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Un-PAC is mobilizing young people to fix our broken democracy so that we can solve urgent problems impacting our generation.

In order to be **"With Us"** a candidate must address the needs of young people and ensure our voices are heard in our democracy.



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U.S. PRESIDENT

Represents the nation's values. Is responsible for enforcing laws passed by Congress, directing U.S. foreign policy, shaping the economy, and has authority over the military.

Kamala Harris (D)
Age: 59

Donald Trump (R)
Age: 78

- **Action Taken:**
 - As Vice President, supported the *Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act*, a comprehensive voting rights bill.
- **Commitments:**
 - Supports legislation to block rent price fixing by corporate landlords and stop large investment banks from buying homes in bulk and marking up prices.
 - Supports raising the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour.
 - Supports legislation restoring reproductive rights at the federal level.
- **Work/ Electoral Background:**
 - Current Vice President - first woman as well as first Asian American and first African American to assume the role.
 - Former Senator in CA from 2017 to 2021.
 - Former DA/City Attorney in San Francisco, CA.
 - Graduate of Howard University.
- **Campaign Site:** kamalaharris.com

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Rejected and attempted to overturn the 2020 election.
 - Appointed three U.S. Supreme Court Justices in order to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, removing a decades-long federal protection for abortion.
- **Commitments:**
 - Seeks to carry out the largest deportation of migrants in U.S. history.
 - Plans to remove Title XI expansions that protected victims of sexual abuse and expanded protections for LGBTQ+ and pregnant students on college campuses.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Only former president with no previous legal/government work.
 - Convicted felon.
 - Former NY Realtor and Reality TV Host.
- **Campaign Site:** donaldjtrump.com

U.S. Senate

Decides what laws get passed in the country such as climate policy, gun laws, and reproductive care. A Senator can block critical legislation and stall change we care about.

Bob Casey
(D-Incumbent), Age: 64

David McCormick (R)
Age: 58

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Voted Yes on the *Freedom to Vote Act* and the *DISCLOSE Act* to protect and expand voting rights and end dark money in politics.
 - Voted yes on the *Reproductive Freedom for Women Act* to codify healthcare protections for women seeking reproductive care.
 - Co-sponsored the *Right to Contraception Act* to protect access to contraception like Plan B.
 - Voted yes on the *Respect for Marriage Act* to protect LGBTQ+ and interracial marriage rights.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - U.S. Senator since 2007
 - Former State Auditor General
 - Former State Treasurer
 - Catholic University of America Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** bobcasey.com

- **Commitments:**
 - He'll work to rein in government spending, oppose tax increases, and exercise fiscal responsibility.
 - Stands with Donald Trump on issues of national security and wants to tighten border security.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Under Secretary of the Treasury of International Affairs
 - Former CEO of hedge fund Bridgewater Associates
 - Graduated from West Point in Mechanical Engineering
 - Princeton University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** davemccormickpa.com

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Attorney General

“The people’s lawyer,” is our representative in the legal system. They have the power to uphold our rights or choose whether or not to prioritize big money interests.

Eugene DePasquale (D)
Age: 52

- **Action Taken:**
 - As Auditor General, DePasquale regularly released special reports focused on policy issues seen as outside the traditional scope of the office. One laid out 12 recommendations for reducing gun violence deaths. Another estimated how much revenue the commonwealth was missing by not taxing marijuana.
- **Commitment:**
 - Will protect reproductive, LGBTQ, and voting rights.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Pennsylvania House of Representative
 - Former Pennsylvania Auditor General
 - Adjunct Professor at University of Pittsburgh
- **Campaign Site:** depasqualeforag.com

Dave Sunday (R)
Age: 48

- **Action Taken:**
 - During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sunday directed local law enforcement to ignore Covid-19 protection orders.
- **Commitment:**
 - Sunday said during a debate that he does not believe the state constitution guarantees a right to abortion access, arguing that decision belongs to the legislature.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Prosecutor
 - Serves on the American Conservative Union’s Prosecutor Advisory Board
 - Widener Law School Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** davesundayforag.com

Auditor General

The Pennsylvania auditor general's role is to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent legally and properly.

Malcolm Kenyatta (D)
Age: 33

- **Commitments:**
 - Committed to reinstate Bureau of School Audits, restart the annual compliance audits that the current Auditor General ended, and demand accountability from all our schools, protecting students from misuse of their tax dollars or underfunding of school districts.
 - Will create the first-ever Bureau of Labor and Worker Protections. This office will crack down on wage theft, employee misclassification, and union busting.
- **Work/ Electoral Background:**
 - First openly LGBTQ Person of Color in Pennsylvania Legislature
 - Appointed by the U.S. President as Chair of Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans.
- **Campaign Site:** malcolmkenyatta.com

Timothy DeFoor (R- Incumbent), Age: 62

- **Action Taken:**
 - During his first term, DeFoor issued an audit alleging that several school districts raised local taxes despite holding substantial reserves in their General Funds. However, he subsequently closed the bureau responsible for auditing these schools. Critics contend that this action demonstrates a lack of understanding of school budgeting, calling into question his qualifications to responsibly manage taxpayer funds.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Auditor General since 2021
 - Former investigator for Dauphin County Public Defenders office and Attorney General’s office.
 - Harrisburg University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** defoor4pa.com

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Treasurer

Serves as the custodian of more than \$150 billion in state funds, and is responsible for the receipt and deposit of state money, investment management and oversight of all withdrawals and deposits from state agencies.

Erin McClelland (D)
Age: 49

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Worked as a process improvement manager with the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions to address the opioid crisis
 - Founded Pennsylvania's first orthomolecular recovery program for addiction.
- **Commitment:**
 - Committed to rebuilding the supply chain to build American manufacturing jobs and infusing labor and environmental standards while preventing human rights violations.
- **Work/ Electoral Background:**
 - Addictions Counselor
 - Small business owner
 - Pittsburgh University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** erinmcclelland.com

Stacy Garrity
(R- Incumbent), Age: 60

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Supported the overturn of Roe v. Wade and increased investments in Israel. Roe v. Wade was a landmark 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Treasurer since 2021.
 - Former Vice President of Global Tungsten & Powders Corp
 - Served in the U.S. Army for 30 years.
- **Campaign Site:** garrityforpa.com

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U.S. House of Representatives PA-12

Decides what laws get passed nationwide such as budget bills, climate policy, and gun control.

Summer Lee (D- Incumbent), Age: 36

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Introduced the 'Right to Vote Act,' which would establish the first-ever affirmative federal voting rights guarantee, ensuring that every citizen can exercise their fundamental right to cast a ballot.
 - As a candidate for Congress in 2022, Lee ran on an unapologetically anti-fracking, pro-environmental justice platform in a district historically known for its deep ties to fossil fuels - committing to pass a Green New Deal.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Elected into Congress in 2023.
 - Howard University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** summerforpa.com

James Hayes, (R) Age: 61

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Attended a legislative panel on Pennsylvania, hosted by Americans for Prosperity, a prominent PAC associated with the Koch brothers, known for advocating to weaken unions, deny climate change, and reduce funding for programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Worked for the Federal Reserve.
- **Campaign Site:** jameshayesforpa.com

State Senate PA- 43 District

Influence policy that directly affects residents. They help to redraw the boundaries of legislative districts, which can impact political representation.

Jay Costa (D) Age: 66

- **Action Taken:**
 - Cosponsored bill prohibiting use of police chokeholds.
- **Commitment:**
 - Will secure voting rights for all by fighting bills that allow state officials or legislatures to overturn election results, repeal mail in voting, reduce access to drop boxes, allow for voter intimidation at the polls, and put onerous Voter ID laws in place.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 1996
 - Former Deputy Sheriff
 - Duquesne University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** jaycosta.org

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State Senate PA- 37 District

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Nicole Ruscitto (D) Age: 52

- **Commitment:**
 - Advocates for expanding the use of drop boxes, implementing more early voting sites, and making it easier to participate in the electoral process through open primaries and same-day registration.
 - Aims to expand educational access, safeguard reproductive healthcare, increase the minimum wage, and ensure affordable healthcare for all.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Member of Jefferson Hills Borough Council
 - Librarian
 - Basketball Coach
 - Duquesne University Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** nicoleforpa.com

Devlin Robinson (R- Incumbent), Age: Unknown

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Sponsored SB 1200, a bill designed to impose stricter regulations on mail-in and absentee voting, making it more difficult for voters to access these options.
 - Co-sponsored SB 565, a bill that would eliminate the requirement for gun licenses, allowing anyone to purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell, or possess any type of firearm."
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Founder/CEO of Veterans Medical Technology, Inc.
 - University of Pittsburgh Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** devlinforsenate.com

State Representative PA-23 District

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Dan Frankel (D-Incumbent), Age: 68

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Introduced the *Fairness Act* to protect LGBTQ individuals from discrimination.
 - Co-sponsored HB 777 to prohibit the sale of ghost guns and establish penalties, aimed at protecting young people from gun violence.
 - Cosponsored *CROWN Act* in PA, prohibiting discrimination based on hair texture and style.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 1998
 - Served as Democratic Chair of the House Health Committee.
 - Former Chairman of Pittsburgh Jewish Coalition
 - Former Insurance Executive
- **Campaign Site:** electdanfrankel.com

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**State Representative
PA-24 District**

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**La'Tasha Mayes
(D- Incumbent), Age: 43**

No Challenger (R)

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Cosponsored bill (HB 2269) to codify same-sex marriage into state law.
 - Sponsored *CROWN Act* to prohibit discrimination based upon someone's style or texture of their hair, protecting people of color from unnecessary discrimination.
 - Co-sponsored bills to appropriate funding for fresh produce (HB 2420) and free menstrual products to students (HB 851).
- **Commitment:**
 - Will advocate for reproductive rights.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2022.
 - Founder of New Voices for Reproductive Justice
- **Campaign Site:** latashaforpa.com

**State Representative
PA-19 District**

Influence policy that directly affects residents. They help to redraw the boundaries of legislative districts, which can impact political representation.

**Aerion Abney
(D-Incumbent), Age: 36**

No Challenger (R)

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Cosponsored bill (HB2420) to allocate funding for local produce in schools.
 - Co-sponsored bill (HB 849) to appropriate \$100 million in funding for Mental Health Services.
 - Co-sponsored *CROWN Act* to prohibit discrimination based upon someone's style or texture of their hair, protecting people of color from unnecessary discrimination.
- **Commitment:**
 - Commits to support anti-displacement strategies and policies that ensure residents are able to participate in the planning process for affordable housing options.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2022
 - Social worker and Pennsylvania director of special projects with Access Democracy.
 - University of Pittsburgh Alumni
- **Campaign Site:** voteaerionabney.com

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**State Representative
PA-20 District**

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**Emily Kinhead
(D- Incumbent), Age: 37**

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Sponsored bill (HB 2180) to appropriate \$80 million to eliminate school lunch debt for students- ensuring students don't go hungry.
 - Co-sponsored HB 2229 to codify same-sex marriage into state law, ensuring legal protections for LGBTQ individuals against discrimination.
 - Co-sponsored HB 815, a bill requiring all candidates for public office to submit online campaign finance reports, ensuring transparency so voters can see who is funding campaigns and make informed decisions at the polls.
- **Commitment:**
 - Commits to supporting a \$15 minimum wage.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2020
 - University of Pittsburgh Graduate
- **Campaign Site:** emily4pa20.com

**Matt Kruth (R)
Age: 44**

- **Commitment:**
 - Does not support a \$15 minimum wage.
 - Does not support no-excuse mail in voting in Pennsylvania- making it harder for people to cast their vote and have their voices heard.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Teacher
 - Duquesne University Alumni
- **Campaign Site:** mattkruth.com

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U.S. House of Representatives PA-15 District

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Zach Womer (D) Age: 25

- **Commitment:**
 - Expresses support for ending Citizens United and removing big money from politics, making it easier for average Americans to see progress on the issues that matter most to them.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Current student at Penn State Law
 - Served on the Centre County Mental Health, Intellectual Disability, and Early Intervention Advisory Board
- **Campaign Site:** womeforpa.com

Glen Thompson (R- Incumbent), Age: 64

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Voted in favor of H.R. 4712, the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, reflecting strong opposition to women's reproductive rights.
 - Voted against the *For the People Act* and rated 0% by End Citizens United and Public Citizen.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Elected to US House of Representatives in 2008.
 - Chaired the Centre County Republican Committee
- **Campaign Site:** friendsofglennthompson.com

State Senate NC-25 District

Influence policy that directly affects residents. They help to redraw the boundaries of legislative districts, which can impact political representation.

William McGill (D) Age: Unknown

- **Commitments:**
 - States, "Protecting our Voting Rights is essential to our Freedom of Democracy. Making voting easier and more accessible must be our focus. We can no longer allow suppression and oppression to violate the basic fundamental rights of all citizens."
 - Top three priorities in office are: codifying women's reproductive rights, improving education, and expanding healthcare access and resources.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - U.S. Army Veteran
 - Grocery Store owner
- **Campaign Site:** jeffdempa.org/william-mcgill

Cris Dush (R- Incumbent), Age: 63

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Co-sponsored a bill to prohibit Boycott, Divestment, or Sanction (BDS) efforts against Israel, restricting actions in Pennsylvania that could halt funding for military operations in Gaza and curtailing First Amendment rights to protest.
 - Co-sponsored a bill to authorize a constitutional amendment requiring an unexpired government-issued ID to vote, making the voting process more restrictive.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Former Pennsylvania House of Representatives
 - Former US Air Force, US National Guard, and Corrections Officer
- **Campaign Site:** dushforsenate.com

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State Senate PA-35 District

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Wayne Langerholc (R- Incumbent), Age: Unknown

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Co-sponsored SB 1260, a bill aimed at prohibiting any Boycott, Divestment, or Sanction (BDS) efforts against Israel.
 - Sponsored bill prohibiting Pennsylvania from joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
 - Sponsored SB 3, a bill to prohibit dilation and evacuation (D&E) abortions before 20 weeks of pregnancy.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2016
 - Former Assistant District Attorney in Cambria County
- **Website:**
www.senatorlangerholc.com/biography/

State Representative PA-28 District

Influence policy that directly affects residents. They help to redraw the boundaries of legislative districts, which can impact political representation.

Paul Takac (D- Incumbent), Age: 59

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Co-sponsored HB 1259, a bill to create the PA Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit program, aimed at providing families with resources to meet children's essential needs.
 - Co-sponsored HB 1394, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on hair texture or style, ensuring fair treatment for people of color in the workplace.
 - Voted in favor of HB 2269 to codify same-sex marriage into state law, ensuring marriage protections for LGBTQ couples in Pennsylvania, even if the Supreme Court revokes this federally recognized right.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2023
 - Former member of the College Township Council. Former chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and the Centre Region Council of Government's Public Safety Committee
- **Campaign Site:** paultakac.com

Therese Hollen (R) Age: Unknown

- **Commitments:**
 - States, "Pennsylvania has access to vast amounts of resources: natural gas, petroleum, coal, timber, solar, wind and just recently we discovered lithium under our commonwealth. It is quintessential to the success of our state that we unleash the potential Pennsylvania energy has."
 - Does not commit to passing any gun safety legislation.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Owner of Hollen Enterprises LLC
- **Campaign Site:** electhollen.com

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**State Representative
PA-77 District**

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**H Scott Conklin
(D- Incumbent), Age: 65**

- **Actions Taken:**
 - Co-sponsored bill (HB 2180) to eliminate \$80 million of student lunch debt.
 - Co-sponsored HB 299 to extend OSHA protections to public workers in Pennsylvania, enhancing workplace safety and health conditions.
- **Commitment:**
 - Advocates for limiting corporate contributions to state legislative candidates and establishing term limits for the Governor and State Representatives.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Incumbent since 2006
 - Currently serves as the Democratic Chairman of the House State Government Committee and Treasurer for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party
- **Campaign Site:**
scottconklinpa.com

**Marie Librizzi (R)
Age: Unknown**

- **Commitments:**
 - Identified rural broadband connectivity and the repeal of the vehicle registration tax as her top policy priorities.
 - Advocates for requiring all voters to show ID before voting, which could make it more difficult for some individuals to cast their ballots.
- **Work/Electoral Background:**
 - Retired former owner of Old Main Frame Shop and Gallery
- **Campaign Site:**
www.facebook.com/electmarielibrizzi/