

Profile



Senator David G. Argall

29TH DISTRICT

Schuylkill & 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 a member of the Senate’s majority leadership team, he is 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 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.

This session, Senator Argall chairs the Senate’s State Government Committee, which has jurisdiction over election laws, constitutional amendments, and many different state agencies.

Senator Argall earned a bachelor’s degree from Lycoming College and a Ph.D. in public administration from Penn State. His studies included an Eisenhower Fellowship to review the economic and political transformations in Germany after the fall of the Berlin Wall. His doctoral dissertation reviewed the benefit 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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