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Bridging Education Opportunities Through Public Private Partnerships

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Did you know… the Bridge Education Foundation partners families and schools with businesses and philanthropic leaders to provide scholarships that allow children to attend the school that best meets their educational needs?

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Notre Dame High School in Easton to celebrate the positive impact the EITC Program has had on thousands of Lehigh Valley families and I assure you that I will continue to work together with dedicated donors and engaged community members, so we can expand educational opportunities for Pennsylvania's children and families, helping ensure every child has access to the resources and support they need to succeed.

Bridge raises funds through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, which help expand educational opportunities for children across the Commonwealth. These programs allow businesses to support nonprofit scholarship organizations like Bridge while receiving tax credits for eligible contributions.

Through the generosity of corporate partners and donors, Bridge has connected thousands of families with scholarship opportunities that help them choose the educational environment best suited to their children's needs. Their mission is to continue building that connection between community-minded businesses and families, opening doors to educational opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach.

Marking the Milestone. Investing in the Future.

History in the making — the final pieces of cast iron pipe pulled from the ground

Celebrating the Milestone Completion of Cast Iron Replacement

Safety doesn't just happen. It takes commitment, hard work, and continuous investment. UGI demonstrates that commitment, and what we recognized recently with members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and UGI was a positive investment in the future.

The retirement of the last cast iron mains in UGI's system represents a major leap forward in pipeline safety and efficiency. Cast iron pipes, common in older infrastructure, are prone to leaks and failures that can lead to dangerous incidents. Their replacement with modern materials like polyethylene drastically reduces these risks, ensuring more reliable service for the 760,000 customers who depend on UGI. This milestone also signals a broader industry trend toward proactive infrastructure upgrades, which can lower long-term maintenance costs and environmental impact by preventing methane leaks. For residents and businesses in UGI's service area, this translates to enhanced safety, fewer service interruptions, and a more sustainable energy future.

Every improvement made and every risk reduced helps protect the people we serve — families, workers, and communities across Pennsylvania. Because when it comes to safety, the commitment never ends.

UGI identified an aging part of its system, kept at work, and reached a milestone that will benefit the communities it serves for years to come. I hope we carry that same sense of purpose into the other infrastructure challenges facing Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make this possible.

None of it happens without the people who plan, manage, and carry out the work every day.

Preparing for the future means learning from the past, addressing the risks we know today, and anticipating the challenges of tomorrow. That's exactly what investing in safety is all about.

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