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Protecting your wallet, cutting your costs

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

While the federal government continues to make life harder for Pennsylvanians, I'm proud to let you know about bills I delivered to make life easier for you and your family.

You shouldn't have to struggle to buy a home, so I made sure you can lower your interest rates and avoid scams when you sign real estate agreements to get your piece of the American Dream here in Monroe and Pike counties. I also protected seniors by requiring face-to-face counseling with an approved financial counselor before signing a reverse mortgage.

The cost of living is already high enough and I'm protecting your wallet from sneaky fees and subscriptions that start to add up.

I voted to ban junk fees on concert tickets so that you only pay the price you see, ban "speculative ticketing" - a practice that allows unofficial ticket sellers to list tickets for sale that they don't even have - and cap ticket resales at no more than 5% of the original ticket price.

I also voted to make it easier for you to cancel subscriptions and memberships as well as clearly opting into a service rather than having to opt out – these quiet automatic renewals and subscription services can add up and cause additional strain on bank accounts and credit cards.

I also voted to tell banks those outrageous overdraft fees must end -- capping your overdraft fees at \$15 or the actual cost of processing your transaction – whichever is lower.

And lastly – you shouldn't go broke just because you get sick or injured. I voted to make sure you are informed about financial assistance available to avoid massive amounts of medical debt.

All of these bills are in the state Senate awaiting action – please, contact your senator and ask them to stand up for working families in Monroe and Pike counties.





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