

Learning about Legislation #38 - bringing guests to the State of the Union

Many MoCs choose to use the State of the Union, and their ability to bring one guest, to amplify some policy message. The information listed below shows how all of our Pennsylvania MoCs chose to use this opportunity, wherever possible in their own words. Please click on the provided link to learn more about the guests of our legislators.

- **Senator Bob Casey, 02/02/19, via his [website](#):**
“The Senator is bringing Monica Hughes of Pittsburgh, “an Army reservist and public servant who was impacted by the Trump shutdown”
- **Senator Pat Toomey, 02/05/19, via the [Allentown Morning Call](#):**
“The Republican senator is bringing John Malloy, who is president and CEO of Forks Township-based Victaulic, a manufacturer of mechanical pipe-joining systems. Toomey’s spokesman described Malloy as ‘a business and community leader from the Lehigh Valley and a personal friend’ of the senator. He also has been a campaign contributor to Toomey and other Republicans.”
- **PA-01’s Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, 02/03/19, via the [Bucks County Courier Times](#):**
“Justin Cangro, 16, and his mother Tracy Cangro will travel to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday so Justin can attend President Donald Trump’s State of the Union address as U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick’s guest. The Cangros lost brother and son Jared Lyons in July 2016 to a drug overdose, and Fitzpatrick, the new chair of a heroin task force, hopes to continue fighting the opioid epidemic in Congress this year.”
- **PA-02’s Rep. Brendan Boyle, 02/07/19, via a call to this DC office**
Representative Brendan Boyle brought his brother Kevin, who is a state representative in the Pennsylvania House. Kevin serves the 172nd District, which covers parts of Northeast Philadelphia.
- **PA-03’s Rep. Dwight Evans, 02/05/19, via [Twitter](#):**
“My #SOTU guest, @AFGENational Organizer Alana Lewis, and I are on our way to hear President Trump’s ‘speech.’” AFGE is the American Federation of Government Employees.
- **PA-04 Rep. Madeleine Dean, 02/05/19, via her [website](#):**
“I am excited to announce that I will host @AmoMeant at the State of the Union tonight. She is a friend, Columbine survivor, and a fellow Gun Safety Activist. We are both hopeful that the President expresses support for common sense gun laws. #SOTU2EndGunViolence #SOTU #SOTU2019.” Rep. Dean also shared a video clip from a [conversation](#) with her guest where they discussed what they hoped to hear in the speech.
- **PA-05’s Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, 02/05/19, via her [website](#):**
The Representative will have as her guests Beverly Wright and Malcolm J. Yates. “Wright lost her son to gun violence when he was just 23 years old. Since then, she has become an advocate for common sense gun safety and gun violence prevention. Wright is currently the president of Women of Strength United for Change, a support group for families who have lost someone to gun violence, and is currently a board member of Delco United, a local gun violence prevention advocacy group.”
- **PA-06’s Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, 02/05/19, via [Twitter](#):**
“Proud to welcome Michelle Roberson to the Capitol tonight as my #SOTU guest. Michelle tragically lost her daughter, Bianca, in a senseless gun-related road rage incident in 2017, weeks after graduating HS. We must do more to reduce gun violence. #SOTU2EndGunViolence #SOTU2019.”

- PA-07's Rep. Susan Wild, 02/05/19, via the [Allentown Morning Call](#):**
 "Wild has invited Murat Guzel as her guest to the speech. Guzel, who runs a health foods company, is a longtime Democratic donor in Pennsylvania and nationally. He immigrated from Turkey three decades ago, and co-chairs a caucus in the state Democratic Party focused on welcome naturalized citizens into the party."
- PA-08's Rep. Matt Cartwright, 02/05/19, via [Twitter](#):**
 "I invited Allen Fritz, an air traffic controller from Pennsylvania and a member of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (@NATCA), as my guest for tonight's #SOTU. He was one of thousands of selfless Americans who worked without pay during the government shutdown."
- PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser, 02/04/19, via the [Reading Eagle](#):**
 "U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser a Luzerne County Republican, has invited his wife, Shelley Meuser, as his guest."
- PA-10's Rep. Scott Perry:**
Editor's note: Rep. Perry has no information about his guest on Facebook, Twitter, or his website. A call to his DC office elicited no additional information.
- PA-11's Rep. Lloyd Smucker, 02/05/19, via [Facebook](#):**
 The Congressman's guest appears (from pictures on his page) to be his teenage son Nicholas.
- PA-13's Rep. John Joyce, 02/04/19, via the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#):**
 "U.S. Rep. John Joyce, R-Blair -- Bruce Hottle, of Somerset County, owner of Eagle Concrete Products."
- PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, 02/04/19, via the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#):**
 "U.S. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Peters -- His parents, Janice and Guy Reschenthaler."
- PA-15's Rep. Glenn W. Thompson, 02/05/19, via [Twitter](#):**
 "Honored to have Bill Jones, President of @PennUnitedTech with me tonight for @realDonaldTrump's #SOTU address" Penn United Technologies is a metal manufacturing company located in Cabot, PA.
- PA-16's Rep. Mike Kelly, 02/05/19, via [Facebook](#):**
 "I am looking forward to President Trump's State of the Union address tonight and am grateful that my friend, Joe Pfadt, was able to come to Washington and join me as my guest. Joe is an Army veteran and president of Warriors to Washington, an organization that organizes trips for Erie region veterans to visit our nation's capital as a thank you for their service. Joe is also a teacher in Harborcreek Township, and I am honored to call him my friend."
- PA-17's Rep. Conor Lamb, 02/05/19, via [Twitter](#):**
 "Grateful to welcome Allegheny/Fayette Central Labor Council President of @PaAFL_CIO @Darrinkellypgh as my #SOTU guest to support our ongoing fight to create and keep jobs for working families in #PA17."
- PA-18 Rep. Mike Doyle, 02/04/19, via the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#):**
 "U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills, the longest serving Pennsylvania member, gave his ticket to freshman Mary Gay Scanlon, D-Montgomery, so she could bring an additional guest to her first presidential address."