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### **Working with Taiwan on Economic Growth**

By State Rep. Ann Flood

It was a pleasure to join Ambassador Tom Chih-Chiang Lee of Taiwan and several of my House colleagues for a luncheon at the Capitol this week. We had a meaningful discussion about Taiwan's strong interest in expanding business partnerships here in Pennsylvania.

Taiwan is a valued democratically and key economic partner, especially in advanced manufacturing and technology. I'm proud to support efforts that strengthen our shared values and open new opportunities for economic growth across the Commonwealth.

### **Improving Child Care for Working Families**

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The House recently approved, with my support, a bill that helps make child care more accessible to working families.

House Bill 1108 includes language to address the child care cliff, which previously forced parents to choose between earning a slightly higher salary or maintaining access to child care. Often the higher earnings were not enough to make up for the loss of subsidized child care.

The bill also brings Pennsylvania into compliance with federal rule changes regarding the copayment amounts.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

#### **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

By State Rep. Ann Flood

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, domestic violence affects an average of 24 people per minute. Statistics show one in four women (24.3%) and one in seven men (13.8%) aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month aims to help people recognize and put a stop to

this pattern of abusive behavior used to establish power and control over an intimate partner, causing both physical and emotional harm. Victims may be subjected to abuse, harassment, threats, vandalism, trespassing, burglary, theft and stalking.

As one of the most chronically underreported crimes, domestic violence affects men and women in all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social and economic backgrounds.

More information about domestic violence and services available to help victims is available here https://links.pahousenews.com/q/Rz1vvZsRRG0XzylkWDjA8HYlt9MKGMu6zzoZcOJYnZ0aW1lc 0ByY24uY29tw4g0daj3S1QdYZ0LXTuJug-TXdbSoA