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Follow-Up Report Highlighting Northampton County Election Issues

I am happy to announce the release of a detailed follow-up report aimed at addressing significant concerns surrounding the November 2023 election in Northampton County. My new comprehensive report includes background on the issues, examinations into the problems, key takeaways and an overview of where election administration in Pennsylvania stands now.

During the 2023 Municipal Election, a significant and substantial flaw occurred with the voting machines in Northampton County, resulting not only in confusion and inconvenience for the day, but also uncertainty and mistrust in the electoral process thereafter. As a representative for Northampton County, I was extremely disappointed that election administration problems continued to occur. In December 2023, I issued a report to look further into the problems and assess how to respond.

This report is a follow-up to the December 2023 report and includes:

- Background on the issues in Northampton County.
- Information from informal examinations into the problems.
- Examination takeaways.
- Election administration in Pennsylvania - Where are we now?

With not just Pennsylvania, but also the nation, being only months away from a major election, now more than ever it is important to continue to address and learn about the proper administration of elections: past, present and future.

I have compiled this report to highlight the true impact of issues with the administration of elections in Northampton County. I encourage each of you to review it by visiting my website, RepAnnFlood.com.

Tax Credits Encourage Employers to Invest in Education Savings Accounts

Working to make higher education more affordable, the General Assembly recently adopted a new law creating a tax credit for employers that invest in PA 529 College and Career Savings Program accounts held by their employees.

The law allows a 25% tax credit on employer contributions of up to \$500 per participating employee per year. This initiative encourages employers to support their employees' educational savings, facilitating financial planning for future educational expenses.

The credit also would apply to employer contributions to PA ABLE accounts, which help people with disabilities plan for their future expenses without risking benefit eligibility.

More information about the state's 529 savings programs is available at www.patreasury.gov.

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