

Profile



State Senator David G. Argall

29TH DISTRICT

Schuylkill and Berks Counties

Senator David G. Argall represents the 29th District, 94 municipalities ranging from the farms and growing Berks County suburbs of Reading to the anthracite coal “patch towns” of northern Schuylkill County. In his first campaign, he successfully defeated his own party leadership to win election to the State House. Now, as the Majority Policy Chairman, he is the Senate Republican leader responsible for investigating new ideas statewide, the first Senator from this district to serve in a leadership post since 1861.

The proud grandson of Cornish, Welsh, and German farmers, coal miners and factory workers, Senator Argall’s top legislative priorities are promoting job growth, eliminating our unfair and archaic school property tax, and revitalizing our struggling downtowns and older industrial neighborhoods.

Senator Argall has led successful battles to pass several new anti-blight laws. Because of his leadership and grassroots teamwork, “left behind” communities across Pennsylvania, from his hometown of Tamaqua to parts of our largest cities, have witnessed a positive transformation.

In the Senate, he chaired a bipartisan commission which unanimously recommended more than \$400 million in taxpayer savings. Senator Argall is also a leader in conservation, farmland preservation, and abandoned mine reclamation initiatives, locally as a volunteer Scout leader and as the author of legislation which has recycled more than 97 percent of Pennsylvania’s waste tires. The National Eagle Scout Association, due to his “distinguished service to his profession and community,” presented him with the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

Senator Argall earned a bachelor’s degree from Lycoming College, where he earned the college’s highest student award and a James A. Finnegan Legislative Fellowship. Through 13 years of night classes, he earned his Ph.D. in public administration from Penn State. His studies included an Eisenhower Fellowship to review the economic and political transformation in East Germany after the fall of the Berlin Wall. His doctoral dissertation reviewed the benefits and drawbacks of Pennsylvania’s tax-free “Keystone Opportunity Zones” for economic development.

Dr. Argall has served as a part-time public policy instructor at Lycoming College, Penn State, and at Lehigh Carbon Community College, where he led the transformation of a vacant junior high school where his parents once taught into LCCC’s Morgan Center.

Senator Argall and his wife Beth are very proud of their children, AJ and Elise, who are respectively pursuing careers in patent law and public service. The Argalls share their Rush Township home with two very active terriers, Maggie and Wolfgang.

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