

## PennDOT Seeking Workers for Winter Maintenance Program

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

While we are still feeling the summer heat, PennDOT is preparing for cooler temperatures by gearing up for its winter maintenance program.

Positions available may include CDL equipment operators, mechanics, dispatchers, tradesman helpers and semi-skilled laborers. The positions pay between \$17.38 per hour to \$28.37 per hour. The winter maintenance program runs from September through April.

Anyone wishing to apply should visit [employment.pa.gov](http://employment.pa.gov) and go to the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Program posting.



## No AI in Political Ads

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

In keeping with our commitment to election integrity, I recently joined my fellow House lawmakers in the unanimous passage of legislation that would outlaw the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to misrepresent a candidate in political campaign advertisements.

House Bill 811 would ban AI impersonation in any form of media, including text, image, video and sound “that appears to establish, resemble or represent an individual in a way that did not occur in reality” for campaign advertisements without their consent. It also would establish fines for those who violate the law.

If the measure is enacted, Pennsylvania would join at least 14 other states that have taken action related to AI use in campaigns.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

## State Higher Education Grant Application Now Open

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

In case you missed it, the 2025-26 PA State Grant application is now available to students pursuing higher education. Remember, you must also file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to qualify for a state grant, as well as financial aid offered through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

Visit [pheaa.org/signin](http://pheaa.org/signin) to submit your state grant application and take care of any additional action items.

For more details and answers to frequently asked questions, go to [pheaa.org/grant](http://pheaa.org/grant).

Don't miss out. Get a head start on your financial aid today!



## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Easton Pediatric Dentistry

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Last week, I presented a Certificate of Recognition to Easton Pediatric Dentistry, and its owners, Dr. Farah Ali and her husband David (pictured with me), during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new office at 21 Corporate Drive, Suite 6, Easton, PA.

Pediatric dentistry is crucial for establishing a foundation of lifelong oral health in children. Having Dr. Farah offering this specialized care is a great benefit to our community.



## Meeting with Local Realtors in the PA Capitol

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

It was great to meet with some local realtors from our area who were in the state Capitol for a visit this past week.

In the photos with me are, from left to right, Asher Schiavone, Jason Hall, Jack Gross and Therese Kelley. They are all realtors with Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors.