S. Navy. A new shipyard in Erie is projected to create 1,000 jobs, according to project developers; plus, an additional 2.67 jobs in other parts of the local economy for every shipyard job, according to U.S. Dept. of Transportation projections.

Kelly's legislation also supports the Trump administration's goals to expand commercial shipbuilding capacity in the United States. Currently, the U.S. accounts for less than 1% of global commercial shipbuilding market share while China accounts for more than 53%, according to the 2025 report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Extra, extra!

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Putting Our Communities First

Kelly-backed bills champion Pa., American history for nation’s 250th anniversary

This summer, Rep. Kelly launched a new section on his website to inform constituents about his legislation celebrating America’s 250th anniversary. Kelly leads legislation to begin the process of designating “Washington’s Trail” as a national historic trail; to rename U.S. Post Offices after local leaders; and, to place a statue of Benjamin Franklin in the U.S. Capitol.



You can learn more about the legislation at [Kelly.House.Gov](#).

PHOTOS: Meetings around the region



NEW CASTLE – Rep. Kelly discusses “Made in America” policies with North American Forgemasters.



ERIE – Rep. Kelly meets with first responders from Kuhl Hose Co.



BUTLER – Rep. Kelly presents a Congressional Commendation to celebrate Butler County Community College’s 60th anniversary.



SHARON – Rep. Kelly presents a “Community Champion Award” to Joseph and Kristine Altenor for their service in Mercer County.

Local students win Congressional competitions

SHARON – In April, Rep. Kelly hosted his annual Congressional Art Competition awards ceremony in Sharon. The contest allows high school students from across the nation to showcase their artwork in the United States Capitol.

This year’s winners are:

- 1st Place:** Ryker Riccadonna, Neshannock High School
- 2nd Place:** Avery Marino, Girard High School
- 3rd Place:** Harsha Vardhni Murali Santhakumari – Fairview High School
- Honorable Mention** – Ellie Baker – Sharpsville High School

In May, Rep. Kelly welcomed the winner of the Congressional App Challenge, Cranberry Township’s Giovanni di Domenico, to Washington. This annual competition encourages students to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by creating and showcasing their own software applications.



Above: Rep. Kelly with Ryker Riccadonna.



Above: Rep. Kelly with Giovanni di Domenico.

Interested in joining these contests? Visit [Kelly.House.Gov](#) for more details.

Kelly leads effort to secure Presque Isle sand funding



ERIE – In June, Rep. Kelly and U.S. Sens. John Fetterman (D-PA) and Dave McCormick (R-PA) announced they secured \$1.5 million for Presque Isle State Park sand replenishment.

In February, Kelly led a bipartisan and joint Federal-State government letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the federal funding.

“Supporting Presque Isle has been, and will continue to be, a top priority for me and my team,” Rep. Kelly said.

To date, Kelly has helped to secure more than \$19 million in federal funding for Presque Isle State Park sand replenishment.

Kelly leads letter to Trump admin. backing “Gateway 228”



CRANBERRY TWP. – In a letter sent to U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy in June, Rep. Kelly announced his support for Butler County’s funding request to the U.S. Department of Transportation Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (USDOT INFRA) for the “Gateway 228 – Mars RR Bridge Extension Project.” The funds would support the final phase of this critical transportation project connecting southern Butler County – including Cranberry Township, Mars, and Seven Fields – which is one of the fastest-growing regions in Pennsylvania.

From 2018-2020, Kelly secured \$45 million in federal funding for the Gateway 228 project.

Putting Your Money First

Kelly secures millions for local projects



Investing in our Communities

Rep. Mike Kelly's 2027
Community Project Funding Requests

Erie County

- Mercyhurst University Police Academy: \$1 million
- Corry Regional Public Safety Building: \$2 million
- Belle Valley Fire House: \$7 million
- Erie Coke Site Cleanup & Remediation: \$2 million
- Union City Police Department & City Building Upgrades – Phase 3: \$375,000

Rep. Kelly has secured more than **\$21.3 million** in Community Project Funding for Erie County since 2022.

Source: Congressional Research Service

*Funding Approved by U.S. House of Representatives | FY27 Budget to be finalized later this year.



Delivering Results for PA-16



Investing in our Communities

Rep. Mike Kelly's 2027
Community Project Funding Requests

Crawford County

- Allegheny College Lab for Innovation & Creativity @ Bessemer: \$982,000
- Fellows' Club Vol. Fire Department & Ambulance Service: \$850,000*

Venango County

- Venango County Public Safety Radio: \$4 million*

Rep. Kelly has secured more than **\$1.4 million** in Community Project Funding for Crawford County since 2022.

Source: Congressional Research Service

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Delivering Results for PA-16

PENNSYLVANIA – For the fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly has submitted Community Project Funding requests to support local investments in our communities. These requests cover all six counties in Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District, with projects in your area listed above. The requests are now under consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"As we review projects each year, we are always looking for those that provide the greatest return on investment for taxpayer dollars. These projects certainly do just that," said Rep. Kelly. "I believe it's important for everyone to remember: this isn't Washington's money. These are your tax dollars at work in your community."

Since Rep. Kelly began serving in Congress, more than **\$3.6 billion** of federal funding has been invested into projects and programs across our region.

*Congressional Research Service

Kelly: ‘Working Families Tax Cuts’ are a game changer

(TAX CUTS from page 1) The *Working Families Tax Cuts* not only delivered historic savings for Pennsylvanians, but it also prevented a \$5 trillion tax hike by extending the 2017 tax cuts, according to Ways & Means Committee Majority data.

“In its first year, the *Working Families Tax Cuts* put more money back into the pockets of hardworking Pennsylvania families, made historic investments in our nation's children, gave a boost to our seniors, and strengthened Main Street businesses for years to come," said Rep. Kelly.

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The Working Families Tax Cuts

One Year of Delivering the Largest Share of Tax Relief to American Families and Workers

- **No Tax on Tips:** Over 7.5 million filers have claimed No Tax on Tips, with an average deduction of over **\$7,000**.
- **No Tax on Overtime:** Over 29 million filers have claimed No Tax on Overtime, with an average deduction of over **\$3,100**.
- **Enhanced Senior Deduction:** Over 35 million seniors have claimed the Enhanced Deduction for Seniors, with an average deduction of over **\$7,500**.
- **No Tax on Car Loan Interest:** Over 1.4 million filers have claimed No Tax on Car Loan Interest on their new American vehicles, with an average deduction of over **\$1,800**.
- **Trump Accounts:** Over 5.5 million Trump Accounts have been opened, with 1.4 million eligible for the **\$1,000** pilot program contribution.
- **Enhanced Child Tax Credit:** Nearly 40 million families have claimed the enhanced Child Tax Credit, which is permanently **doubled** and expanded by the Working Families Tax Cuts.

Source: Treasury.Gov



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