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Celebrating Musikfest in Bethlehem

By Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

This past weekend, I had the chance to join the community for the opening ceremony of Musikfest — the largest non-gated free music festival in the country, right here in Bethlehem.

Now in its 42nd year, Musikfest brings over 1.3 million people together for 11 days of live music, food, art, and celebration. From local performers to national headliners, it's a showcase of everything that makes the Greater Lehigh Valley such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

Part of what makes Musikfest so special is the performers it brings to our region — including internationally recognized entertainers. During a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing, I raised concerns with Deputy Secretary of State Michael Rigas about delays in the P-2 visa process, which can



make it harder for festivals like Musikfest to bring in those acts. I appreciated his willingness to work with us to address this issue so our local events can continue to thrive. Thank you to the organizers and volunteers who make this beloved tradition possible year after year.

Celebrating National Night Out

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This week, our team celebrated National Night Out across the Greater Lehigh Valley — joining community members and local law enforcement at events in Salisbury, Allentown, Upper Macungie, Bushkill Township, Jim Thorpe, Emmaus, and Palmerton. Our district staff were on the ground sharing information about the services our office provides — from help with Social Security, to resolving passport delays and navigating federal programs. If you need help with a federal agency, we're here to assist: https://mackenzie.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

National Night Out is an annual event that brings police and neighbors together to build stronger, safer communities. It's a powerful reminder that public safety starts with public trust and that the best way to make a difference is by showing up for one another. We're grateful for our local police, first responders, and com-



munity members who work every day to keep our neighborhoods safe.