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## Nazareth Area High School Orchestra Shines at Capitol Performance

By Rep. Ann Flood

It was wonderful to hear the Nazareth Area High School Orchestra perform at the Capitol recently. Their performance was outstanding, a true testament to their talent and the dedication of their director, Laura Sabol. It's always inspiring to see young musicians share their gifts, and they represented their school and community with pride!

## Holding the Line on Fiscal Responsibility

By Rep. Ann Flood

Last week marked the final week of budget hearings for the Pennsylvania House Appropriations Committee, where my fellow committee members and I had the opportunity to question state officials on important issues.

The week began with the Department of Corrections hearing, where I raised concerns about the long-term costs of body cameras for state parole agents and questioned the expansion of the "Little Scandinavia" model at SCI Chester. The model has shown promise in reducing violence and improving morale but would require more funding. Watch to learn more

Next, I questioned the Public Utility Commission (PUC) on grid reliability and the impact of power plant closures, as well as the potential rise in energy costs due to the governor's proposed energy initiatives. Watch to learn more.

At the Department of Human Services hearings on Tuesday, I inquired about the emergency waiting list for individuals with intellectual disabilities, noting the lack of expansion in waiver capacity despite a multi-year strategy to reduce the list. With March marking Brain Injury Awareness Month, I stressed the need for better support for those with brain injuries and intellectual disabilities. Watch to learn more.

During Wednesday morning's hearing, I questioned Insurance Commissioner Michael Humphreys about the proposed \$4 million allocation for an All-Payer Claims Database, raising concerns about its complexity and ability to help consumers make informed health care decisions. Watch to learn more.