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Reality Check

Whenever you are offered a solution to a problem it is in your best interest to figure out who else will benefit from it and why. If your air conditioner breaks down and someone tells you it needs to be replaced but gives no specific reason other than it is old or by using some inflated repair cost, you should be careful. Anything under 10 years old really isn't a candidate for replacement unless the warranty is not in effect or something catastrophic like a lightning strike happened. From 10 to 15 you can still invest half the cost of replacement with a very good chance of gaining another 10 years out of it. You should still be given options and not corralled into an expensive box you will never recover cost on, no matter how efficient the new unit is.

The same holds true for the government pushing everything electric. They have a very obvious anti-fossil fuel agenda and a weak plan to eliminate things that use fossil fuels. We are now faced with another electric rate hike. Wind and solar will never come close to the production capacities that coal, oil and gas generation have. Supply and demand will drive the cost of electricity higher as more people just blindly go to electric heat pumps and electric backup and electric cars because the government asks them to. The public does not benefit from this in any meaningful way. The only reason our air is cleaner than other parts of the world is because all of the manufacturing has moved to China and their pollution is diluted before that air gets back over here.

We ship money to China and they send back cheap goods and air pollution.

As our infrastructure deteriorates with no sign of a meaningful plan to repair and/or rebuild, the cost of electricity and internet will continue to skyrocket because they rely on poles, wire and hardware that has been neglected for decades. Electric companies don't have near the manpower they would need to rebuild the infrastructure. Even if the government steps in and mandates it, there will be a tax on us to pay subcontractors. If that tax doesn't show up in your electric bill, it will definitely show up somewhere.

It is hard not to have a negative outlook when the people we elect ignore their most basic duties and use inside information to prosper while our costs spiral out of control. Have a backup plan to power your home to keep it from freezing if winter brings a prolonged power outage. That wouldn't just be uncomfortable, it would be catastrophic.

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More Than \$23 Million Headed to Northeast Pennsylvania to Improve High-Speed Internet Access

By Senator Rosemary Brown

MONROE COUNTY - longside Senators Baker and Flynn, I was pleased to announce more than \$23 million to increase access to reliable high-speed internet here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Allocated by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), our Commonwealth saw \$200 million in competitive grants across the state – aimed at areas without access to 25/3 Mbps internet service.



The approved grants in Northeast Pennsylvania include:

\$9,059,471 to Comcast Cable for a project totaling \$22,029,647 in Lackawanna County.

\$3,811,319 to Verizon for a project totaling \$9,295,901 in Lackawanna County.

\$4,348,419 to Comcast Cable for a project totaling \$9,976,419 in Luzerne County.

\$2,988,566 to Verizon Cable for a project totaling \$5,953,318 in **Monroe**, Pike and Wayne counties.

\$387,969 to Adams Cable TV for a project totaling \$517,292 in Wayne County.

\$2,790,914 to Comcast Cable for a project totaling \$4,018,651 in Wyoming County.

High-speed internet is a necessity for residents, especially in regions like northeastern Pennsylvania. It bolsters economic opportunity, educational advancement, and community connectivity. Without it, we risk leaving our communities behind in the digital age. I commend the PBDA for their proactive approach in ensuring the success of this initiative.

Upcoming Bangor High School Music Events:

At Performing Arts Theatre 187 Five Points Richmond Rd
Bangor, PA.

Bangor Area High School Bands Night of Jazz
Thursday, April 25, 7:30 PM

Bangor Area High School Bands Spring Concert
Thursday, May 2, 7:30 PM

Bangor Area High School Spring Choir Concert
Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 PM