



STATE REPRESENTATIVE


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Metcalfe Makes Historic Stand for Right to Work, Advances Jobs Legislation

Dear Friends,

Before I decided to run for state representative in 1998, I believed that government expenditures were excessive. After serving 13 years in office, I know that our government spends too much.

Government's proper role in our lives is Constitutionally limited and the costs would be significantly lower if it would only spend what is needed to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities. Of the three branches of our state government, the majority of spending occurs in the executive branch.

As a member of the legislative branch I believe it is important to lead by example, which is the primary reason I support reducing the size of the legislature. Reducing the size by 25 percent would not only enable us to save millions of dollars, but also position us to call for significant reductions in the other two branches of our government, saving billions.

Another way that I have lead by example is through the expense accounts that I have direct control over for my legislative offices. As costs have increased, I have managed my offices on a zero-growth budget for over 13 years now.

My objective of reducing government expenses is to reduce the taxes we pay. I will continue my work to protect taxpayers.

Serving the 12th District,

Daryl Metcalfe
State Representative



On August 16, **Representative Daryl Metcalfe's** testimony on his free-standing **Freedom of Employment Act (House Bill 50)** became the focal point of the first **House Labor and Industry Committee** hearing in more than a decade focusing on the issue of **Right to Work**.

"Regardless of occupation, hard-working taxpayers should never be forced to pay union dues in exchange for the **Right to Work**. The framers of our Constitution never intended for our government to become an enforcer for unions or a collection agency of forced-union dues at taxpayer expense," said Metcalfe before a wall-to-wall audience in the House Majority Caucus Room, which included high-ranking union bosses and many individuals who have been negatively impacted by compulsory unionism. Metcalfe's testimony was also broadcast to a statewide television audience on the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

Under **House Bill 50**, employment in Pennsylvania would no longer be conditional upon membership or non-membership in a union, nor upon payment or non-payment of money to a labor organization.

"Forced-unionism states, such as Pennsylvania, experience **lost individual freedom, lost income, lost jobs, lost population and increasing welfare rolls**," Metcalfe said during his closing remarks. "Best of all, the total taxpayer cost of restoring the fundamental **Right to Work**, whereby all Pennsylvania working citizens will never again have to fear losing their jobs or not being able to support their families due to compulsory unionism, is **absolutely ZERO**. Clearly, **making Pennsylvania America's 23rd Right to Work state** is the true economic stimulus plan, leading to unprecedented growth and real job creation."

Watch Representative Metcalfe's complete Right to Work testimony at RepMetcalfe.com.

For the latest information on Representative Metcalfe's ongoing efforts to advance job-creating legislation, see Page 2.

Summer newsletter survey results on Page 4.

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Metcalfe-Chaired State Government Committee Hammers Out Legislation to Protect Life, Liberty, Property and Pennsylvania Jobs

As **Majority Chairman** of the highly active **Pennsylvania House State Government Committee**, **Representative Metcalfe** is committed to enacting legislation that protects, affirms and defends the lives, property, jobs and all other God-given, not government-given, individual liberties of Pennsylvania citizens.



Metcalfe Keeps Jobs Legislation Moving Forward

Recognizing that government cannot create jobs or prosperity, only job-creating employers can, Representative Metcalfe and the State Government Committee successfully advanced two pieces of legislation, **Senate Bill 263** and **House Bill 1349**, to rein in excessive regulations and better ensure an economic climate that is conducive for job creation.



Improving Regulatory Oversight

Signed into law on July 7, **Senate Bill 263** stipulates that state agencies cannot adopt regulations without supporting scientific data that is empirical, replicable and testable.



Fighting for Small Business

Adopted by the House on October 5, **House Bill 1349** would amend Pennsylvania's Regulatory Review Act to require state agencies to consider the impact on small businesses, which comprise nearly half of the Commonwealth's job-creating employers.



Reducing the Pennsylvania Legislature

Majority Chairman Metcalfe and the State Government Committee continue to hold hearings focusing on various proposals (**House Bills 55-57, 153, 183, 876** and **936**) geared at reducing the size and operating cost of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, as well as increasing the overall level of legislative accountability, leadership and credibility.



Passage of Essential National Security Begins at Home Legislation Spells More Jobs, Safety and Savings for Pennsylvania Taxpayers

On September 13, **State Legislators for Legal Immigration founder, Representative Metcalfe**, delivered expert testimony before the **Michigan House Commerce Committee** in favor of legislation to prevent illegal aliens from stealing American jobs, by requiring certain employers to verify new employee eligibility through the federal government's free **E-Verify system**.

As **Majority Chairman** of the Pennsylvania House State Government Committee, Representative Metcalfe continues to hold hearings and voting meetings that have resulted in the following essential reforms from the **National Security Begins at Home** package being advanced out of committee for consideration by the full House:

- **Creating a third-degree felony offense for the human smuggling of illegal aliens for profit (House Bill 856)**
- **Maintaining criminal history records of previously arrested illegal aliens (House Bill 798)**
- **Establishing legal and economic sanctions against any illegal alien "sanctuary city" (House Bill 865)**
- **Requiring all contractors and subcontractors performing work on taxpayer-funded state projects to confirm employee eligibility through E-Verify (Senate Bill 637)**

On November 15, the House passed **House Bill 439** with bi-partisan support. **House Bill 439** would revoke the professional license of any employer that knowingly hires an illegal alien. The legislation has now advanced to the Senate for consideration.

The **Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)** confirms that final passage of the **National Security Begins at Home** package could save Pennsylvania taxpayers **\$1.4 billion annually**.

"Pennsylvania's laws must protect the lives, liberty, property and jobs of Pennsylvania citizens, rather than foreign invaders," said Metcalfe. "Since the federal government remains AWOL in fulfilling its Constitutional obligation to defend the states against foreign invasion, Pennsylvania state lawmakers have no choice but to stand together and advance the **National Security Begins at Home** package."

For the latest **National Security Begins at Home** updates, visit RepMetcalfe.com and StateLegislatorsforLegalImmigration.com.



Majority Chairman Metcalfe questions testifiers during a public hearing on making English Pennsylvania's official language.



Making English PA's Official Language

On September 14, Majority Chairman Metcalfe convened a State Government Committee hearing focusing on **House Bills 361** and **888**, which would designate **English** as the official language of the Commonwealth. This legislation would require all official acts of state or local government, including the printing of government documents, to be communicated in English only.

While absolutely no one would be prohibited from learning or conversing in a foreign language under this legislation, stopping the forced subsidization of translation and interpreter services would save Commonwealth taxpayers at least **\$3.25 million annually**.

Fifty-four countries around the globe and **31 states** have designated **English** as their official language. U.S. Census data proves that immigrants who speak English earn, on average, two to three times more than those who do not. Countless other studies prove that those who can speak English in America get better jobs, are less dependent on taxpayer-funded government programs, achieve more academically and receive better health care.

Metcalfe Delivers Solutions to Fully Restore YOUR Right to Own Property

REAL PROPERTY TAX ELIMINATION ACT

Reintroduced for the 2011-12 legislative session, Representative Metcalfe's **Real Property Tax Elimination Act (House Bill 2019)** is the only piece of legislation before the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate all local government and school property taxes.

"One of the core liberties recognized by our Founding Fathers is the right to own your own property," said Metcalfe. "The right of Pennsylvania citizens to truly own their property has been stripped away through property taxation. The property tax actually serves as a lease on our property that is never paid off."

Relying as much as possible on sales tax revenue generated from voluntary consumer purchases, Representative Metcalfe's **Real Property Tax Elimination Act** would phase out Pennsylvania's unfair, unstable and obsolete school property tax system in as little as **six years**, with a **33 percent reduction** in the **first year alone**.

"Pennsylvania property owners deserve nothing less than **100 percent property tax elimination**," said Metcalfe. "However, the dream of Pennsylvania obtaining **zero percent property tax status** can never be realistically achieved until state government is willing to defy the special interests by enacting several other reforms, such as the elimination of both **teacher strikes** and the **prevailing wage**."

STRIKE-FREE EDUCATION PACT

With approximately **162 public school districts** either at risk for an immediate teachers' strike due to expired contracts or facing the possibility of a strike before the end of the current school year, Representative Metcalfe continues to build statewide grassroots momentum for enactment of the **STRIKE-FREE Education Pact (House Bills 1369 and 1640)** to outlaw teacher strikes and other public school lockouts in Pennsylvania.

"As any property owner residing in **Seneca Valley** and **South Butler** school districts can personally attest, teacher strikes are ultimately the hammer that drives property taxes through the roof as taxpayers are left footing the bill for union-driven salary increases and lengthy arbitrations," said Metcalfe. "Passage of the **STRIKE-FREE Education Pact** will finally expel the self-serving greed of public sector unions that has no legitimate place in the classroom, the public service arena or anywhere else in Pennsylvania."

METCALFE-SUPPORTED PREVAILING WAGE REFORMS MOVE TO HOUSE FLOOR

Six prevailing wage reform bills (House Bills 709, 1191, 1271, 1329, 1541 and 1685), supported by Representative Metcalfe, are currently awaiting consideration on the House floor.

Enacted in 1961, **Pennsylvania's Prevailing Wage Act** establishes "**prevailing**" **minimum wage rates** that must be paid on **public construction projects** such as roads, bridges and public schools. The rates established under the act reflect union wage rates and grossly distort actual wage rates paid on private sector projects in any given municipality, especially in rural areas.

Of these six reforms, the farthest-reaching is **House Bill 1329**, which would raise the minimum cost for **public construction projects** falling under the jurisdiction of the **Prevailing Wage Act** from the current **\$25,000** threshold, also established in 1961, to the current rate of inflation which equates to approximately **\$185,000**. This legislation would also require the minimum threshold to adjust annually based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Studies from several different states have consistently indicated that **union-skewed prevailing wage mandates increase property taxes** and other taxpayer costs for **public construction projects** anywhere from **10 percent to 20 percent**.

Metcalfe In The Media



CASTLE DOCTRINE NOW LAW

As one of Pennsylvania's premier supporters of Second Amendment liberty, Representative Metcalfe attended the official bill signing of **House Bill 40**. Under **House Bill 40**, Pennsylvania is now the **24th state** to adopt the **Castle Doctrine** to restore the legal ability of law-abiding Commonwealth residents to stand their ground and use **lethal force** to defend themselves against violent criminals.



PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE

A previous sponsor of legislation to eliminate all taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood from the state budget, Representative Metcalfe recently spoke at a joint House and Senate **Pro-Life Caucus** press conference to call for immediate legislative action on **Senate Bill 732**. **Senate Bill 732** would hold abortion facilities accountable to the same personnel and sanitary requirements as health care facilities.

Metcalfe Supports Tax-Free, Fee-Free, Welfare-Reducing Solutions to Fix Pennsylvania's Deteriorating Infrastructure

Representative Metcalfe recently announced his support of the **Infrastructure Future Fund Act (House Bill 2020)**, which would designate all proceeds from the sale or privatization of Pennsylvania's state liquor stores, estimated to bring in as much as **\$1.6 billion** in one-time revenue, to the improvement of Pennsylvania's roads and bridges.

In August 2011, the **Pennsylvania Transportation Funding Advisory Committee (TFAC)** reported that there are **5,205 structurally deficient bridges** and **8,452 miles of roads in poor condition statewide**. The **TFAC** report identified areas where cost efficiency needs to be improved, but also made recommendations to raise **\$2.5 billion** in revenue over the next five years.

In addition to his support of **House Bill 2020**, Metcalfe is also reintroducing his proposal to close Pennsylvania's escalating infrastructure repair and improvement revenue shortfall by reducing **state welfare spending** by **10 percent** and transferring the roughly **\$1 billion** in savings to fund core bridge and highway construction projects.

By eliminating fraud, implementing waste reduction and various other efficiency-oriented reforms that are specifically designed to move more able-bodied individuals from welfare to work, Representative Metcalfe's **10 Percent Plan** would protect Pennsylvania taxpayers and motorists by doing just what any family or business must do when faced with necessary expenditures and limited income: **prioritize spending**.

"Pennsylvania taxpayers have had enough of their incomes redistributed to pay for someone else's health care, bus fare or excessive public welfare," said Metcalfe. "The more than **\$2.6 billion** in safer highways, roads and bridges brought about by implementing both of these **TAX-FREE, FEE-FREE** and **DEBT-FREE** solutions would be a long-overdue exercise in fiscally responsible prioritizing that the majority of working Pennsylvania citizens and motorists would support."

Summer Newsletter Survey Reveals Super-Majority Support for Metcalfe's Legislative Initiatives

With more than **1,600 respondents** registering an average approval rating of **78.5 percent**, Representative Metcalfe's **Summer 2011 Newsletter Survey** revealed strong district-wide support for the following legislative priorities:

- **1,431, or 89 percent, of survey respondents favor a reduction in state government spending.**
- **1,366, or 85 percent, support requiring voter referendum for school property tax increases.**
- **1,323, or 82 percent, support ending teacher strikes in Pennsylvania.**
- **1,210, or 75 percent, support a state Constitutional amendment to protect marriage between one man and one woman.**
- **978, or 61 percent, support expanding school choice in Pennsylvania.**

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Recognized Leadership



Representative Metcalfe speaking during an informational public meeting to address local resident concerns regarding the drawdown of Glade Run Lake in Middlesex Township.



Representative Metcalfe was the keynote speaker at this year's Boy Scouts of Butler County American Heroes Weekend, where he highlighted his experience serving under oath in the U.S. Army and the importance of duty to God, family and country as officially stated in the Boy Scouts Code of Honor.



Representative Metcalfe visits with local wildlife conservation officer Randy Pilarcik at the Butler County Farm Show.