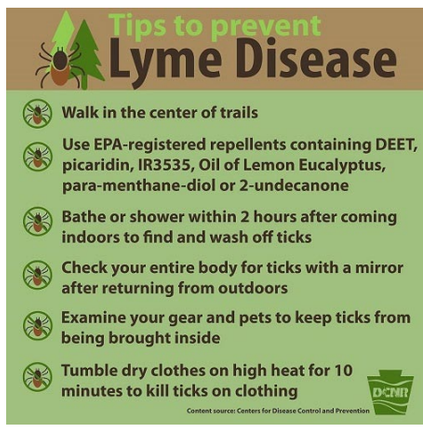
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Protecting Pennsylvanians from Tick-Borne Illnesses

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Quote graphic featuring Senator Rosemary Brown speaking at a hearing. The quote reads: "Providing individuals and families with timely information about potential exposure helps support informed medical decisions and promotes better public health outcomes across our commonwealth."



This week's Throwback Thursday highlights my work to initiate and develop recurring state funding for the Pennsylvania Tick Research Lab, helping provide FREE tick testing to residents across the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania consistently faces high rates of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, making access to reliable testing and information especially important for individuals and families.

Through the PA Tick Research Lab, residents can submit ticks for testing to determine whether they carry certain tick-borne pathogens. These results provide valuable information that individuals can share with their healthcare providers to help guide medical decisions.

I have consistently advocated for state funding to keep this important service available at no cost to Pennsylvania residents. Early awareness and access to information are important tools in protecting public health, and I am proud to support a program that helps families make informed decisions about their health.

Putting People First, Always.

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Since first being elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and subsequently to the State Senate in 2022, I have worked to build a reputation as an accessible, hardworking, common-sense problem-solver. Throughout my time in office, I have been recognized as one of Harrisburg's most effective legislators, a Healthcare Trailblazer and a Champion of Public Education.

I have successfully enacted nearly 20 bipartisan laws, signed by both Republican and Democratic governors. Many of these laws began with constituents sharing their personal stories and concerns. I listen, take those concerns to Harrisburg and work to deliver meaningful change. You can view my full list of legislative accomplishments here.

Among the most meaningful are Greg Moyer's Law (Act 17 of 2026), which requires automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at PIAA athletic events and practices, and Paul Miller's Law (Act 18 of 2024), which prohibits handheld cellphone use while driving. Both laws were initiated by local families who tragically lost their sons and worked with me to help prevent similar tragedies.

I have also prime authored and enacted legislation to improve maternal healthcare, strengthen Alzheimer's and dementia support, increase accountability in homeowners associations, and promote government transparency.

Education has remained another top priority. I have consistently advocated for increased state funding for public schools, to help elected school board officials ease the burden on local taxpayers and reduce your tax bill. From the 2020-21 through the 2026-27 state budgets, Pennsylvania increased K-12 education funding by $5.1 billion, or 40.4%. You can learn more about my work on education funding here.

Above all, I believe public service should always come before politics. The challenges facing our communities are not partisan. I have always, and will always, work across the aisle, find common ground, and put people before party to make meaningful progress.


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