

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CLINT OWLETT

68TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



YOUR INPUT NEEDED ON PROPOSED FRONTIER SETTLEMENT

Here's the latest in the case against Frontier Commonwealth – the state's Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), along with Frontier, have filed a proposed settlement agreement for consideration by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

The filing activated a 45-day public comment period for Frontier Commonwealth customers to review the agreement and share their feedback, which will be considered by administrative law judges assigned to the case and the PUC as they determine whether to accept, reject or modify the proposed agreement.

The public comment period ends on Monday, Dec. 11. Comments should be submitted to the OCA via email at FrontierSettlement@paoca.org or by first class mail to:

Office of Consumer Advocate, Attn: Frontier Settlement, 555 Walnut St., 5th Floor, Forum Place, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923.



Scan the QR Code

to access more information about the proposed settlement.

We are in this position to better hold Frontier accountable because so many of you spoke up and shared your concerns and frustrations. Please take the time to review the settlement and share your thoughts with OCA.

For more information, including links to a summary of the settlement as well as the full settlement agreement, visit www.RepOwlett.com.

HOLDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES ACCOUNTABLE

Standing up for consumers, I joined several of my fellow legislators to introduce a package of six bills aimed at addressing some of the most egregious failures of telecommunications companies across the state.

Some of the measures are in response to the Public Utility Commission's public input hearings held earlier this year in our region, including my bill, House Bill 1620, which would require telecommunication companies to respond within 90 minutes of being notified of downed lines resulting from a motor vehicle accident. If the company does not have someone actively on the scene within 90 minutes, it would be required to reimburse a volunteer fire company securing the scene \$1,000 per hour in which crews have to wait for the telephone company to show up.

Other bills would require removal of "ghost" poles (House Bill 1619); require notification if a technician is unable to make a scheduled appointment (House Bill 1621); hold telecommunications companies financially accountable for 911 outages (House Bill 1622); require reporting to the General Assembly by companies that have formal complaints filed against them (House Bill 1623); and require reporting of power outages that take down a 911 landline system (House Bill 1624).

HONORING GUTHRIE ROBERT PACKER HOSPITAL, TOWANDA



Congratulations to Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Towanda for being recognized as one of 29 hospitals that have earned top recognition from The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) through its 2023 Excellence in Patient Safety Recognition program. Pictured from left, Joseph Sawyer, president, Guthrie Towanda, Sayre and Troy; Rep. Tina Pickett; me; and Kyle McDuffee, Towanda hospital administrator.



SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES IN **PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE**

Thank you to our region's agricultural and farming businesses and communities for their hard work, dedication and love for farming!

I had the opportunity to co-host this year's Tioga County Agriculture Breakfast meeting alongside Sen. Gene Yaw, with Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding as our keynote speaker. I also took part in the Bradford County Agriculture Breakfast, which featured Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Richard Negrin as the keynote speaker.

It was great to talk with many of our region's farmers, agribusiness owners, local government officials and our very important Future Farmers of America students.

Working together, the future of agriculture is bright!



DENTON HILL STATE PARK UPDATE

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) announced in September it will work with locally based Denton Go, LLC, to grow recreational opportunities in all four seasons at Denton Hill State Park in Potter County.

This is outstanding news for our region! Revitalizing Denton Hill and expanding it to a four-season destination will bring significant benefits for economic growth here, drawing more customers into our existing small businesses and encouraging the development of others. With Cherry Springs State Park just 20 minutes away, the upgrades at Denton Hill are sure to benefit both parks.

I am encouraging DCNR and the Department of General Services to expedite the work to get Denton Hill up and running as soon as possible.





