

Government Relations Update – November 29, 2022

Pennsylvania Issues

- **2022 Midterm Election Results:** In the race for Pennsylvania Governor, Attorney General Josh Shapiro (D) defeated Pennsylvania Senator Douglas Mastriano (R) by nearly 15 points, securing more votes than any other gubernatorial candidate in the Commonwealth's history. All incumbent Pennsylvania State Representatives and Senators in the St. Luke's service area seeking reelection retained their seats. However, as a result of retirements and redistricting, there are some new Representatives and Senators in the St. Luke's service area. In the House, Stroudsburg Mayor Tarah Probst (D-Monroe) won the House seat being vacated by Representative Rosemary Brown (R). Josh Siegel (D-Lehigh) took a newly created House seat representing St. Luke's Hospital – Sacred Heart Campus. Schuylkill County business owner Jamie Barton (R-Schuylkill) will succeed Representative Jerry Knowles (R-Schuylkill), who is retiring.

Senator Dave Argall (R-Schuylkill/Carbon) will now represent a district including all of Schuylkill and Carbon Counties and part of Luzerne County. Representative Brown will succeed Senator Mario Scavello (R-Monroe), who is retiring. Allentown School Board Member Nick Miller (D-Lehigh) won a new Senatorial district, which includes St. Luke's Hospital – Sacred Heart Campus and St. Luke's Hospital – Bethlehem Campus. Parkland School Board Member Jarrett Coleman (R-Lehigh/Bucks) won a Senate district that now includes St. Luke's Hospital – Allentown Campus, St. Luke's Hospital – Upper Bucks Campus, and St. Luke's Hospital - Quakertown Campus. Introductory meetings are being scheduled with the newly elected officials.

In advance of the midterm elections, Republicans held a 113 to 90 majority in the House of Representatives. Democrats won 12 additional seats to obtain a one seat majority, which marks the first time the Democrats will control the House in 12 years. Three seats held by Democrats will be vacated pending special elections for seats currently held by newly elected Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis (D-Allegheny), newly elected United States Congresswoman Summer Lee (D-Allegheny), and recently deceased Pennsylvania Representative Anthony DeLuca (D-Allegheny), but it is anticipated that those seats will remain with the Democrats. The Pennsylvania Senate will continue to be controlled by the Republicans.

New Jersey Issues

- **2022 Midterm Election Results:** Incumbent Warren County Commissioner Jason Sarnoski (R) defeated Theresa Bender Chapman to retain his seat on the Board of Commissioners. The Hunterdon County Commissioners who sought reelection all retained their seats. Elections for New Jersey Senator and Assembly Member positions will be held in 2023.

Federal Issues

- **2022 Midterm Election Results:** In the race for United States Senate, Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman (D) defeated Dr. Mehmet Oz (R). All Pennsylvania Congressional delegates in the St. Luke's service area who sought reelection retained their seats. However, New Jersey State Senator Tom Kean Jr. (R) defeated incumbent Congressman Tom Malinowski (D) and will now represent St. Luke's Hospital – Warren Campus. Republicans took the majority in the House of Representatives, and while the Democrats retained control of the Senate.