



Valerie Gaydos Announces Re-Election Bid

*Pledges to continue record of common-sense, bipartisan accomplishments
as State Representative*

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA – Representative Valerie Gaydos (R-44) announced today that she will run for re-election in 2026 pledging to continue her record of bipartisan, common-sense service to the people of the 44th District.

"I believe to be a successful representative we need to focus on what we can do, not what others cannot. That is why I have worked with legislators from both sides of aisle, community leaders, and our residents to find common ground, common-sense solutions that address the challenges Pennsylvania and our communities face," said Gaydos.

Gaydos has made her ability to bring together differing sides to focus on common goals a hallmark of her time in Harrisburg. She has remained true to a set of core principles focused on fiscal responsibility, protecting taxpayers from government overreach, reducing costs of health care, and helping grow the economy to create good-paying jobs. She is, and will, remain dedicated to improving education, ensuring public safety, and most importantly, addressing the local needs of the communities she represents.

During her time as Representative, Gaydos has built a positive record of results that includes:

- > Protecting taxpayers from government over-spending while preserving the state's important Rainy Day Fund;
- > Passing new laws to help make healthcare and prescription drugs more affordable;
- > Providing record funding for education and local school districts;
- > Expanding the Childcare Tax Credit to help working families;
- > Pushing for legislation to establish a statewide landslide insurance fund so that our communities at risk can fix their landslide prone areas more quickly and efficiently;
- > Protecting victims of human trafficking;
- > Supporting legislation that provides more for the Property Tax Rebate; and,
- > Securing more than \$100 Million for local communities to help reduce the burden on property taxpayers and fund important local projects.

Gaydos pointed to her consensus-building leadership style as an example of how she has been so successful in passing legislation in a divided government, including important legislation to: better control prescription drug costs through vital Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) accountability reforms (Act 77 of 2024) and the elimination of "gag clauses" by PBMs (Act 67 of 2020). She remains committed to protecting our kids from online predators by addressing Cyber-Security needs in the

Commonwealth (Act 38 of 2022) and has passed legislation to protect victims of human trafficking (Act 45 of 2021).

"My job is to deliver results for our communities, and that is what I have done. While we have made important positive steps forward, there is more to be done," explained Gaydos. "I will never stop working to build a more responsible government that focuses on the priorities of the people I serve. I understand those priorities – responsible spending, strong schools, safe communities, and economic security – because I listen to the people I represent."

A third generation Allegheny Countian, Gaydos attended both Quaker Valley and Sewickley Academy and earned a degree in economics and foreign language from Dickinson College. Over the last few decades, she has run successful companies and became a well-known advocate for start-up businesses, especially those which are Veteran-owned.

Gaydos has given much of her time back to various community and civic groups, including spending time with dog rescue, Standing Firm and the women's shelter, the Honor Flight Veterans Outreach, and Red Cross; she is also a former volunteer EMT with Valley Ambulance Authority.

After being a patient advocate for both her husband, Bruce, who passed away from lung cancer and an aging parent with Parkinsons Disease, Gaydos uniquely understands how life's challenges can add hurdles to life and that government should not be one of them. Gaydos currently lives in Edgeworth with her rescue dog, Annie, who is working hard to become an AKC certified Canine Good Citizen (CGC.)

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