

The Good News

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY ★ 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Kelly named Chairman of Task Force

PENNSYLVANIA -- Following the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump in Butler on July 13, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson named U.S. Representative Mike Kelly as Chairman of the bipartisan task force leading the investigation into the events of this day.



Rep. Kelly during a news conference at the Butler Farm Show in July 2024.

Rep. Kelly formally introduced legislation to establish the task force. The legislation unanimously passed the U.S. House of Representatives. This is the only official task force authorized by Congress to investigate the Trump assassination attempt.

"It's critical that we investigate, detail, and explain the security breakdowns that tragically killed one person, injured two others, and nearly claimed former President Trump's life," said Rep. Kelly. "We must never let something like this happen again. The American people have a right to know what happened. Congress has a responsibility to find out."

As Congress began its investigations, Kelly returned to the Butler Farm Show site with the House Homeland Security Committee to learn more details firsthand. You can follow the task force's work at TaskForce.House.Gov.

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Kelly introduces resolution honoring Corey Comperatore

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Corey Comperatore, of Sarver, Pa., died while heroically shielding his family from gunfire during the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump in Butler on July 13.



To honor Mr. Comperatore, Rep. Kelly introduced a resolution commemorating Mr. Comperatore's heroic actions. Further, the resolution recognizes Corey's dedication to his family, his faith, and his service to country and community. Corey was a lifetime member of the Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as the department's fire chief in the early 2000s. After high school, he served 10 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

"Corey Comperatore exemplified what it means to be a man of service and sacrifice to his community, his country, and most of all, his family. This resolution is just one way Members of Congress can honor his life and pay tribute to a true hero," Rep. Kelly said.

More than 80 House members have co-sponsored the resolution so far.

Kelly seeks millions for PA-16 projects

PENNSYLVANIA -- In June, Rep. Kelly announced his Community Project Funding requests for the 2025 appropriations cycle.



Rep. Kelly presents Cranberry Twp. officials with CPF grants in April.

Rep. Kelly received more than 50 applications from across the 16th Congressional District. The money would provide funding for local volunteer fire departments, road repairs, and

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On The Inside



• Historic hearing in Erie.



• Supporting military veterans.



• Mercer Co. student wins major award.



• Your tax dollars at work on Route 228.

Putting Our Communities First

Kelly hosts annual Veteran Resource Fair in Meadville

MEADVILLE -- On August 16, Rep. Kelly hosted his annual Veteran Resource Fair in Meadville, in conjunction with Crawford County Veterans Services. The fair hosted more than 50 organizations and agencies from the region, including the Erie V.A. Medical Center and Veterans Service Center. Businesses and agencies, including Pa. CareerLink Veteran Services, were also on-site to help veterans seeking employment opportunities. Nearly 1-in-17 PA-16 residents is a military veteran, according to Census.Gov.



Rep. Kelly meets with veterans at his annual Veteran Resource Fair.

"The Veteran Resource Fair is a great one-stop shop for veterans, service members, and their families to receive the assistance they need," Rep. Kelly said. "My team and I are honored to serve those who have so bravely served us."

If you are a veteran or an active-duty service member seeking assistance with a federal agency, you can visit [Kelly.House.Gov/Resources/Veterans](https://kelly.house.gov/resources/veterans) to find more information.

After securing \$45 million for Route 228 project, Kelly joins PENNDOT for tour, update



Rep. Kelly with PENNDOT officials along Route 228 in August.

MARS -- Between 2018 and 2020, Rep. Kelly secured two federal B.U.I.L.D. grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation totaling \$45 million for Butler County's "Route 228 Corridor Improvement Project," also known as Gateway 228. Recently, on August 19, Rep. Kelly met with PENNDOT officials to tour the Route 228 project and to see the progress underway. The \$45 million in B.U.I.L.D. grants provides nearly one-sixth of Gateway 228's estimated costs.

"The Gateway 228 project is a great step toward improving safety, accessibility and efficiency along one of the most critical and heavily traveled highways in our region," Rep. Kelly said. "This is an incredible return on taxpayer investment. We are seeing the transformation in real-time."

In 2020, Rep. Kelly also secured \$21 million in B.U.I.L.D. grant funding for the City of Erie's Bayfront Parkway expansion project.

Mercer County student wins Congressional Art Competition



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In May, Mercer Area High School's Braiden Douds won the 2024 Congressional Art Competition during a ceremony in Sharon. This year, Rep. Kelly's office received a record 73 entries from 13 schools across the 16th Congressional District. The artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol complex for 11 months.

PHOTOS: Meetings around the region



MEADVILLE -- Rep. Kelly talks education policy at the Meadville YMCA.



CORRY -- Rep. Kelly discusses economic policy at Viking Plastics.



CRANBERRY TWP. -- Rep. Kelly hosts first-ever Passport Fair.



SHARON -- Rep. Kelly tours Case Ave. Elementary School.

Putting Our Families First

Kelly reintroduces life-saving prior authorization bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In June, Rep. Kelly re-introduced the “Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act,” bipartisan legislation that aims to streamline the prior authorization process under Medicare Advantage (MA). The bill would allow seniors to get the care they need and help health care providers put patients over paperwork. More than 33 million Americans, including more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians, are enrolled in MA, according to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data.



Rep. Kelly receives an award from the Healthcare Leadership Council in Washington, D.C. in June 2024.

“I am proud to reintroduce the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act of 2024, which would move the health care sector into the 21st century by giving doctors and Medicare Advantage plans the tools to make health coverage decisions in a timely manner,” said Rep. Kelly.

The bill has overwhelming support, with more than 400 national and state organization endorsements and more than 180 co-sponsorships in the House of Representatives.

Kelly: House Republicans stand for border security



Rep. Kelly participates in a hearing about illegal immigration in May 2024.

Since January 2021, there have been more than 10 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide, according to U.S. Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) data. Additionally, more than 2 million known “gotaways” have evaded Border Patrol, CBP estimates.

Meanwhile, the Northern border between the U.S. and Canada continues to experience record numbers of illegal immigration. Illegal crossings along the Northern border in

FY2024 are on pace to surpass FY2023 totals. There are already more illegal crossings in FY2024 than in FY2021 and FY2022 combined. Last year, Rep. Kelly voted in favor of the “Secure The Border Act,” which passed the U.S. House. The legislation that would provide funding for more Border Patrol agents, would strengthen the asylum process, and provide funding for the border wall. The U.S. Senate has not yet voted on the bill.

“Under the policies of President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas, our borders continue to face record illegal immigration and drug smuggling. Every state has become a border state,” Rep. Kelly said. “Nearly 90% of all terror watchlist suspects apprehended at land border ports of entry enter through the Northern border, not the Southern border.”

Kelly, House GOP pass legislation to expand American energy production, tackle inflation

In the 118th Congress, Rep. Kelly has supported legislation that aims to address inflation and lower energy costs for Pennsylvania families. In March, House Republicans passed the “Protecting American Energy Production Act,” legislation which prohibits the President from declaring a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. The vote follows President Joe Biden's near-ban on new American liquified natural gas (LNG) exports earlier this year.

In 2023, House Republicans also passed H.R. 1, "The Lower Energy Costs Act" to expand American energy production, fight inflation, and lower fuel prices. The bill has not received a vote in the U.S. Senate.

“The Biden Administration’s policies have made America poorer, weaker, and less secure over the last three years,” said Rep. Kelly. “Every day, House Republicans are working for the American people.”



Putting Your Money First

Kelly leads historic Ways & Means hearing in Erie

ERIE -- In May, Rep. Kelly led a historic Ways & Means Committee hearing at Erie’s Warner Theatre. The hearing addressed the success of the Opportunity Zones legislation that is transforming downtown Erie. The hearing was held as part of the committee’s year-long effort to hear from Americans nationwide about ways the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act impacts them before provisions of the law expire in 2025.



Rep. Kelly during the Ways & Means field hearing in Erie.

“Erie is a shining example of just how beneficial and transformational Opportunity Zones can be,” Rep. Kelly said. “But our work on Opportunity Zones is not yet finished. With several bills in the works to both expand and enhance Opportunity Zones, I look forward to working on these bills and other Opportunity Zone legislation as we head into 2025.”

Opportunity Zones were designed to provide tax incentives that encourage long-term private capital investment to revitalize low-income areas. ZIP Code 16501 in downtown Erie was once among the poorest ZIP codes in the United States. But, over the last six years in downtown Erie, the Erie Downtown Development Corporation (EDDC) and community stakeholders have leveraged \$40 million in private capital into a \$115 million investment to create 110 new residential spaces and space for 25 new businesses. They have also revitalized 100,000 square feet of new commercial space, according to EDDC data.

Kelly Announces 2025 Community Project Funding requests





\$35 million requested for PA-16 projects!

Erie County

- City of Erie Emergency Operations Center Construction -- \$3 million
- Erie Coke Demolition Project -- \$2 million
- Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company -- \$1 million
- Erie County Industrial Park -- \$4 million

Crawford County

- West Mead #1 Volunteer Fire Company New Engine -- \$761,920
- French Creek Force Main Replacement -- \$1.4 million
- Meadville Fire Station Roof Replacement -- \$144,392

Mercer County

- Hermitage Municipal Authority Sewer Upgrades in Wheatland Neighborhood -- \$913,600

Lawrence County

- SR 18, Wilmington Road Betterment -- \$2 million
- SR 422, Benjamin Franklin Highway Betterment -- \$3 million

Butler County

- Summit Township Sanitary Sewer Project -- \$4 million
- Route 19 Waterline Replacement -- \$1.6 million
- Ekastown West 3R (PA 228) -- \$7 million
- Chicora Drinking Water Plant -- \$3.4 million
- Harmony Fire District - Apparatus Replacement -- \$1.2 million

Learn more about the projects!



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

MIKE KELLY

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water and sewer projects across the 16th Congressional District.

"It's important for everyone to remember that this isn't Washington's money -- it's your money. That's why my team and I have selected projects that will provide taxpayers and our local communities with the best return on their investment," Rep. Kelly said.

A final list of projects approved by the House Appropriations Committee, along with the designated funding totals, are expected to be announced later this year.

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