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Supporting Pennsylvania's Working Families



By Senator Rosemary Brown

As a working mom, I understand how important it is for families to have access to affordable, reliable childcare and the flexibility to care for their loved ones.

I advocated for expanding Pennsylvania's Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit. The expansion increased the maximum benefit from $630 to $2,100 per family. In 2024 alone, this provided $136.5 million in tax relief to nearly 219,000 working families across Pennsylvania.

I also supported Senate Bill 906, legislation to establish a statewide Paid Family and Medical Leave Program, allowing eligible workers to take paid time off during some of life's most important moments, including welcoming a new child, managing a serious health condition, or caring for a loved one.

Additionally, I have worked to expand tax relief through the bipartisan Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit. This program helps eligible working Pennsylvanians receive money back that can go toward essential expenses, including childcare. Nearly 1 million Pennsylvanians are eligible. If you qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you automatically qualify for Pennsylvania's credit. I encourage eligible residents to learn more through the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

I will continue advocating for bipartisan policies that provide financial relief, support working parents and make Pennsylvania a better place to raise a family.

Brown's Leadership Supports Veterans' Organizations and Local Clubs



By Senator Rosemary Brown

Our veterans' organizations, volunteer fire companies, civic clubs and other nonprofits provide valuable services to our communities, from supporting veterans and funding scholarships to assisting emergency services. As chairwoman of the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, I proudly advanced two bipartisan bills to help these organizations manage rising costs and continue their important work.

Senate Bill 995 would increase the weekly prize limit for small games of chance from $35,000 to $60,000. Senate Bill 465 would allow licensed clubs to use up to 50% of proceeds for operating expenses, up from the current 40%, while maintaining the requirement that at least half support public interest purposes.

Both bills passed the Senate unanimously on October 5th and are now before the House Gaming Oversight Committee for consideration.

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