

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES ON KEY ISSUES FOR SELECTED REPUBLICAN INCUMBENTS

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- **Gun Control**
- **Environment**
- **Healthcare & Reproductive Rights**
- **Public Education**
- **LGBT Rights**
- **Immigration Policy**

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- ❖ Closes a loophole that allows anyone, including felons, to avoid background check when buying from private sellers.
- ❖ Considered a top priority by PA gun control advocates.

Not a cosponsor; voted NO to similar legislation in 2014

Environment

Roll back oil and gas drilling protections (HB2154)

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Medicaid work requirements (HB59; HB2138)

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Prime sponsor of HB250; voted YES

Charter Schools (HB97)

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Proof of Citizenship for Receipt of Public Benefits (HB 1095)

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- Would require law enforcement to report anyone they reasonably suspect of being undocumented to federal immigration authorities.
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