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## **Pugh Seeks Reelection to Continue Her Work For Luzerne County Families**

**"Honoring her promise to always put the best interests of local residents and taxpayers first."**

**DALLAS, PA** – State Representative and longtime businesswoman, Brenda Pugh, announced her bid for reelection today for the 120th District State House seat. In her announcement, she reaffirmed her commitment to provide bipartisan leadership that supports commonsense solutions on affordability, fiscal responsibility, safer neighborhoods and real results for our communities.

Along with my family, serving area residents as State Representative has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Pugh. "Standing up for the principles of Northeast Pennsylvanians and supporting bipartisan solutions has proven once again to be the most effective way to make state government work best for the working men and women and seniors it serves. My pledge is simple: I will continue to always put the best interests of local residents and taxpayers first."

### **Focused on Affordability for Families**

Throughout her first term, Brenda has focused on issues that make life more affordable for families, seniors and recent graduates just starting out. She has supported efforts to keep energy, electricity and utility costs down by opposing rate hikes and costly unfunded mandates, and by supporting policies that advance the use of Pennsylvania's safe, reliable and abundant natural resources. Lower energy costs are a must in keeping inflation and the cost of living in check. Brenda has also pushed to include residency verification before citizens can receive public benefits as another step to eliminate fraud and abuse – and to ensure those most vulnerable get the help they need.

"As a mother, I understand making everyday goods and services affordable for families starts with keeping the price of gas, electricity and energy low," said Pugh. Too often, decisions are made in Harrisburg by people who don't understand our communities. "I've made it a point to listen, show up, and speak on behalf of our district. I believe in a Pennsylvania where families can afford to live, businesses can grow, and our kids can build their future right here at home."

### **Standing with Our Workers and Jobs**

As a former President of a local Chamber of Commerce, Brenda's work has also focused on strengthening the local economy, supporting job creation, and advancing policies that encourage growth rather than burying employers in red tape. Her support for the recent budget held the line on personal income taxes for working families and on the small businesses who create many of our local jobs. This bipartisan budget also saw support, from Republicans and Democrats, to pull Pennsylvania out of the unfair and costly Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). This decision will foster family sustaining manufacturing and trade job growth and eliminate a cause of increased energy costs. Brenda is also leading efforts to protect workers and consumers through her bipartisan legislation to enable the PA Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a formal study of PFAS "forever chemicals" in biosolids to ensure public health and that future policy decisions are based on real data.

“Over the last year, we’ve delivered real results for our communities – protecting taxpayers, supporting job creators, and making sure Harrisburg listens to the people, not special interests,” said Pugh. There is more work to be done, and that’s why I’m continuing my fight for your priorities.”

### **Backing Public Safety**

The wife of a longtime police officer, Brenda has been a champion for law enforcement, volunteer fire companies and EMS – the first responders who serve and protect our communities. She has continued to support efforts to improve their emergency communications infrastructure, which ultimately helps everyone through more reliable connections across our county and our Commonwealth. Brenda is also supporting stronger safeguards in this digital age to keep children safe and protect them from predators, exploitation and harmful content while online.

“When I ran for office, I didn’t make vague promises — I made specific commitments,” Pugh said. “I promised to work across party lines, protect public health, improve transparency, support first responders and veterans, and reduce unnecessary burdens on taxpayers and job creators. My record shows I’ve done just that – honoring promises and delivering results.”

### **Top-Quality Constituent Services at Home**

Brenda understands that state government must work for the families she serves. Just this year alone, she has secured more than \$7 million in state grants for worthwhile projects across the district. She and her staff have also worked to provide local constituents with the very best community outreach services possible. To be accessible and responsive to her constituents, Brenda and her staff have helped thousands of constituents cut through government red tape and to solve their issues including: over 716 property tax/rent rebate competitions, more than 600 PennDOT and other state advocacy assists and hundreds more meetings with community leaders, businesses and stakeholders across Luzerne County. She and her team will continue to work to make her office a resource center for all the community.

“As State Representative, I will always be a strong voice for my constituents in Harrisburg and to provide the very best constituent services to the residents I serve here at home,” said Pugh. “I work hard every day to make their lives better and to ensure Northeast Pennsylvania remain a great place to live, work and raise our families.”

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