



## The Pennsylvania Legislature is not supporting its residents

### Campaign Finance Reform

- Pennsylvania is one of 11 states with no campaign contribution limit for state races
- PA state lawmakers are the third highest paid in U.S., but accomplish less actual lawmaking
- PA is one of two states that doesn't explicitly ban or limit candidates from spending campaign funds on personal expenses

### Community Health and Gun Violence Prevention

- Pennsylvania has the 8th highest rate of opioid deaths out of the 50 states
- Black Pennsylvanians are 25 times more likely to be killed in a gun homicide
- In PA, Black women are 3 times more likely to die during or after pregnancy than white women

### Criminal Justice Reform

- Pennsylvania's proposed risk-assessment tool, giving judges the necessary information to divert low-risk individuals from prison to alternative sentencing programs is racist

### Economic Equality

- PA is one of 20 states still using the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour (nearby states of MD, DE, NJ, NY and OH all pay higher wages)
- PA is the 6th worst state in which to start a new business
- PA is 24th in the nation for worker-friendly policies
- Poverty rate is 60% higher within three miles of power plants compared to rest of the state

### Education

- PA school funding is most unequal (rich vs. poor districts) in the nation due to over-emphasis on local funding
- PA residents graduate from college with the third highest amount of debt in the country
- Pennsylvania ranks 30<sup>th</sup> in the US in quality of public education for all
- Pre-K program spending is well below PA's border states who spend four times what we do
- PA has worst community college system considering in-state tuition and graduation rates

### Equity and LGBTQ+ Rights

- Pennsylvania ranks 24 out of 50 in legal protections for LGBTQ+ people and has no statewide law prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQ people, meaning it is legal to fire someone, evict them from housing, or deny them service at a restaurant just because they are LGBTQ+
- PA ranks 40 of 50 states in the share of women in elected office; this is up in 2019 from 49
- PA is ground zero for hate, with residents reporting the most incidents of mail, fliers, stickers, posters, banners, graffiti and other messages encouraging hate. Virginia was 2nd and Texas, 3rd

### **Environmental Protection and Infrastructure**

- Pennsylvania ranks 44 in the state of our natural environment
- Pennsylvania is the only state that does not tax those pulling oil and gas from our state
- Pennsylvania has the third worst drinking water in the country; One-third (27,886 miles of streams statewide) of all PA waterways are polluted enough to harm wildlife, recreation or drinking water
- PA got a C- from the American Society of Civil Engineers for aging/deteriorating water & sewage systems
- Pennsylvania is ranked #2 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the US
- PA's roads are the 5th worst in the nation
- PA Power Sector was labeled 5th dirtiest in the nation
- Pennsylvania could be the 2nd-most flooded state in 2022 behind Florida
- People of color are 39% of the population living within three miles of existing & proposed power plants; yet they are only 22% of PA's total population

### **Livability**

- Pennsylvania ranked 41 out of 50 in an annual ranking of most livable states that looks at health care, education, economy, infrastructure, opportunity, fiscal stability, crime & corrections, and natural environment; this is down from 38 last year; related to infrastructure and economy, PA is 29 out of 50 in broadband access

### **Reproductive Rights and Access**

- 82% of Pennsylvania counties have no abortion providers or Medicaid does not cover abortion. Public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest

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