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Congressman Fred Keller

SERVING PENNSYLVANIA'S 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Dear Neighbor,

It is an honor of a lifetime to represent central and northeastern Pennsylvania in the United States House of Representatives.

Since taking office in June of 2019, I have been standing up in Congress for the hardworking families of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District. I have voted to keep spending in line, stop government overreach, and support policies that will allow future generations of Americans to prosper.

As your member of Congress, I will continue to be a leading voice for the rights and liberties we all hold dear.

I also want you to know that my office is an open resource for you should you need assistance with federal issues.

It is my hope you will never hesitate to let us know when you need assistance or how you feel about an issue. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,

Fred Keller
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Standing up for your values in Congress

ADVANCING PA-12'S PRIORITIES

As your member of Congress, I work with my colleagues, both Republicans and Democrats, to pass legislation that is beneficial to our district and the entire nation. I have sponsored and cosponsored many bills that are important to our region, such as:

- Eric's Law – To ensure justice is served for correctional officers
- The Dairy Pride Act – To stand up for our struggling family farms
- The Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (DATA) Act – To expand broadband access to rural communities
- The Gold Star Families Act – To protect the families of our veterans
- The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act – To protect the most innocent among us
- The Lower Costs, More Cures Act – To lower prescription drug costs



Prioritizing our energy industry

The natural gas economy in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District is booming with as much as 10 percent of the entire nation's supply of natural gas coming from right under our feet. In Congress and in the district, Congressman Keller spent the last six months prioritizing the growth of the natural gas economy, which has brought downstream jobs, strong community partners, and rising wages to our region.

"The energy economy of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District is creating good-paying jobs and providing low-cost energy to thousands of families across the Commonwealth and our nation," Congressman Keller recently said on the House Floor. "The present and future of PA-12 is bright because of the natural gas industry and the downstream jobs it supports. For the benefit of our community, I will continue to support its responsible growth and expansion."

While in the district, Congressman Keller has toured several natural gas production facilities and engaged with residents on these issues. In Congress, Congressman Keller is supporting

legislation to get gas to market quicker and ensure the industry has what it needs to responsibly develop our home-grown natural resources.



Congressman Fred Keller, second from right, speaks with an energy industry worker near Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania while discussing in-district natural gas development.

Fighting for our Farmers



Congressman Fred Keller, second from left, visits Brown Hill Farms to discuss agriculture near Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Agriculture is the number one industry in Pennsylvania and in the 12th Congressional District. While traveling to area farms and meeting with local agriculture leaders, Congressman Keller has heard about the need to rebalance trade deals, stand up for all agricultural sectors, including the dairy industry, and ensure access to capital for the many family farms in central and northeastern Pennsylvania.

“Pennsylvania’s 12th Congressional District’s agriculture industry is a leader in putting nutritious food on our tables and helping us stay warm in the winter time,” Congressman Keller said. “Food

security is national security. From the dairy industry to the lumber industry, agriculture in Pennsylvania’s 12th Congressional District needs to remain strong for the benefit of the nation.”

Since getting to Congress, Congressman Keller has co-sponsored bills to strengthen Pennsylvania’s dairy industry by focusing on truth in product labeling and ensuring the availability of nutritious milk products in our schools. In addition, he has been a leading voice in promoting better trade deals for our farmers. In particular, the USMCA will bolster 17,000 agricultural jobs and 42,000 manufacturing jobs in Pennsylvania.

Bolstering the workforce

Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District is home to some of Pennsylvania's best colleges and universities, as well as many outstanding career and technical schools. While meeting with area job creators and industry leaders, Congressman Keller has been repeatedly told that businesses have jobs open, but nobody to fill them.

While in Washington, Congressman Keller has used his decades of manufacturing experience to focus on ways to incentivize job training and equip workers with technical skills needed to fill the jobs that are available. While our traditional colleges and universities are doing great work preparing students for successful careers, four-year degrees are not for everyone. Congressman Keller has been an advocate for students graduating from trade schools with little or no debt and employment opportunities in good-paying careers. He has also used time in the district to seek out partnerships with private sector job creators and educational institutions to provide needed skills for in-demand jobs.

“Congress needs to focus on incentivizing career tracks that pay family sustaining wages at a much lower cost,” Congressman Keller stated. “Changing who pays the cost of higher education does not therefore make it affordable. Low-cost options exist that have a high return on that investment.”



Congressman Fred Keller, middle, tours Lackawanna College's School of Petroleum and Natural Gas to discuss workforce development partnerships in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Congressman Keller believes healthcare should be accessible and affordable and has been working with district medical experts and colleagues on Capitol Hill to address issues like protecting those with pre-existing conditions and the rising costs of prescription drugs.

“There is absolutely no doubt that Americans pay too much for healthcare and the vast majority of Americans agree that lowering prescription drug costs should be a major priority for Congress,” Congressman Keller said. “The American people have demanded lawmakers take on healthcare costs, but socialized medicine is not the answer.”

Congressman Keller has co-sponsored legislation to protect those with pre-existing conditions and lower prescription drug prices by reforming patent laws to get generic prescription drugs to market faster and bring about price transparency so patients know the true costs of their medication. These suggestions are recommended by doctors and pharmacists in PA-12 as ways to lower prescription drug costs.

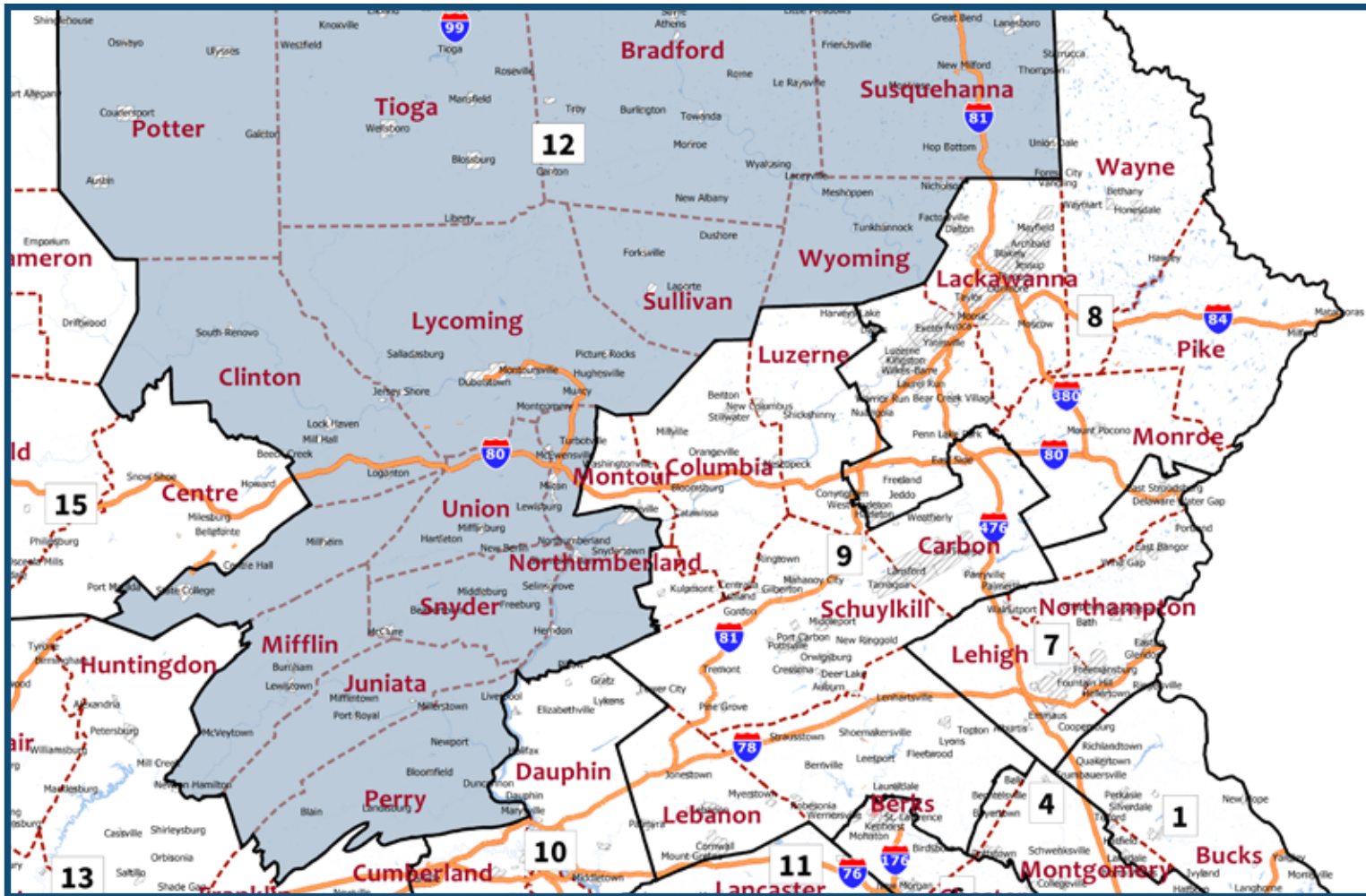
SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Whether it's securing funding to improve Heller Dam in Williamsport or revitalizing and remediating Lake Carey in Wyoming County, Congressman Keller has prioritized fighting for support of local infrastructure projects.

“These are the kinds of projects we should be focusing on that have a direct impact in our communities,” Congressman Keller said.

In addition, Congressman Keller has been successful in obtaining federal grant money and cosponsoring legislation aimed at expanding rural broadband so that Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District can fully realize its economic and educational potential.

“Rural broadband expansion is desperately needed across PA-12,” Congressman Keller added. “Rural broadband is part of the infrastructure we need to support commerce, healthcare, education, and our farmers. I'll continue to fight for local and federal resources to make sure central and northeastern Pennsylvania has broadband access in parity with urban centers.”







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