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WILD IN REVIEW

By Congresswoman Susan Wild -It's been a busy week in our district, talking to community members and visiting local businesses. This week, I attended the Allentown Fire Department Award Ceremony and Memorial Service and Reception to recognize our brave first responders. I also brought Democratic Whip Katherine Clark on a tour of Lutron Electronics, a lighting control technology company in Alburtis and a major employer in our district. On Wednesday, I stopped by the Lehigh Valley Zoo to learn about their new education center and meet Bean the Two-toed sloth (who painted me an adorable picture). Getting to meet members of our community is one of the best parts of my job, and I'm so grateful for everyone who welcomed me in this week.

This month, I was thrilled to announce that Allentown is receiving a \$5.7 million grant to help remove lead paint from older homes. Every child in our community deserves to grow up in a home where they feel healthy and safe, and this funding will help us reduce the health effects of lead exposure. By improving aging homes, it will also take steps to address the housing shortage and make housing more affordable. Read more about this grant here.

Medicare open enrollment started this week and runs through December 7, 2024. During open enrollment, Medicare recipients can make changes to their plan and explore other plan options. In 2025, the \$2,000 annual cap on prescription drug costs will go into effect for individuals on Medicare, helping seniors afford the life-saving medications they need. To learn more and explore your options during open enrollment, visit www.medicare.gov.



At Lehigh Valley Children's Center, Rep. Wild Discuss Child Care Priorities

Congresswoman Susan Wild - Today, I visited the Lehigh Valley Children's Centers' Spring Garden Early Learning Center in Easton, where I had the pleasure of touring the facility and reading to the preschool class. After the tour, I shared some of the legislation I will work to pass to increase the supply of high-quality, affordable child care throughout the Greater Lehigh Valley.

One such piece of legislation is the Child Care for Working Families Act. This bill would cap the cost of child care at 7% of a family's income and provide free child care to families making less than 85% of the state's median income. It would also provide funding opportunities to promote the creation of new child care facilities and ensure care providers are paid livable wages. While this bill has not received a vote in this Congress, I'll lead this and other legislation next Congress to bring down the cost of child care for working families across Pennsylvania and the country.



