



# Congressman **Jim Gerlach**

SERVING BERKS, CHESTER, MONTGOMERY & LEHIGH COUNTIES

## **Listening** and **Staying in Touch**

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*This newsletter serves as my report back to you, as the citizens and taxpayers for our district. Hopefully, this data will help you to learn about how my staff and I are working to help individuals and organizations across our district. Please feel free to contact me if you think that I can help you work with a federal agency or program.*

### **ALWAYS ON THE JOB FOR SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Since January 2007, my staff and I have:

- Answered over **16,800 emails** and letters responding to your questions, concerns and ideas
- Responded to over **2,100 requests** with help in dealing with a government agency
- Sent out **9 issue updates or newsletters**
- Conducted **6 Mobile Office Days**
- Held **12 telephone town hall conference calls**
- Conducted **277 meetings with constituents**
- Attended over **197 community events**

*If you want to learn more about legislation before Congress, or if you have suggestions, please go to my web site at:*

[www.Gerlach.House.Gov](http://www.Gerlach.House.Gov)

*or contact one of my offices.*



**2007 YEAR IN REVIEW**



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UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Dear Friend:

As your representative in Congress, one of my most important responsibilities is to keep you informed of my work in Washington and how it affects our neighborhoods back home. This report is my way of keeping you “in the know” on the important issues of the day.

Throughout this session of Congress, I have advocated common sense reforms on important issues like energy independence, protecting our environment, keeping taxes down and protecting us from terrorists. As this report shows, thousands of your fellow citizens have contacted my offices by phone, email and letter—or have visited in person. You have shared your ideas, questions and concerns with me. And I’ve done my best to keep you updated through my web site, newsletters, telephone town halls, and visits to our communities.

Keeping in touch with you is important in representing you in Washington. To keep you informed, I work hard to keep my webpage current. If you are interested in finding out more about a number of topics, just log on to my webpage at [www.gerlach.house.gov](http://www.gerlach.house.gov). I held a series of 6 mobile offices in 2007 to make sure that I do all I can to make myself and my staff accessible to you. And more mobile offices are planned for 2008.

Please take a few minutes to review the information inside and, as always, contact the office in your area or visit my web site if you need assistance or wish to learn more about what is happening in Washington.

Sincerely,



# **A Helping Hand on Local Projects**

**CONGRESSMAN JIM GERLACH**

## **FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS**

### **PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

- Agricultural research to reduce chemicals in our land, water and food (Rodale Institute) – \$309,000
- Albright College Science Center – \$350,000
- Saint Joseph’s University Science Center – \$800,000

### **IMPROVING OUR ROADS & RENOVATING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

- Franklin Street Station (Reading) – \$1,250,000
- Brandywine Creek Bridge (Downingtown) – \$500,000
- Ardmore Train Station Renovations (SEPTA) – \$5,000,000\*\*
- Schuylkill Valley Metro (SEPTA) – \$22,800,000\*\*

### **EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Montgomery County Community College Expansion – \$100,000
- Delaware County Community College Small Business Center (serving Chester County) – \$282,000
- SE PA Consortium for Higher Education – \$123,000
- Harcum College educational systems upgrades – \$292,000

### **HELPING OUR RETURNING VETERANS**

- Delaware Valley Continuing Education Initiative – \$100,000

### **HELPING POLICE & PROSECUTORS TO FIGHT CRIME**

- Police Security Cameras for 10 Chester County Municipalities – \$376,000
- Chester County District Attorney’s incident response upgrades – \$235,000
- Police Security Cameras for Reading – \$611,000
- Police Force Assistance for Reading – \$1,175,000
- Violence Prevention and Response Training Center (St. Joseph’s Univ.) – \$70,500

### **IMPROVING OUR HOSPITALS & SUPPORTING OUR NURSES**

- Nursing Education at Alvernia College – \$87,000
- Nursing Education at West Chester University – \$243,000
- Reading Hospital School of Nursing – \$195,000
- Chester County Hospital expansion – \$87,000
- Mercy Suburban Hospital (Norristown) – \$438,000

*\*\* Legislative actions to prevent these previously funded grants from lapsing*

# ***A Helping Hand on Local Issues***

## **CONGRESSMAN JIM GERLACH**

### ***BERKS & LEHIGH COUNTIES***

Answered over 5700 letters and emails, responded to over 710 requests to help citizens with federal government "red-tape," held over 90 personal meetings with constituents, and conducted 4 Mobile Office Days. Congressman Gerlach has worked on important local issues, including:

- Held Congressional hearings into the February 2007 I-78 shutdown and to find ways to prevent it from happening again.
- Finding federal funding to preserve 2,000 acres of forestland outside of Birdsboro.

### ***CHESTER COUNTY***

Answered over 5000 letters and emails, responded to over 620 requests to help citizens with federal government "red-tape," held over 80 personal meetings with constituents, and conducted 1 Mobile Office Day. Congressman Gerlach has worked on important local issues, including:

- Building a First Responders Training Center for our local emergency service providers.
- Revitalizing the Coatesville Train Station.

### ***MONTGOMERY COUNTY***

Answered over 6000 letters and emails, responded to over 790 requests to help citizens with federal government "red tape," held over 90 personal meetings with constituents, and conducted 1 Mobile Office Day. Congressman Gerlach has worked on important local issues, including:

- Engaging the EPA in response to the TCE contamination issues in the Colledgeville and Trappe areas.
- Serving on the Montgomery County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force with local officials.