



January 11, 2019

“A Winning Year for Western Pennsylvania”

Rep. Kelly's Annual Report for 2018

Dear Constituent:

As we begin this new year, I would first like to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you in the U.S. House of Representatives, or as I prefer to call it, *the People's House*. I also hope you enjoyed a safe and joy-filled Christmas season with family and loved ones and that you're staying warm through this winter weather.

This report is meant to provide you with an overview of the most important legislative business that my staff and I conducted on your behalf over the course of last year.

As you know, my overarching priority since first coming to Congress eight years ago has been the full-scale rejuvenation of our economy so that new family-sustaining jobs can flourish, communities can grow stronger, and Americans can build more prosperous lives for themselves and brighter futures for their children. An ambitious goal to be sure, and one strongly shared by President Trump since his election in 2016. To meet that goal and keep our promise, a unified legislative branch spent the last two years working with the president to enact pro-growth policies to reduce the size of government and allow our economy to breathe, rise, and thrive.

It is now more than 12 months since the enactment of the centerpiece of that agenda – *the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act* – and the results are undeniable. With each passing week, more and more good news about our economy and its benefits for hardworking American families and jobseekers has come out. It was a year that saw typical headlines proclaim things like “US workers see highest wage growth since 2008” (*The Hill*), “Trump has set economic growth on fire” (CNBC), and “We Ran Out of Words to Describe How Good the Jobs Numbers Are” (*The New York Times*).

By the end of last year, a writer for the *Wall Street Journal* assessed the constant stream of positive news for the American people and concluded that my colleagues and I “can justly say that their policies have yielded exceptional results.” He added: “The economic revival they promised in 2016 has come to pass. Tax cuts and deregulation have sparked faster economic growth, and the winners are not just investors in U.S. stocks.”

Western Pennsylvania and America are Winning Again

Here is a more in-depth look at how Americans in Western Pennsylvania and across our country are better off today:

- According to the World Economic Forum's Global Competitive Index, **the United States is the world's No. 1 most competitive economy again for the first time since 2008.**
- The national unemployment rate is now at **3.9% — near its lowest level in 50 years;** since 1970, the monthly rate has fallen below 4.0% only 13 times — **8 of those months were in 2018.**
- In the last 6 months alone, female unemployment reached its **lowest level since 1953;** black, Hispanic, and Asian-American unemployment reached their **lowest levels ever.**
- The most recent Labor Department report confirms that **312,000 new jobs were created** last month; **more than 5 million new jobs** have been created since President Trump's election in November 2016.
- Wage growth is at its **highest rate in 10 years;** earnings **increased by 3.2%** over the last year.
- The U.S. currently has nearly **7 million job openings;** there are now more job openings than job seekers in the U.S. **for the 9th straight month.**
- In Pennsylvania's 16th District, **the unemployment rate has dropped significantly in all 5 counties;** last year unemployment reached an **18-year low** in Erie County and a **42-year low** in Crawford County.
- Nationwide jobless claims (a.k.a. unemployment benefit filings) are at their **lowest level since the 1960s.**
- Manufacturers have overall created **491,000 new jobs** since January 2017, including **284,000 new jobs** throughout 2018—the sector's **best calendar year since 1997.** (For comparison, the monthly average of new manufacturing jobs from 2017 to 2018 was more than **20,000 new jobs per month.** In 2016, more than **16,000 jobs were lost!**)
- In October, more than 92% of manufacturers said their business outlook is positive — **the highest percentage in the survey's history!**
- Job market confidence and small business confidence are near their **highest levels ever.**
- Because of the savings from the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act, **more than 750 companies (and counting)** are reinvesting billions of dollars into their businesses and have given **more than 4.5 million employees in Pennsylvania and nationwide** major bonuses and/or pay raises and/or benefit increases. Workers in our district have received such "tax cut bonuses" from employers like NextTier Bank, Erie Insurance, PNC Bank, Walmart, Starbucks, McDonald's, Chipotle, Home Depot, the National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, Wells Fargo, and many others.

- According to the Tax Foundation, average take-home pay for families living in our district has **increased by \$2,427.**
- **More than 134 utility companies** have lowered energy bills for customers in all **50 states.**

One of the most underreported features of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act was the establishment of the Opportunity Zones program to incentivize private investors to make long-term investments in communities that have struggled with economic hardships and a slower recovery. According to *the New York Times*, “The provision is the first new substantial federal attempt to aid those communities in more than a decade. ... If the zones succeed, they could help revitalize neighborhoods and towns that are starved for investment.” Fortunately, of right now, 15 different zones have been approved in our district, including **1** in Butler County, **2** in Mercer County, **4** in Lawrence County, and **8** in Erie County.

Meeting the Needs of Our Constituents All Year Round

It has been heartening to see how commonsense conservative policies are making a helpful difference in the lives of so many Western Pennsylvanians. Just as important to me is the way that my team has been able to provide accessible and responsive service to the constituents of the 16th District. For our efforts, last year our office was selected as one of six finalists for the non-partisan Congressional Management Foundation’s Democracy Award for Excellence in Constituent Service.

The foundation’s President and CEO Bradford Fitch has these very kind words to say:

“As a finalist in Constituent Service for a Democracy Award, Rep. Kelly’s office is clearly one of the best in Congress. This designation demonstrates that Rep. Kelly has made a significant commitment to being the best public servant for his constituents in Pennsylvania. Rep. Kelly and his staff are to be congratulated for not only being a model for colleagues in Congress, but for helping to restore trust and faith that our democratic institutions can work.”

“Rep. Kelly and his staff not only value service in themselves, but in others. They recognize a ‘Third District Community Champion’ four times a year to honor a constituent for community service. They use regular telephone town hall meetings and a comprehensive annual report to educate constituents on the assistance they can provide. Additionally, they bring federal agency officials into their town halls to answer constituent questions on topics ranging from Medicare Open Enrollment to tax filing. The Chief of Staff and District Director regularly switch duty stations to increase collaboration and understanding between the Washington and Pennsylvania offices.”

My staff and I were honored to receive such wonderful recognition for our efforts. Week after week, we work diligently to produce the best results for you and your neighbors. The following is a summary of how our four offices directly assisted and communicated with our constituents throughout 2018. We...

- Attended **101 constituent outreach meetings** with different individuals, groups, schools, hospitals, etc. throughout the 16th District;

- Toured **54 local businesses and factories** to meet with employers and employees about issues affecting their industries;
- Helped **1,983 constituents** with navigating the federal bureaucracy;
- Corresponded with **228,772 constituents** in the form of **phone calls, pieces of mail, e-mail, and faxes**;
- Maintained **3 full-time constituent offices** throughout the 16th District;
- Hosted **4 tele-town hall meetings** to address concerns and answer questions from constituents, including events to assist specifically with tax filing season, opioid crisis resources (featuring special guest Dr. Phil), and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, as well as a general discussion of current topics; each event included an average of **5,500 participants** from the 16th District (with **22,003 participants** overall);
- Delivered **1,175 American flags** to constituents;
- Nominated **18 constituents** to the elite U.S. Service Academies, following an extensive application and evaluation process, for the graduating class of 2023;
- Partnered with the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Attorney Scott Brady to provide school safety training to representatives from **84 school districts, 12 colleges, and 21 police departments**;
- Officially recognized **more than 250 constituents** for various outstanding public achievements by presenting Congressional Commendations, submitting statements into the Congressional Record, and conducting floor speeches in their honor;
- Hosted the national Congressional Art Competition, promoting the value of the arts and recognizing the talent of **48 high school students** from across the 16th District;
- Assisted **hundreds of families** with **457 official tours**, including **312 tours** of the U.S. Capitol; **98 tours** of the White House; **31 tours** of the Library of Congress; and **16 tours** of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;
- Expanded my online constituent communication, ending the year with **16,196 fans on Facebook** (1,371 added since last year) and **13,200 followers on Twitter** (2,880 added since last year); and
- Engaged in **hundreds of interviews** with local, regional, and national newspapers, radio shows, websites, and television programs.

Helping Families Save for the Future

As I noted above, the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – the first reform of our nation’s tax code in 31 years – was a legislative milestone and a historic victory for the American people. Last September, I was proud to help my colleagues on the House Ways & Means Committee introduce “Tax Reform 2.0,” the logical next step for us to build on the success that our country

has been seeing. Among this commonsense package's three pillars, I was the lead sponsor of H.R. 6757, *the Family Savings Act*, to help families of every background better prepare for their future. The bill was first passed by the House of Representatives on September 27th.

Real financial security is measured not by how much one makes but how much one saves, and currently, we're a nation of spenders and not savers. The Family Savings Act contained numerous provisions to change that trend and help Americans better prepare for retirement and whatever life may throw their way. Simply put: just as tax reform was about putting more money in every hardworking taxpayer's pocket, Tax Reform 2.0 was about helping them save that money earlier and easier.

By the end of the year, the House passed an even larger package that included key elements of all three retirement reform bills that I proudly authored, introduced, and championed over the last two years. The package was called *the Retirement, Savings, and Other Tax Relief Act of 2018 and the Taxpayer First Act of 2018*, also known as H.R. 88. In addition to the Family Savings Act, it also contained *the Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act of 2018* (H.R. 5282) and *the Rightsizing Pension Premiums Act of 2017* (H.R. 3596).

As a good rule, Americans should be able to rely on three main sources of income to ensure full financial security during their retirement years: #1. Social Security, #2. Personal savings, and #3. Employer-sponsored savings plans. When it comes to that third source, an alarming number of Americans do not have access to an employer-provided 401(k) plan. And among those who do, a recent study found that 42% of them have less than \$10,000 in their plan. Specifically, H.R. 88 would make it easier for small employers to pool together and offer retirement plans to their employees. This would help bridge the divide between the benefits that large employers might offer to their employees, and those that smaller employers only wish they could offer until now.

While H.R. 88 did not ultimately receive a vote in the U.S. Senate, I fully intend to keep working to advance similar legislation in a bipartisan manner in this new Congress. A secure retirement for every American should not be a partisan issue.

Combating America's Opioid Epidemic

The ongoing opioid crisis is a national crisis. It is devastating families and communities in Western Pennsylvania and all over our country, killing 116 people every day. I have witnessed its awful impact up close and personally. This is all why, in an era of such intense political polarization, I was very grateful that Congress came together last year to pass bipartisan solutions to help our family members, friends, and neighbors defeat their addictions and stay protected from abuse.

The culmination of our efforts was H.R. 6, *the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act*. This comprehensive legislation included two bills that I originally sponsored: *the Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act* (H.R. 5788) and *the Protecting Seniors from Opioid Abuse Act* (H.R. 5684), which was added to H.R. 6 as part of *the Preventing Addiction for Susceptible Seniors (PASS) Act* (H.R. 5773).

The STOP Act halts mail shipments of synthetic opioids like fentanyl into the United States. It requires the U.S. Postal Service to obtain electronic data on incoming packages from overseas,

which will enable U.S. Customs and Border Protection to better target high-risk mail shipments of opioids and then take action at the border to confiscate them. This is a massively important step to ridding our communities of this horrible poison.

The Protecting Seniors from Opioid Abuse Act (as part of the PASS Act) helps vulnerable seniors manage their medications and avoid prescription drug abuse by giving those who are at-risk for prescription drug abuse access to Medication Therapy Management (MTM). This successful program allows seniors to sit down with a pharmacist or other health professional and receive expert advice on how to manage their prescriptions. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has already confirmed that this approach works to reduce opioid overuse and avoid dangerous drug interactions. Expanding access to MTM for at-risk beneficiaries will ensure that these dangerous drugs are used properly before dependency and addiction can develop.

As a package, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act is the most far-reaching congressional action against a single drug crisis in American history. On October 24th, I was proud to attend a ceremony at the White House and watch President Trump sign this historic bill into law. This entire fight, which will continue, is about nothing less than saving lives.

Helping Needy Communities Gain New Infrastructure

Last June, I was excited to join Rep. Lacy Clay (D-MO) and Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC) in introducing a bipartisan bill to help fund critical infrastructure projects in the poorest areas of our country. The bill was called *the Generating American Income and Infrastructure Now (GAIIN) Act* (H.R. 6104), and it was designed to achieve its objectives without any new taxes or spending while *simultaneously* helping to pay down our record-high national debt. It was win-win-win.

Even in this moment of historically strong economic growth, 46 million Americans still live in poverty. Reps. Clay and Budd and I were struck by research by the Brookings Institute that showed that roughly 75% of the nation's poorest congressional districts are represented by members of Congress' black, Hispanic, and conservative caucuses. It's no wonder that that's where congressional support for the GAIIN Act came from.

A proper infrastructure renaissance throughout America should include the construction of world-class airports, bridges, broadband, highways, railways, and more. But with sky-high debt and deficits, Congress cannot ignore the consequences of the nation's long-term budget crisis, which hundreds of billions of dollars in new federal spending would only accelerate.

In 1986, President Reagan and the Democrat-controlled Congress faced a similar dilemma when they passed major tax reform legislation. To help cover the budget shortfall, they turned to a bipartisan plan that required federal agencies to monetize their debt by selling it to the private market.

Twenty-two years later, federal agencies hold more than \$2 trillion in debt and lease assets. The sale of a portion of these assets, if expedited, could raise a significant amount of money for infrastructure projects. Rather than languishing in Washington, this money could be used for the good of our constituents and fellow citizens throughout our country.

The GAIIN Act would take the first step toward making optimal use of these assets by directing the Office of Management and Budget to identify all distressed debt currently held by the Department of Agriculture and then directing the Treasury Department to package it for sale to the private market. It would then require that 50% of the revenue received be spent on infrastructure projects in communities below the poverty line and the other 50% be applied toward reduction of the national debt.

By building new highways, byways, and bridges near factories, farms, and inner cities, my co-sponsors and I believe we can begin the long, necessary process of ensuring that all Americans have an equal opportunity to succeed.

Reviving America's poorest cities and towns is a moral, fiscal, and economic imperative. It is rare that one piece of legislation can meet this objective on its own, let alone bring together conservative Republicans and progressive Democrats from minority communities. Even rarer is a bill that attracts the co-sponsorship of lawmakers in the House Freedom Caucus, the Black Congressional Caucus, and the Progressive Caucus during a hotly contested midterm election cycle. But the GAIIN Act was that kind of bill.

In October, then-House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) endorsed our bill. With his continued support, I look forward to re-introducing in this new Congress.

Strengthening Our Criminal Justice System

On May 7th, I joined a bipartisan majority in the House in passing a criminal justice bill known as *the First Step Act of 2018* (H.R. 5682). This monumental piece of legislation – supported by both parties in Congress and dozens of organizations from across the political spectrum – was designed to pave a new pathway for our criminal justice system, reforming decades of policies that have failed the American people. It focused on reducing rampant recidivism among federal prisoners, reforming select sentencing laws, and increasing community safety.

On December 21st, after many months of back and forth debate in Congress to make the bill as strong as possible, President Trump signed it into law.

The First Step Act creates a risk and needs assessment system that will ensure each prisoner's risk of re-offending is assessed. It provides evidence-based recidivism reduction programming for federal prisoners, as well as incentives to federal prisoners for participating in First Step programming, including the earning of time credits towards a pre-release custody at a halfway house or home confinement. Importantly, it bans the use of time credits by violent and high-risk criminals, including fentanyl traffickers.

Under the First Step Act, sentencing is made fairer through narrow reforms. Namely, it clarifies that enhanced penalties for using a firearm during a crime of violence or drug crime should be reserved for repeat offenders of such crimes; it reduces the three-strike penalty for non-violent drug offenses from life imprisonment to 25 years; it broadens mandatory penalties for serious violent offenders; it expands the existing federal safety valve to include more low-level, non-violent offenders and maintains safeguards to prohibit violent criminals from potentially benefiting from reduced sentences; and it allows for the retroactive application of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 for drug offenders sentenced under the so-called “crack disparity” who petition for a reconsideration of their sentence.

By preparing inmates to successfully rejoin society and enacting commonsense sentencing reforms, the First Step Act will make our justice system fairer for all Americans. Much more information about this historic new law can be found at www.FirstStepAct.org.

Protecting Presque Isle's Beaches

The beaches at Presque Isle State Park in Erie are a precious natural resource and a powerful economic driver for our entire region. Stretching along seven miles of Lake Erie's shoreline, they require proper care and nourishment every single year.

On March 8th, I sent a personal letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) to once again formally request that sand replenishment for Presque Isle remains a high-priority project in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) FY 2018 work plan and FY 2019 budget. On April 20th, I followed-up by submitting a joint bipartisan letter co-signed by Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA), and U.S. Senators Bob Casey, Jr. (D-PA) and Pat Toomey (R-PA). On June 11th, the USACE officially granted \$1.5 million for beach nourishment in the USACE's work plan for fiscal year 2018.

In October, during President Trump's visit to Erie, I personally described to him the importance of preserving Presque Isle and directly asked him to help secure the federal funding we need ahead of time. In response, President Trump made a public commitment to me and to our district that Presque Isle's beaches would get fully replenished—and one month later, that promise was made good! Earlier than ever before, the USACE confirmed: sand replenishment for Presque Isle will officially begin in May 2019, ahead of the busy summer tourist season!

Here's an excerpt from an *Erie Times-News* report summarizing this victory for our district:

The sand is on its way. Guaranteed.

The federal government has already allocated \$1.5 million for sand replenishment at Presque Isle State Park in 2019.

The allocation, which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced on Tuesday, represents a break from federal funding practices of previous years, when the park did not learn until spring or summer that the \$1.5 million in federal funds was secured for that year.

The waiting had caused the Army Corps to undertake sand replenishment well into the swimming season, which starts on Memorial Day weekend. In 2017 and 2018, work on the erosion-control project did not start until August.

"Having it early like this really benefits Presque Isle," Andrew Kornacki, a spokesman for the Buffalo District of the Army Corps, said on Tuesday.

I am enormously proud to see this treasure be maintained for the countless families who enjoy it!

More Local Wins

May 17th: The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) announces that it will be requiring a monthly credit on customer bills for 17 major electric, natural gas, and water and wastewater utilities, totaling more than \$320-million per year. On March 9th, I joined fellow Pennsylvania Reps. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) and Bill Shuster (R-PA) in sending an official letter to PUC insisting that the Commission “act expeditiously to ensure that, in light of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, utility customers receive the full benefits of the newly reduced federal tax rate.”

June 20th: After hearing from me and my staff, the Trump administration announces that it will keep the National Backgrounds Investigations Bureau intact and shift it entirely to the Defense Department, thereby protecting the 1,500 federal jobs at the Iron Mountain mine in Boyers.

October 1st-November 30th: The Trump administration negotiates and signs a new trade deal to replace NAFTA known as the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). I personally advocated for the inclusion of a provision in the USMCA to let home shopping channels distribute into Canada, which will directly help companies in our district like Turbie Twist and Pittsburgh Plastics Manufacturing in Butler (who sell their products via QVC) reach brand new markets and grow. Thankfully, this provision was included in the USMCA’s final text. As a member of the President’s Export Council, I look forward to Congress working with the Trump administration to guarantee that this deal fully puts American jobs, workers, and businesses first.

October 2nd: A new study reveals that every federal dollar spent on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – which I’ve fought to keep fully funded each year – will generate \$3.35 in additional economic activity in our region through 2036.

October 3rd: The U.S. Justice Department awards \$442,000 to the Erie School District in safety grants, largely through the Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program under the STOP School Violence Act, which I proudly helped pass.

December 6th: The U.S. Department of Transportation awards \$20,000,000 to Butler County for Gateway 228 capacity and safety improvements. My staff and I helped the county apply for a the BUILD Transportation Discretionary grant.

December 13th: The Office of Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture launches the ReConnect Program to build broadband infrastructure and expand e-connectivity to rural communities in need.

December 20th: President Trump signs into law *the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018* (also known as “the Farm Bill”), which will protect our natural resources, develop new trade opportunities, level the playing field for producers, and help millions of Americans access the nutritious foods they need to keep their families healthy.

More Bills Become Law

Here is a select list of key legislation that I proudly supported that was also signed into law by President Trump last year:

- ***The STOP School Violence Act*** to give schools and law enforcement more tools to identify potential attackers and more technology to prevent attacks from happening.
Signed into law on March 23rd

- On a related note, on October 18th I proudly hosted a public forum with U.S. Attorney Scott Brady and personnel from the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) for local school administrators to learn the latest expertly-developed best practices for increasing school safety and implementing targeted violence prevention plans. The event was held at the Passavant Center at Thiel College in Greenville and was attended by administrators from numerous school districts in (and outside of) our district, as well as many local law enforcement officials.
- ***The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act***, a commonsense bill to rein-in the Dodd-Frank Act's job-killing complexity and hold both Washington and Wall Street fully accountable. It fights taxpayer-funded bailouts, protects consumers, punishes bank fraud, and will help unleash brand new jobs and economic growth for Main Street America. ***Signed into law on May 24th***
- ***The Right to Try Act*** to allow certain unapproved, experimental drugs to be administered to terminally ill patients who have exhausted all approved treatment options and are unable to participate in clinical drug trials. ***Signed into law on May 30th***
- ***The Childhood Cancer STAR Act***, the most comprehensive anti-cancer bill ever passed by Congress to fund new research and aid victims of survivors of pediatric cancer. ***Signed into law on June 6th***
- ***The VA MISSION Act*** to greatly improve veteran access to VA health care. ***Signed into law on June 6th***
- ***The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019*** to rebuild our military, restore its global capabilities, and give service members their largest pay raise in 9 years. ***Signed into law on August 13th***

Older Bills, Future Projects

Here is a full list of individual bills that I personally introduced in Congress over the last 24 months—almost all of them with bipartisan support—and plan to re-introduce during this new Congress:

- ***The Invent and Manufacture in America Act*** (H.R. 3068) to create American jobs by making it easier for companies to carry out every stage of the production process, including R&D, domestically. Co-sponsored by Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI).
- ***The Public Buildings Renewal Act*** (H.R. 960) to repair and rebuild America's public infrastructure such as schools, libraries, courthouses, fire stations, and more. Co-sponsored by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).
- ***The Working Families Relief Act*** (H.R. 4867) to help hardworking parents afford quality childcare and early education for their kids. Co-sponsored by Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA).

- ***The Making Pharmaceutical Markets More Competitive Act*** (H.R. 2562) to reduce the prices of prescription drugs for patients of all ages. Senate version co-sponsored by Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) and Susan Collins (R-ME).
- ***The Faith in Health Savings Accounts Act*** (H.R. 2310) to help more Americans save money on health care expenses. Co-sponsored by Rep. Colin Peterson (D-MN).
- ***The Strong Families Act*** (H.R. 3595) to incentivize employers to voluntarily offer their employees – especially hourly workers – paid parental or medical leave. Co-sponsored by Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL).
- ***The Investing in America: Unlocking the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act*** (H.R. 1908) to restore and maintain America’s ports, harbors, and channels without raising taxes or adding even a dime to the deficit. Co-sponsored by Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR).
- ***The Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act*** (H.R. 1158) to facilitate the reuse of historic buildings and foster economic development in small and rural communities. Co-sponsored by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).
- ***The Middle-Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act*** (H.R. 173) to repeal the “Cadillac Tax” provision within Obamacare (a 40% excise tax on high-value employer-provided health insurance plans). Co-sponsored by Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT).
- ***The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act*** (H.R. 1881) to protect faith-based adoption agencies from unfair government discrimination and ensure that all qualified institutions and individuals can continue to provide adoption and foster care services to families who need them. Senate version sponsored by Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY).
- ***The IRA Preservation Act of 2017*** (H.R. 4189) to make retirement savings laws easier to understand.
- ***The Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act of 2017*** (H.R. 4459) to strengthen and protect the integrity of conservation easements by curtailing abusive transactions. Co-sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA).
- ***The Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act*** (H.R. 5138) to improve Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for millions of Americans by expanding access and increasing benefit flexibility, thereby making health care more affordable. Co-authored by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and co-sponsored by Reps. Erik Paulsen (R-MN), Ron Kind (D-WI), Terri Sewell (D-AL), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

* * * * *

As I have said many times before, representing you and your neighbors in the People’s House has been the honor of my lifetime. Any time that my staff in Pennsylvania or in Washington can be of service to you with a federal matter in any specific way, please do not hesitate to contact us via the information and locations listed below.

I look forward to having your back in Congress throughout 2019 and continuing to work closely with President Trump and his administration to make our district and our country greater, stronger, safer, and more prosperous than ever before.

May God bless you and the nation we love! Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Kelly". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Mike Kelly

BUTLER DISTRICT OFFICE

101 East Diamond St
Suite 218
Butler, PA 16001
Phone: (724) 282-2557
Fax: (724) 282-3682

ERIE DISTRICT OFFICE

208 E. Bayfront Parkway
Suite 102
Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 454-8190
Fax: (814) 454-8197

SHARON DISTRICT OFFICE

33 Chestnut Street
Sharon, PA 16146
Phone: (724) 342-7170
Fax: (724) 342-7242

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE

1707 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-5406
Fax: (202) 225-3103