

# Fix Harrisburg: Introduction

## Bipartisan solutions deserve a vote

Most Pennsylvanians want the same things. Healthy families. Thriving communities. Decent wages for reliable work. Clean air and water. A government that works for all of us.

But our full-time legislature doesn't deliver. Fewer than one in five bills introduced ever gets a vote in committee. Less than 7% of bills introduced pass in an average two-year legislative session.

It's not that our legislators don't try. Many head to Harrisburg with great intentions. No one warns them that with their very first vote they'll give away the right to represent us.

### The problem:

- Current legislative rules allow just a few partisan leaders in positions of power complete control over which bills get a vote.
- Other states have procedures to make sure bipartisan bills get a vote. These safeguards don't exist in the PA state legislature.
- Much-needed bipartisan solutions, introduced session after session, never get a vote.
- When decisions about bills are made by just a few leaders, voters never know where their own legislators stand and can't hold them accountable.
- Legislative rules aren't written in law. They're reintroduced at the start of every session. Session after session, leaders have rigged the rules to capture more and more control.

### It doesn't have to be this way!

**If enough legislators demand better rules, they can reclaim their right to represent us.**

- Bills with strong bipartisan support should be guaranteed a vote in committee.
- If these bills are voted favorably from committee, they deserve a vote on the chamber floor.
- If bills pass in one chamber with bipartisan support, the opposing chamber should respect that work with a corresponding vote.

Pennsylvania's legislative rules impact every person in PA, every day, in more ways than we realize. Inadequate infrastructure; burdensome property taxes; outdated regulations. . . the list is long and growing longer every day.



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