



Support for Ukraine

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - In the wake of Russia's unprovoked and deadly attacks on Ukraine, we are working to ensure we are providing no financial support to Russia and pushing to expand the reach of our natural gas resources to limit reliance on Russian oil.

A resolution is being drafted to call on the governors of New York and New Jersey to put an end to their pipeline bans that prevent Pennsylvania natural gas from reaching the New England states, which currently rely upon liquified natural gas from foreign sources, including Russia.

Also in the works is legislation that would divest any Russian financial assets in which the Commonwealth may be invested. The effort would expand upon Act 44 of 2010's divestiture of the State Treasury and pension funds from investments related to Iran and Sudan.

Finally, we are working on legislation to promote expanded natural gas production in the Commonwealth and calling on the governor to stop his assault on our energy industry.

HOMEOWNER SEPTIC PROGRAM

Assistance for Home Septic Repairs, Sewer Hook-ups

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Low-interest loans are available to eligible Pennsylvania homeowners who need to repair or replace their on-lot septic system or connect to a public sewer.

The assistance can help homeowners avoid or respond to municipal citations and improve the environmental health of their property. Loan terms are up to 20 years (up to 15 years for manufactured homes). There is no prepayment penalty if the loan is paid off early. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000.

The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. You can find more information and terms here <https://www.phfa.org/programs/repairs.aspx>.

Disabled Veteran Real Estate Tax Exemption

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Pennsylvania veterans with a financial need who served during a period of war and are 100% disabled could benefit from a state real estate tax exemption program.

An applicant whose gross annual income exceeds \$95,279 will be considered to have a financial need for the exemption if allowable expenses exceed household income. You can find details about eligibility here.

Contact your local County Veterans Affairs Director to apply for this program. <https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Outreach-and-Reintegration/County-Directors.aspx>



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