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 **LISA BOSCOLA** 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Senator Lisa Boscola Introducing Bill To Fix Funding Oversight For Senior Programs

Harrisburg, PA – August 12, 2024 — Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) is set to introduce legislation to correct a critical oversight in the state budget that threatens essential services for Pennsylvanians aged 60 and older. The bill aims to increase funding for PENNCARE services under the Department of Aging, which include home-delivered meals, bathing assistance, transportation, and community centers.

“The Pennsylvania Department of Aging requested a 5% increase—\$15.5 million—to sustain these vital services, but the budget failed to meet this need,” said Senator Boscola. “Our seniors depend on these lifelines, and we cannot allow them to be jeopardized.”

In Northampton County, the Area Agency on Aging is facing a budget deficit of approximately \$690,000 due to this shortfall. “These financial gaps could lead to waiting lists, service reductions, or even closures,” Boscola warned. “We must act now to prevent this.”

Senator Boscola’s bill will transfer necessary funds from the Lottery Fund to the PENNCARE line item, ensuring the continued support of these essential services. “I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting our seniors,” Boscola concluded.

Musikfest 2024 Breaks Records Despite Hurricane Debbie’s Attempt to Dampen the Festival

The largest non-gated music festival sets records in headliner tickets and sold-out shows!

ArtsQuest set a new record, selling 54,786 tickets to its 11 headliner shows that performed on the Wind Creek Steel Stage, an almost 8% increase from the previous 2011 record. Headliner concerts included: Greta Van Fleet; Sugar Ray, Better Than Ezra and Tonic; Shinedown; Jowell & Randy; SLASH – S.E.R.P.E.N.T. Festival; Old Dominion; Lynyrd Skynyrd; Black Eyed Peas; Big Time Rush; Ludacris; and ZZ Top. A second record was set with four shows being sold out: Greta Van Fleet, Shinedown, Old Dominion and Ludacris. The prior record-holding year for number of sold-out shows was in 2017 with Santana, Chicago and Toby Keith.

“Musikfest 2024 was unlike the last few years, weatherwise,” commented Kassie Hilgert, President and CEO. “When the weather is great, it’s easy to put on a successful festival. This year brought challenges, and every single member of our Musikfest team of staff and volunteers, along with our law enforcement community and city officials, came together to support one another in every way possible. It’s that teamwork that helped to make this year’s festival a big success, especially with the records that we set. This festival brings people from across the country and worldwide to Bethlehem, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. We’re excited for them to visit our city and attend not only Musikfest, but also visit the local businesses that thrive here.”

Kudos to Kassie Hilgert and her team for, yet again, providing the Lehigh Valley with another 10 days of amazing music, food, fun, and friends – new & old!



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Quarry Bites & Brews



Thursday, August 15th
5pm -9pm

Food: Momma’s Belly Buster
Hippie Pig Tomato Pies

Sweets: The Local Scoop

Wine: Tolino Vineyard

Beer: Allegheny Creek Brewing Company

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