

# RESEARCH DOSSIER

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# EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

## DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

*Typographical Note:* There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

## MAIN NARRATIVES

### *Political Leanings*

Of the nearly \$200 Williams has contributed at the federal level, approximately 40% has gone towards liberal candidates and organizations. Williams contributed to the 2016 presidential campaign of Democratic-Socialist Bernie Sanders and the 2018 senatorial campaign John Fetterman. Likewise, Williams has contributed to the pro-abortion group, Emily's List.

Williams has received nearly \$75,000 from teacher union groups, such as the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers (her former employer), the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers. Further, Williams has received more than \$360,000 from labor and public sector unions, including the Pennsylvania SEIU, the Operating Engineers Local 66, the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters, and SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania. Williams has received tens of thousands of dollars from pro-abortion groups such as Emily's List and Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania. Williams has additionally received nearly \$126,000 from lawyers and lobbying organizations, including the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Association For Justice; as well as K&L Gates and Cohen & Grigsby. Williams has also received more than \$500,000 from Pennsylvania Democratic campaign committees.

Williams is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and is known to have unsuccessfully sought the local chapter's endorsement during the 2018 primary. Williams was recorded on video speaking at a 2017 DSA endorsement meeting. Upon winning election to the state Senate, Williams called on outside progressive groups to exert pressure on legislators.

As a candidate for state Senate, Williams expressed support for a series of controversial election reforms. However, in 2020, Williams voted against legislation that was "designed to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have a voice in selecting judges for the Commonwealth." Specifically, the legislation proposed to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow voters to elect appellate judges by districts rather than statewide elections.

Williams has been associated with prominent Democrats, including Jill Biden, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton.

During her 2018 election, and for a period after, Williams' residency was scrutinized and subject to investigation amid questions over whether she abided by the state residency requirement.

Finally, Williams was fired from her job in 2012 after she attempted to unionize the staff at a non-profit.

### ***Liberal Fiscal Agenda***

Williams participated in efforts promoting Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed \$4.5 billion oil and gas severance tax. Williams has joined a slim minority in opposing multiple bipartisan state budgets that increased education funding in a fiscally responsible way. Williams appears to have joined a bipartisan effort to raise fees on fishing and boating activities. Additionally, Williams has proposed a \$1 billion student debt relief program and has personally championed an effort to continue the state's socialization of the debt of medical students.

Throughout her career, Williams has branded herself as a union leader and has promoted a pro-labor agenda. During her 2018 campaign, Williams is reported to have said she has "union in [her] blood". In 2018, Williams was the spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers while it contemplated striking amid labor negotiations with Pittsburgh Public Schools. Beyond support for increasing wage mandates (minimum wage), Williams also appears to support changing Pennsylvania's overtime mandates. Additionally, Williams supported legislation that "authorizes unionization of waterways conservation officers, thus driving up taxpayer costs and making it harder for the state to dismiss poorly performing employees."

Williams has opposed efforts to reduce the regulatory burden on the energy sector. Williams took part in hearings on efforts to address climate change and hearings that were critical of the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. In 2019, Williams was among the Allegheny County politicians to call for a crackdown on industrial air polluters in the county. Williams has previously earned the endorsement of environmentalists.

Williams has supported the growth of Pennsylvania's burdensome regulatory regime. In 2020, Williams was the primary sponsor of legislation to create a state-based version of the False Claims Act – a measure strongly opposed by business interests. In 2019, Williams voted against a bill "designed to improve oversight of the regulatory process and strengthen a crucial check on executive branch power".

Williams was opposed to the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Williams also has expressed support for the Biden Administration's infrastructure bill.

### ***Support Of The Left's Covid Reaction And Government-Funded Healthcare***

Williams appears to be a supporter of 'Medicare for All.' Specifically, in 2018, Williams was reported by *Pittsburgh City Paper* to be among the candidates to support a single-payer, Medicare for all- style system.



During the Covid-19 pandemic, Williams supported onerous Covid restrictions, including school mask mandates, and was critical of measures to ensure accountability. In September 2021, Williams was critical of legislation allowing parents to let their children opt out of school mask mandates and noted her support for universal school mask mandates. In April 2021, Williams was critical of suggestions calling for state Senators to return to in-person proceedings citing the lack of universal vaccine access and the tendency of some legislators to forgo masks. Williams indicated support for big government rule by opposing efforts to provide a check on the executive branch during the pandemic. Additionally, Williams voted against efforts to reopen Pennsylvania's economy. Williams voted against commonsense measures to protect nursing homes during the pandemic. In September 2020, Williams voted against a "commonsense bill ensures that high-risk individuals are less likely to be exposed to ... covid-19 by prohibiting patients with covid-19 from being transferred from other facilities into nursing homes unless the nursing home has a separate dedicated isolation space ..."

### *Other Left-Wing Views*

Williams is associated with the pro-abortion advocacy group known as Emily's List. In 2019, Williams opposed legislation seeking to prohibit abortion if it is being sought because the unborn child receives a prenatal diagnosis of down syndrome.

In 2022, Williams was critical of measures intended to ban transgender athletes from competing in women's sports.

Williams has opposed efforts to expand gun rights and voted against the expansion of adding days eligible for hunting.

Williams is a consistent opponent of charter schools and school choice, seeking to impose additional regulations on the entities while cutting funding. Williams has opposed legislative efforts to expand school choice. Williams spearheaded an unsuccessful effort to deny legitimacy to a Pittsburgh-based charter school. Additionally, Williams has opposed legislative efforts to improve safety in schools and opposed measures to ensure curriculum transparency in schools.

## TOP HITS

### *Political*

#### **Campaign Finance**

- Of the nearly \$200 Williams has contributed at the federal level, approximately 40% has gone towards liberal candidates and causes.
  - Williams contributed to the 2016 presidential campaign of Democratic-Socialist Bernie Sanders and the 2018 senatorial campaign for far-left candidate John Fetterman.
  - Williams has contributed to the pro-abortion group, Emily's List.
- Williams has received nearly \$75,000 from teacher unions, such as the Pennsylvania State Education Association (her former employer), the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers.
- Williams has received more than \$360,000 from labor and public sector unions, including the Pennsylvania SEIU, the Operating Engineers Local 66, the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters, and SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.
- Williams has received tens of thousands of dollars from pro-abortion groups such as Emily's List and Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania.
- Williams has received nearly \$126,000 from lawyers and lobbying organizations, including the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Association For Justice; as well as K&L Gates and Cohen & Grigsby.
- Williams has received over \$500,000 from Pennsylvania Democratic campaign committees.

#### **Progressive Organizations And Affiliations**

- Williams is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and unsuccessfully sought the local chapter's endorsement during the 2018 primary.
- Williams was recorded on video speaking at 2017 DSA endorsement meeting.
- Williams has called on outside progressive groups to exert pressure on legislators.
- Williams has been associated with prominent Democrats, including Jill Biden, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton.

### **Miscellaneous**

- During her 2018 election, and for a period after, Williams' residency was scrutinized and subject to investigation amid questions over whether she abided by the state residency requirement.
- Williams may have been fired from her job in 2012 after she reportedly attempted to unionize the staff at a non-profit.

### ***Policy***

#### **Fiscal**

- Williams participated in efforts promoting Gov. Tom Wolf's oil and gas severance tax.
- Williams opposed budgets that increased educational spending.
- Williams supported legislation that raises fees assessed on fishing and boating.
- Williams proposed a \$1 billion student debt relief program.
- Williams championed an effort to continue the state's socialization of certain student loans.
- Williams supports taxpayer-funded social assistance programs.
- Williams opposed a reform effort to "ensure taxpayer resources are best utilized" in the criminal justice system.

#### **Labor**

- Williams is a union leader and promotes pro-labor policies, including rapid adoption of a \$15 minimum wage.
- Williams has supported increasing wage mandates on Pennsylvania businesses.
- Williams has sided with organized labor reportedly over the interests of taxpayers.

#### **Energy, Environment, Regulatory**

- Williams has opposed efforts to reduce the regulatory burden on oil and gas operators.
- Williams has opposed efforts to reduce the costs of car ownership.
- Williams has supported additional emissions and pollution control measures.
- Williams has ties to environmentalist organizations.

#### **Economic - Miscellaneous**

- Williams has supported the growth of Pennsylvania's regulatory regime that impacts businesses across industries.
- Williams has opposed tort reform.

- Williams was opposed to approval of the USMCA.
- Williams supported Biden’s federal infrastructure legislature.

### **Healthcare And Covid**

- Williams supports ‘Medicare For All.’
- Williams supported Covid restrictions, including school mask mandates and was critical of measures to ensure exec accountability.
- Williams opposed efforts to provide a check on the executive branch during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Williams voted against efforts to reopen Pennsylvania’s economy.
- Williams indicated support for a bill that would potentially leave Pennsylvania businesses subject to lawsuit abuse.
- Williams voted against measures to protect nursing homes during Covid-19.

### **Education**

- Williams is a consistent opponent of charter schools and school choice, seeking to impose additional regulations on the entities while cutting funding.
- Williams has opposed legislative efforts to expand school choice.
- Williams spearheaded efforts to deny legitimacy to a Pittsburgh-based charter school.
- Williams has opposed legislative efforts to improve safety in schools.
- Williams opposed measures to ensure curriculum transparency in schools.

### **Social Issues**

- Williams is associated with pro-abortion advocacy groups.
- In 2019, Williams voted against legislation that “prohibits an individual from performing an abortion if it is sought because the unborn child receives a prenatal diagnosis of down syndrome”.
- Williams backed a proposed reform to remove sex from birth certificates in order to accommodate transgender individuals.
- Williams was critical of measures intended to ban transgender athletes from competing in women’s sports.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Williams supported an effort to grant special status in the criminal code to members of the “media”.
- Williams expressed support for a series of controversial election reforms.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION: LINDSEY WILLIAMS

Full Name: Lindsey Marie Williams

DOB: August 27, 1983 (38)

Marital Status: Single

Spouse: N/A

Children: N/A

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Education: 2005 – 2008 J.D., Duquesne University  
2001 – 2005 B.A., Political Science and Sociology, Dickinson College

Employment: 2019 – Pres. Senator, Pennsylvania State Senate, SD-38  
2014 – 2019 Communications Director, Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers  
2013 – 2014 Campaign Communications and New Media Specialist, International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
2008 – 2012 Director of Advocacy and Development, National Whistleblower Center  
2007 – 2008 Law Clerk, United Steelworkers  
2006 – 2007 Law Clerk, Blaufeld Schiller & Holmes

Associations: Member, One Pennsylvania  
Member, Fight Back Pittsburgh Executive Board  
Member, Young Democrats of Allegheny County

Business Interests: N/A

Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2018 Pennsylvania State Senate, SD-38 (General, Won)

Web Sites: <https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/>  
<https://lindseyforpa.com/>  
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>



<https://ballotpedia.org/>  
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>  
<https://allegenydems.com/>

Social Media:

[Facebook](#) (Personal)  
[Facebook](#) (Campaign)  
[Facebook](#) (Official)  
[Twitter](#) (Personal)  
[Twitter](#) (Campaign)  
[Twitter](#) (Official)  
[Instagram](#) (Campaign)  
[Instagram](#) (Official)  
[LinkedIn](#) (Personal)

## ELECTION RESULTS

*Lindsey Williams has been serving as Pennsylvania State Senator for District 38 since winning her election in 2018.*

### **2018 General Election, Pennsylvania State Senate, District 38**

#### **General Election Results (November 6, 2018)**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>
Lindsey Williams	DEM	62,361
Jeremy Shaffer	REP	61,568

(Official Election Results, [Pennsylvania Department Of State](#), 11/6/18)

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

*Thus far, Lindsey Williams has received an aggregate of \$316,354.99 in total contributions for her re-election campaign to the Pennsylvania State Senate for District 38. Williams has received tens of thousands of dollars from labor unions such as the Operating Engineers Local 66, the Electrical Workers Local 5, and AFSCME Council 13. Williams has additionally been showered in contributions from liberal education groups, such as the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties. Williams has also received thousands of dollars from lobbying firms, including K&L Gates and Cohen & Grigsby.*

*In 2018, Williams received an aggregate of \$1,298,345 for her initial campaign for the Pennsylvania State Senate. Williams received more than \$500,000 between the Democratic State Senate Campaign Committee of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Democratic Party. Much like her current campaign, Williams has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from labor and special interest groups, such as the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, the Operating Engineers Local 66, the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters, and the Pennsylvania Association for Justice. Williams received nearly \$55,000 from teacher unions such as the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers PAC, the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers. Further, Williams received tens of thousands of dollars from pro-abortion groups, including Emily's List and Planned Parenthood.*

*Individually, Williams has contributed an aggregate of \$10,477.06 to federal and state campaign committees. Federally, Williams has contributed \$195.51, notably giving to Bernie Sander's 2016 presidential campaign and John Fetterman's 2018 senatorial campaign. Williams has additionally contributed to the pro-abortion group, Emily's List. At the state level, Williams has contributed \$10,281.55 to campaign committees in the state of Pennsylvania; however, nearly \$10,000 has gone towards her own campaigns. Williams has also contributed to the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, Joanna Bryn Smith, and the Future of Pittsburgh PAC.*

## *Lindsey Williams For PA (2022)*

### Notable Contributions

**Thus Far, Williams Has Received An Aggregate Of \$316,354.99 In Total Contributions For Her Re-Election Campaign To The Pennsylvania State Senate.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Williams Carried \$147,562.36 Over From Her 2018 Campaign.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$17,500 From The Operating Engineers Local 66.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$12,500 From The Electrical Workers Local 5.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$12,500 From The Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council Of Carpenters.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$11,000 From The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers PAC.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$8,776 From The Pennsylvania Democratic Party.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$6,500 From The AFSCME Council 13.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$6,000 From The Association Of Pennsylvania State College And University Faculties.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$3,500 From SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$2,750 From Cohen & Grigsby.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$2,000 From The Pennsylvania Association For Justice.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$1,500 From K&L Gates.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)



## *Lindsey Williams For PA (2018)*

### Notable Contributions

**In 2018, Williams Received An Aggregate Of \$1,298,345 In Total Contributions For Her Campaign For The Pennsylvania State Senate.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2018, Williams Received \$278,690 From The Democratic State Senate Campaign Committee Of Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$224,844 From The Pennsylvania Democratic Party.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$108,773 From The Pennsylvania SEIU.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$75,000 From The Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$55,000 From The Operating Engineers Local 66.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$32,500 From Flippable.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$30,000 From The Pennsylvania State Education Association.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$27,500 From The Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council Of Carpenters.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$25,000 From The Fairness PA PAC.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$15,138 From The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers PAC.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$15,000 From The Pennsylvania Association For Justice.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$12,500 From Emily's List.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$10,000 From The Western Pennsylvania Laborers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$10,000 From The International Union Of Operating Engineers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$5,000 From The Pennsylvania Federation Of Teachers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2018, Williams Received \$4,500 From The American Federation Of Teachers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$1,000 From Planned Parenthood Of Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

### ***Individual Contributions***

#### **Federal Election Commission**

**According To The Federal Election Commission, Williams Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$195.51 To Federal Campaign Committee.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Between 2016 And 2017, Williams Contributed \$175.51 To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2017, Williams Earmarked \$80.51 To The Pennsylvania Democratic Party.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2016, Williams Earmarked \$25 To Bernie 2016.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2017, Williams Earmarked \$25 To Bob Casey For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2016, Williams Earmarked \$25 To Fetterman For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2017, Williams Earmarked \$10 To Alejandra Campoverdi For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
  - **In 2016, Williams Earmarked \$10 To Foster Campbell For The US Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2012, Williams Contributed \$20 To Emily's List.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

#### **Pennsylvania Department Of State**

**According To The Pennsylvania Department Of State, Williams Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$10,281.55 To Campaign Committees In The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Between 2018 And 2022, Williams Contributed \$9,806.55 To Her Own Campaign.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2017, Williams Contributed \$300 To The Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2020, Williams Contributed \$100 To The People Joanna Bryn Smith.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2019, Williams Contributed \$75 To Women For The Future Of Pittsburgh.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## VOTING RECORDS

*According to the Pennsylvania Department of State, Lindsey Williams is currently an actively-registered Democratic Party voter in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.*

### *Allegheny County, PA*

**According To The Pennsylvania Department Of State, Williams Is Currently An Actively-Registered Democratic Party Voter In Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.** ([Pennsylvania Department Of State](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS		YOUR MAILING ADDRESS
105 BRONX AVE		
PITTSBURGH PA 15229		
Is your information up to date?		
If you need to update your voter registration, please visit <a href="http://vote.pa.gov/Register">vote.pa.gov/Register</a> and submit an online voter registration application.		
VOTER RECORD DETAILS		
<b>Status:</b>	ACTIVE	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	08/27/1983	
<b>Party:</b>	DEMOCRATIC	
<b>Are you an annual mail-in or absentee voter?</b>	YES	

([Pennsylvania Department Of State](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

*NOTE: Researcher currently awaits potentially responsive records relating to Williams' voter information from Allegheny County.*

## PUBLIC COMPENSATION

*NOTE: Researcher currently awaits responsive records relating to Lindsey Williams' compensation while serving in the Pennsylvania State Senate.*

## CRIMINAL RECORDS

*Lindsey Williams has received at least three traffic citations for which she has paid \$479.50 in aggregate fines.*

### *Traffic Citations*

**In January 2020, Williams Received A Traffic Citation For Failing To Obey A Traffic Signal In Isle Of Wight, Virginia.** (GT20000106, Isle Of Wight General District Court, Filed 1/30/20)

**Isle of Wight General District Court (details)**

Case #: **GT20000106-00**

Defendant: **WILLIAMS, LINDSEY MARIE**

Defendant Information		
Address: <b>SMITHFIELD, VA 23430</b>		
Gender: <b>FEMALE</b>	Race: <b>WHITE</b>	DOB: <b>08/11/****</b>
Attorney:		
Case/Charge Information		
Defendant Status:	Filed Date: <b>01/03/2020</b>	Locality: <b>COMMONWEALTH OF VA</b>
Code Section: <b>46.2-833</b>	Charge: <b>FAIL TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL</b>	
Case Type: <b>INFRACTION</b>	Class:	
Offense Date: <b>12/20/2019</b>	Arrest Date:	Complainant: <b>POLK, OFC</b>
Amended Code Section:	Amended Charge:	
Amended Case Type:	Amended Class:	

(GT20000106, Isle Of Wight General District Court, Filed 1/30/20)

- **Williams Paid A \$164 Fine For The Citation.** (GT20000106, Isle Of Wight General District Court, Filed 1/30/20)

**In March 2021, Williams Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.** (Case No. MJ-05202-TR-0000394-2021, Allegheny County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/24/21)

CASE INFORMATION				
<u>Judge Assigned:</u>	Magisterial District Judge Richard G. Opiela	<u>Issue Date:</u>	03/23/2021	
<u>QTN:</u>		<u>File Date:</u>	03/24/2021	
<u>Arresting Agency:</u>	Ross Township Police Dept	<u>Arrest Date:</u>		
<u>Citation No.:</u>	P 4213868-1	<u>Incident No.:</u>		
<u>Disposition:</u>	Guilty Plea	<u>Disposition Date:</u>	03/29/2021	
<u>County:</u>	Allegheny	<u>Township:</u>	Ross Township	
<u>Case Status:</u>	Closed			
STATUS INFORMATION				
<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>		
Closed	03/30/2021	Completed		
	03/30/2021	Case Balance Due		
	03/29/2021	Case Disposed/Penalty Imposed		
	03/29/2021	Awaiting Sentencing		
	03/24/2021	Awaiting Plea		
DEFENDANT INFORMATION				
<u>Name:</u>	Williams, Lindsey Marie	<u>Sex:</u>	Female	
<u>Date of Birth:</u>	08/27/1983	<u>Race:</u>		
<u>Address(es):</u>	<b>Home</b>			
	Pgh, PA 15229			
CASE PARTICIPANTS				
<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Participant Name</u>			
Arresting Officer	Gilotty, Jason R.			
Defendant	Williams, Lindsey Marie			
CHARGES				
<u># Charge</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Offense Dt.</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1 75 § 3362 §§ A3-13	S	Exceed Max Speed Lim Estb By 13 MPH	03/23/2021	Guilty Plea
DISPOSITION / SENTENCING DETAILS				
<u>Case Disposition</u>	<u>Disposition Date</u>	<u>Was Defendant Present?</u>		
<b>Guilty Plea</b>	03/29/2021	No		
<u>Offense Seq./Description</u>	<u>Offense Disposition</u>			
1 Exceed Max Speed Lim Estb By 13 MPH	Guilty Plea			

(Case No. MJ-05202-TR-0000394-2021, Allegheny County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/24/21)

- **Williams Paid A \$188 Fine For The Citation.** (Case No. MJ-05202-TR-0000394-2021, Allegheny County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/24/21)

**In November 2014, Williams Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In York County, Pennsylvania.** (Case No. MJ-19304-TR-0003122-2014, York County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/2/14)

CASE INFORMATION			
<u>Judge Assigned:</u>	Magisterial District Judge Lindy Lane Sweeney	<u>Issue Date:</u>	11/02/2014
<u>OTN:</u>		<u>File Date:</u>	11/02/2014
<u>Arresting Agency:</u>	York PSP	<u>Arrest Date:</u>	
<u>Citation No.:</u>	T 2534265-6	<u>Incident No.:</u>	
<u>Disposition:</u>	Guilty Plea	<u>Disposition Date:</u>	11/10/2014
<u>County:</u>	York	<u>Township:</u>	Springettsbury Township
<u>Case Status:</u>	Closed		
STATUS INFORMATION			
<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>	
Closed	11/10/2014	Completed	
	11/10/2014	Case Balance Due	
	11/10/2014	Case Disposed/Penalty Imposed	
	11/10/2014	Awaiting Sentencing	
	11/02/2014	Awaiting Plea	
DEFENDANT INFORMATION			
<u>Name:</u>	Williams, Lindsey Marie	<u>Sex:</u>	Female
<u>Date of Birth:</u>	08/27/1983	<u>Race:</u>	White
<u>Address(es):</u>			
<u>Home</u>	Crofton, MD 211141832		
CASE PARTICIPANTS			
<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Participant Name</u>		
Arresting Officer	Eaken, Benjamin P.		
Defendant	Williams, Lindsey Marie		
CHARGES			
<u># Charge</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Offense Dt.</u> <u>Disposition</u>
1 75 § 3362 §§ A2-5	S	Exceed 55 MPH In Other Loc By 5 MPH	11/02/2014 Guilty Plea
DISPOSITION / SENTENCING DETAILS			
<u>Case Disposition</u>	<u>Disposition Date</u>	<u>Was Defendant Present?</u>	
Guilty Plea	11/10/2014	No	
<u>Offense Seq./Description</u>	<u>Offense Disposition</u>		
1 Exceed 55 MPH In Other Loc By 5 MPH	Guilty Plea		

(Case No. MJ-19304-TR-0003122-2014, York County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/2/14)

- **Williams Paid A \$127.50 Fine For The Citation.** (Case No. MJ-19304-TR-0003122-2014, York County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/2/14)

## POLICE RECORDS

*NOTE: No immediately actionable information pertaining to Lindsey Williams could be gleaned from municipal police records.*

## REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

***105 Brox Avenue, Pittsburg, PA, Allegheny County***

*This is the primary residence owned by Lindsey Williams. This single-family residence comprises two bedrooms and one-and-a-half bathrooms and has a 2022 assessed value of \$112,800. Williams has owned the property since September 2020.*



([Allegheny County GIS](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

### **Property Information**

Full Address: 105 Bronx Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229  
 County: Allegheny County  
 Parcel ID: 0279-G-00118-0000-00  
 Property Type: Single-Family Residential  
 Owner: WILLIAMS LINDSEY M  
 Sale Date: 09/18/2020  
 Sale Price: \$200,000  
 Year Built: 1952  
 Total Bedrooms: 2  
 Total Bathrooms: 1.5  
 Total Square Footage: 1,350  
 2022 Assessed Value: \$112,800  
 ([Allegheny County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

### **Tax Information**

**In 2022, Williams Paid \$522.87 In Total Municipal Property Taxes.** ([Allegheny County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

Year	Paid Status	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Total	Date Paid
2022	PAID	\$522.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$522.87	3/21/2022
2021	PAID	\$522.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$522.87	3/9/2021
2020	PAID	\$522.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$522.87	3/11/2020
2019	PAID	\$439.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.43	3/15/2019

([Allegheny County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/11/22)

## **BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS**

*NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or lien records could be found for Lindsey Williams.*

## LEGAL ISSUES

*NOTE: No legal issues could be found for Lindsey Williams.*

## BUSINESS RECORDS

*NOTE: No business records could be found for Lindsey Williams.*

## NON-PROFIT RECORDS

*NOTE: No non-profit records could be found for Lindsey Williams.*

## PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

*Lindsey Williams has been licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since November 5, 2008; Williams' license is currently active to date.*

### *Attorney License*

#### Pennsylvania

**Williams Has Been Licensed To Practice Law In The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania Since November 5, 2008.** ([Pennsylvania Supreme Court](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

## Williams, Lindsey Marie

<i>Public Information</i>	<i>Pending Proceedings</i>	<i>History</i>
<b>Attorney ID:</b>	209544	
<b>Current Status:</b>	Active	
<b>Date of Admission:</b>	11/5/2008	
<b>Employer:</b>	Pennsylvania State Senate	
<b>Address:</b>	105 Bronx Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229	
<b>Country:</b>	United States	
<b>Telephone:</b>	<a href="#">(570) 362-3179</a>	
<b>Fax:</b>	(570) 693-0937	
<b>County:</b>	Allegheny	
<b>District:</b>	District 4	

([Pennsylvania Supreme Court](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Williams' License Is Currently Active.** ([Pennsylvania Supreme Court](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

*On her 2021 Statement of Financial Interests, Lindsey Williams declared she was employed as a Pennsylvania State Senator and that she earned income from her position. Williams declared she had six creditors, including at least two which are student loans. Williams disclosed she held no office or directorships, had any business interests, or received any gifts.*

### ***2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, Pennsylvania State Senate***

#### **Occupation**

**In 2021, Williams Declared She Was A Pennsylvania State Senator.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

#### 06 Occupation or Profession

Current Occupation    State Senator  
or Profession \* (?)

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

#### **Creditors**

**In 2021, Williams Declared Fed Loan Servicing As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

**In 2021, Williams Declared Discover Student Loans As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

**In 2021, Williams Declared Cardmember Service As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

**In 2021, Williams Declared A Macy's American Express Account As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

**In 2021, Williams Declared Barclays As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

**In 2021, Williams Declared Bank Of America As A Creditor.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)



<b>Name *</b> (?)	Fed Loan Servicing	<b>Name *</b> (?)	Cardmember Service
<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 790234	<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 1423
<b>City *</b>	St. Louis	<b>City *</b>	Charlotte
<b>State *</b>	MO	<b>State *</b>	NC
<b>Zip Code</b>	63179-0234	<b>Zip Code</b>	28201-1423
<b>Interest Rate *</b>	6.5 Exclude the "%" symbol	<b>Interest Rate *</b>	14.24 Exclude the "%" symbol
<b>Name *</b> (?)	Discover Student Loans	<b>Name *</b> (?)	Macy's American Express Account
<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 6107	<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 9001108
<b>City *</b>	Carol Stream	<b>City *</b>	Louisville
<b>State *</b>	IL	<b>State *</b>	KY
<b>Zip Code</b>	60197-6107	<b>Zip Code</b>	40290-1108
<b>Interest Rate *</b>	4.5 Exclude the "%" symbol	<b>Interest Rate *</b>	26.74 Exclude the "%" symbol
<b>Name *</b> (?)	Barclays		
<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 13337		
<b>City *</b>	Philadelphia		
<b>State *</b>	PA		
<b>Zip Code</b>	19101-3337		
<b>Interest Rate *</b>	24.49 Exclude the "%" symbol		
<b>Name *</b> (?)	Bank of America		
<b>Address</b> (?)	P.O. Box 15220		
<b>City *</b>	Wilmington		
<b>State *</b>	DE		
<b>Zip Code</b>	19886-5220		

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

### **Income**

**In 2021, Williams Declared She Received Income From The Pennsylvania State Senate.**  
 (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

### Source of Income

Name * (?)	Pennsylvania State Senate		
Address * (?)	Street Address		
	462 Main Capitol		
	Address Line 2		
	City	State / Province / Region	
	Harrisburg	PA	
Postal / Zip Code	Country		
17120			

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

### Gifts

**In 2021, Williams Declared She Did Not Receive Any Gifts.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

11 Gifts

Have you received any reportable gifts? \* (?)

No

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

### Office Or Directorships

**In 2021, Williams Declared No Office Or Directorships In Any Business.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

11 Gifts

Have you received any reportable gifts? \* (?)

No

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

### Business Interests

**In 2021, Williams Declared She Held No Business Interests.** (2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

14 Financial Interest in any Legal Entity in Business for Profit

Do you have a reportable financial interest in any legal entity in business for profit? \* (?)

No

(2021 Statement Of Financial Interests, [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 3/28/22)

## WILLIAMS' LIBERAL POLITICAL LEANINGS AND NOTABLE ACTIONS

*Williams has financially backed far-left candidates and causes. Williams contributed to the 2016 presidential campaign of Democratic-Socialist Bernie Sanders and the 2018 senatorial campaign for far-left candidate John Fetterman. Likewise, Williams has contributed to the pro-abortion group, Emily's List.*

*Williams has received funding from liberal and far-left organizations. Williams has received nearly \$75,000 from teacher unions, such as Pennsylvania State Education Association (her former employer), the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers. Further, Williams has received more than \$360,000 from labor and public sector unions, including the Pennsylvania SEIU, the Operating Engineers Local 66, the Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters, and SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania. Williams has received tens of thousands of dollars from pro-abortion groups such as Emily's List and Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania. Williams has additionally received nearly \$126,000 from lawyers and lobbying organizations, including the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Association For Justice; as well as K&L Gates and Cohen & Grigsby. Williams has also received more than \$500,000 from Pennsylvania Democratic campaign committees.*

### WILLIAMS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO FAR-LEFT CANDIDATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### ***Williams Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$75 To Far-Left Candidates And Organizations***

**According To The Federal Election Commission, Williams Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$75 To Far-Left Candidates And Organizations.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2016, Williams Contributed \$25 To Bernie 2016.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2016, Williams Contributed \$25 To Fetterman For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2012, Williams Contributed \$20 To Emily's List.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

### WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FUNDED BY LIBERAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

#### ***Since 2018, Williams Has Received Nearly \$75,000 From Liberal Education Organizations***

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$32,500 From The Pennsylvania State Education Association.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$26,138 From The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers PAC.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$6,000 From The Association Of Pennsylvania State College And University Faculties.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$5,000 From The Pennsylvania Federation Of Teachers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$4,500 From The American Federation Of Teachers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FUNDED BY PUBLIC SECTION AND LABOR UNIONS**

### ***Since 2018, Williams Has Received More Than \$360,000 From Trade And Labor Unions***

**Since 2018, Williams Has Received More Than \$360,000 From Trade And Labor Unions.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$109,523 From The Pennsylvania SEIU.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$72,500 From The Operating Engineers Local 66.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$40,000 From The Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council Of Carpenters.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$17,500 From The Electrical Workers Local 5.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$12,500 From The Western Pennsylvania Laborers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$11,595 From SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$10,000 From The International Union Of Operating Engineers.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams has received \$10,000 from 32BJ SEIU.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$95,000 From The International Association Of Heat And Frost Insulators.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$9,500 From Operating Engineers Local 542.**  
(Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$7,500 From The AFSCME Council 13.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FUNDED BY PRO-ABORTION GROUPS**

***Since 2018, Williams Has Received At Least \$13,500 From Groups Which May Be Described As Pro-Abortion***

**Since 2018, Williams Has Received At Least \$13,500 From Groups Which May Be Described As Pro-Abortion.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2018, Williams Received \$12,500 From Emily’s List.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$1,000 From Planned Parenthood Of Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FUNDED BY LAWYERS AND LOBBYISTS**

***Since 2018, Williams Has Received Nearly \$126,000 From Lawyers And Lobbyists***

**Since 2018, Williams Has Received Nearly \$126,000 From Lawyer And Lobbyists.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$75,500 From The Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$19,500 From The Pennsylvania Association For Justice.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$2,750 From Cohen & Grigsby.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2021 And 2022, Williams Received \$1,000 From Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$1,500 From K&L Gates.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2022, Williams Received \$500 From Greenberg Traurig LLP.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2021, Williams Received \$300 From Gmerek Government Relations.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$2,500 From Leslie Anne Miller, An Attorney From Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2022, Williams Received \$2,000 From Vincent Quatrini, An Attorney At Quatrini Rafferty PC From Greensburg, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Between 2017 And 2019, Williams Received \$2,500 From Kevin McKeegan, An Attorney At Meyer Unkovic & Scott LLP From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2020, Williams Received \$2,000 From Deborah Willig, An Attorney At Willig Williams & Davidson From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$1,500 From Dennis Watson, An Attorney At Dicke McCamey & Chilcote PC From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$1,467 From Lazar Palnick, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2021, Williams Received \$1,000 From Ballard Spahr LLP.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$1,000 From Douglas Campbell.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$1,000 From Thomas Duffy, An Attorney From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$1,000 From Daniel Booker, An Attorney At Smith Reed From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$500 From Vicki Horne, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$500 From Peter Shelly, A Public Affairs Specialist From New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2018 And 2021, Williams Received \$500 From Malady & Wooten.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2021, Williams Received \$500 From Ronald Brown, An Attorney At Dickie Mccamey From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$400 From Eckert Seams PA Government PAC.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2018 And 2022, Williams Received \$400 From George Kontos, An Attorney At Kontos Mengine Killion & Hassen From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2018 And 2020, Williams Received \$380 From Steven Irwin, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Between 2018 And 2021, Williams Received \$350 From Caroline Roberto, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2018 And 2022, Williams Received \$300 From Lee Tankle, An Attorney At Pepper Hamilton LLP From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$263 From Thomas Bennigson, An Attorney From Oakland, California.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$250 From Michael Mclean, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$250 To Kevin Kinross, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$250 From Gary Ogg, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$250 From Deborah Olszewski, An Attorney From Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$250 Tom Crisci Associates.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2019, Williams Received \$250 From The Allegheny County Bar Association.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2022, Williams Received \$250 From Lawrence Chaban, An Attorney At Alpern Schubert From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, Williams Received \$250 From William Ewing, An Attorney From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$200 From John Terrana, An Attorney From Kingston, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$150 From Albert Zangrilli, An Attorney At Yukevich Marchetti Fischer & Zangrilli PC From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2020, Williams Received \$100 From George Chuzi, An At Kalijarvi Chuzi Newman & Fitcha PC Attorney From Mclean, Virginia.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2018, Williams Received \$100 From Michael Healey, An Attorney From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **In 2022, Williams Received \$100 From Dusty Kirk, An Attorney At Reed Smith From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **In 2020, Williams Received \$79 From Michael Gilbert, An Attorney From Boston, Massachusetts.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS HAS BEEN FUNDED BY PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES**

***Since 2018, Williams Has Received More Than \$500,000 From Pennsylvania Democratic Campaign Committees***

**Since 2018, Williams Has Received More Than \$500,000 From Pennsylvania Democratic Campaign Committees.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$279,580 From The Democratic State Senate Campaign Committee Of Pennsylvania.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)
- **Since 2018, Williams Has Received \$233,620 From The Pennsylvania Democratic Party.** (Pennsylvania Department Of State, Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS IS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA MEMBER AND DEFENDS SEEKING THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDORSEMENT IN 2017**

***The Valley News-Dispatch In 2018: "Williams Said She Joined The Democratic Socialists Of America As She Sought Their Local Chapter's Endorsement In The Democratic Primary..."***

**“Williams Said She Joined The Democratic Socialists Of America As She Sought Their Local Chapter's Endorsement In The Democratic Primary. She Didn't Receive It.”**

“Williams, a licensed attorney, said she is an advocate for workers' rights and public education is a top priority. "There's a lot of work to be done in terms of investing more in our public education and addressing issues with unaccountable charter schools draining money from the system," she said. "There's a lot of work to be done in that area to improve what our kids see every day." Williams said she joined the Democratic Socialists of America as she sought their local chapter's endorsement in the Democratic primary. She didn't receive it. "I'm a Democrat. I've been a registered Democrat since I turned 18. I've voted in every primary, special and general election," Williams said regarding claims that she's a socialist. "I identify as a workers' rights advocate. That's what I want to do in Harrisburg.” (The Valley News-Dispatch, 11/5/18)

***Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: "Williams Did Seek The Endorsement Of The Democratic Socialists Of America In December 2017"***

**“Ms. Williams Did Seek The Endorsement Of The Democratic Socialists Of America In December 2017.”** “Even before the lawsuit, the race was heating up - Republicans recently began an intensive effort to label Ms. Williams as a "socialist." Ms. Williams did seek the



endorsement of the Democratic Socialists of America in December 2017. This past weekend, campaign signs that looked like hers - but weren't authorized by her campaign - popped up around the North Hills and featured the word "Socialist" in large red and white letters beneath her name. Mr. Shaffer's campaign did not respond directly to a question about who was responsible for the signs, but the candidate said he "supports the efforts of the various groups trying to make her political positions known." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

***Critics Have Highlighted A Clip Of Williams Speaking At An Endorsement Meeting For The Democratic Socialists Of America***

**“Republicans Have Pointed To A Clip Of Ms. Williams Speaking At An Endorsement Meeting For The Democratic Socialists Of America Last Year, In Which She Said She Would Be "Honored To Be Seeking The DSA Endorsement.”** “The signs underscore a line of attack from Republicans that has spanned to the highest level of politics: that Democrats have strayed too far left and want to "impose socialism" if they regain political power in November. Republicans have pointed to a clip of Ms. Williams speaking at an endorsement meeting for the Democratic Socialists of America last year, in which she said she would be "honored to be seeking the DSA endorsement." The DSA did not endorse her and chose to stay out of the Democratic primary at the time.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

- **“Asked About This, Ms. Williams Said She Identified Herself As A "Workers Rights Advocate" Who Would Advocate For Raising The Minimum Wage, Invest In Public Schools And Increase Access To Affordable Health Care.”** “Asked about this, Ms. Williams said she identified herself as a "workers rights advocate" who would advocate for raising the minimum wage, invest in public schools and increase access to affordable health care. A drive through the North Hills district on Monday found only one of the "Socialist" signs, tucked behind a real Lindsey Williams campaign sign. Rock Kernick, chair of the Hampton Township Democratic Committee, said most had been removed. "I think it's amazing," Mr. Kernick said. "I actually feel really proud of my community for not allowing that filth on our streets.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

***VIDEO: Williams Was Recorded Speaking At The 2017 DSA Endorsement Meeting As Well As Acknowledging She Did Join The DSA To Seek Their Endorsement***

**VIDEO: Williams Was Recorded Speaking At The 2017 DSA Endorsement Meeting As Well As Acknowledging She Did Join The DSA To Seek Their Endorsement.** ([YouTube](#), Posted 10/30/18)



([YouTube](#), Posted 10/30/18)

***Williams Liked A Tweet Claiming “Capitalism Didn’t Build The Greatest Middle Class In The World. Unions Did”***

**Williams Liked A Tweet Claiming “Capitalism Didn’t Build The Greatest Middle Class In The World. Unions Did.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

## **WILLIAMS CALLED ON OUTSIDE PROGRESSIVE GROUPS TO EXERT PRESSURE TO INFLUENCE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

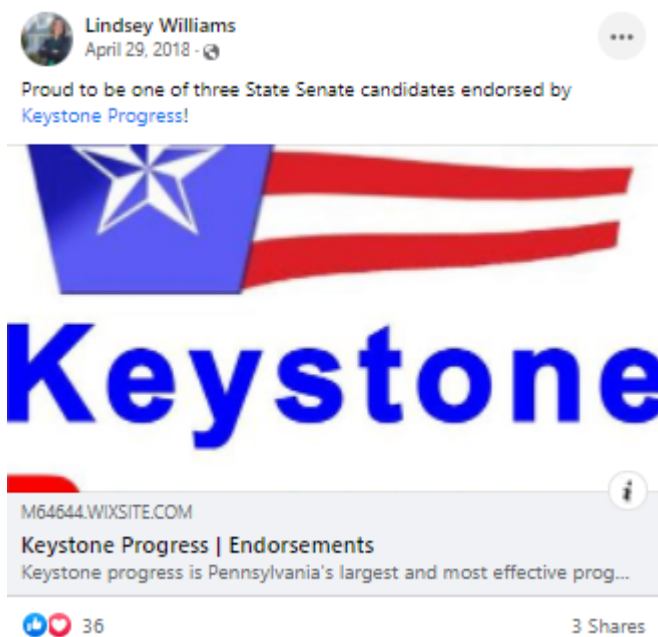
***In 2019, “Williams, Who Flipped The 38th District To Democratic ... Said The Success Of The Progressive Agenda Will Rely On Help From Advocacy Groups To Ensure That Legislators Do ‘The Right Thing’”***

**In February 2019, “State Sen. Lindsey Williams, Who Flipped The 38th District To Democratic In November, Said The Success Of The Progressive Agenda Will Rely On Help From Advocacy Groups To Ensure That Legislators Do ‘The Right Thing.’”** “But beyond elections, progressives spoke of the need to put pressure on legislators who don’t back their agenda. State Sen. Lindsey Williams, who flipped the 38th district to Democratic in November, said the success of the progressive agenda will rely on help from advocacy groups to ensure that

legislators do "the right thing." Kadida Kenner, director of campaigns for the Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center, encouraged the audience to visit offices of representatives in the area, and to call the leadership of the state Legislature. The session cited Ms. Williams' swearing-in as a result of grassroots pressure, referring to when activist groups mobilized after Senate Republicans floated the idea of not seating her because of a residency dispute. "Just six to eight of you showing up at a district office makes a huge impact," Ms. Kenner told the crowd, most of whom indicated they were politically active in the 2018 cycle. Ms. Williams said she is "cautiously optimistic" that because the Democrats have flipped seats in both the state House and Senate, the excitement over progressive priorities like raising the minimum wage is high." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2/3/19)

### ***Williams Was Endorsed By The Progressive Organization Keystone Progress In April 2018***

**Williams Was Endorsed By The Progressive Organization Keystone Progress In April 2018.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/29/18)



([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/29/18)

## **WILLIAMS BACKS CONTROVERSIAL ELECTORAL REFORMS**

**Williams, In 2018: "There Are Obvious Policy Changes To Improve The Ability For People To Vote, Including Early Voting, No Excuse Absentee Requests, Pre-Registration For 17-Yr Olds, And Same Day Registration. Automatic Voter Registration For All Those Who Use Government Services Should Be The Standard."** "Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure? A: Voting should be easy. There are obvious policy changes to improve the ability for people to vote, including early voting, no excuse absentee requests, pre-

registration for 17-yr olds, and same day registration. Automatic voter registration for all those who use government services should be the standard. We also need to inform those who served time in prison and have a criminal record that they are eligible to vote and ensure that they are registered. Absentee ballot reform must be undertaken to reduce the opportunity of fraud. Other broader reforms, such as vote-by-mail should also be made available. DRE touchscreen machines used in most counties do not allow for meaningful recounts, are nearly impossible to audit, and are subject to being hacked fairly easily. Additional funding should be allocated to update these machines with paper ballots which are counted by an optical scan system. These paper ballots could be manually recounted and audited to verify the count accuracy.” (New Pittsburgh Courier, 10/24/18)

## **HOWEVER, WILLIAMS OPPOSED AN EFFORT TO EXPAND VOTER INFLUENCE BY ESTABLISHING JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

***In 2020, Williams Voted Against A Bill “Designed To Ensure That All Pennsylvanians Have A Voice In Selecting Judges For The Commonwealth’s Three Appellate Courts”***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 196, A Joint Resolution Proposing Integrated Amendments To The Constitution Of The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania, Organizing The Judiciary Into Representative Districts And Further Providing For Residency Requirements.** ([HB 196](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-24), Pennsylvania State Senate, 7/15/20, Williams Voted Nay)

***“Specifically, The Bill Proposes To Amend The Pennsylvania Constitution To Allow Voters To Elect Appellate Judges By Districts Rather Than Statewide Elections...”***

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Ensure That All Pennsylvanians Have A Voice In Selecting Judges For The Commonwealth’s Three Appellate Courts.”** “This bill is designed to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have a voice in selecting judges for the commonwealth’s three appellate courts: The Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, and the Supreme Court. Specifically, the bill proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow voters to elect appellate judges by districts rather than statewide elections. Under the bill, the state would be divided into nine Commonwealth Court districts, 15 Superior Court districts and seven Supreme Court districts. As a result, voters would be able to elect a judge who resides in the district to serve on the respective statewide court. ACU recognizes that under the current system, 60% of appellate court judges reside in two of the most liberal counties while the other 65 counties have 80% of the state’s population but only 40% representation on the courts. ACU supports this measure to help achieve more equal representation on the courts, supports efforts to ensure strict constructionists dedicated to the U.S. Constitution have a voice on the courts and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

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## **WILLIAMS HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PROMINENT DEMOCRATS**

***In November 2020, Williams Was Among The Speakers At A Campaign Rally Featuring Jill Biden And Has Been A Fan Of Joe Biden, Including Bragging She Received A Kiss From Him***

**In November 2020, Williams Was Among The Speakers At A Campaign Rally Featuring Jill Biden.** “Biden held a campaign event in Allison Park, Pa. - about 20 minutes north of Pitt's campus - geared at energizing suburban women to vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Pennsylvania's suburbs helped Trump win the presidency in 2016. Current polling shows Biden leading among suburban women by about 23%. The event also featured a number of down ballot Democratic candidates such as Sen. Lindsey Williams (D-38), Emily Skopov (running for the state House 28th District), Michele Knoll (running for the state House 44th District) and Lissa Geiger Shulman (running for the state House 30th District). Biden focused on her husband's education policies such as investing in public schools and universal pre-kindergarten for all children. She also mentioned Biden's stance on providing affordable health care and his plan to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Biden added that her husband of 43 years "couldn't be more different" than President Donald Trump.” (*The Pitt News*, 11/3/20)

**In 2020, Williams Reposted Kamala Harris’ Post Celebrating Their 2020 Electoral Victory.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 11/7/20)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 11/7/20)



**In 2016, Williams Posted A Picture Of Herself Cozied Next To Joe Biden And Noted “I Shook @JoeBiden's Hand & Said I'm From Scranton. He Said You Didn't Say The T. Yes, You Are. And Kissed My Cheek!!”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 9/5/16)



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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 9/5/16)

***In 2008, Williams Is Known To Have Canvassed On Behalf Of Barack Obama, Who Endorsed Her In 2018***

**In 2008, Williams Is Known To Have Canvassed On Behalf Of Barack Obama.** “For both national and local elections, Williams said it's important to continue campaigning until the last possible minute to ensure a Democratic victory. She referenced her canvassing experience in 2008 knocking doors for President Barack Obama, and said she was able to take a woman who had just become a citizen to vote for the first time. "We ran into a voter who planned on voting, but was left without a car. And so we put her in the car and drove her to the polls," Williams said. "I got the privilege of driving someone to the polls to vote for the very first time on the afternoon of Election Day." Biden said Pennsylvania - and its female voters, in particular - are critical leading into tomorrow's presidential election.” (*The Pitt News*, 11/3/20)

**In 2018, Williams Noted That She Had Been Endorsed By Obama.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 10/1/18)



Lindsey Williams  
October 1, 2018 · 🌐



President Obama encourages us all to fight for something, not against something, which is why I am beyond humbled and honored to announce that I have been endorsed by President Barack Obama in my #fightforthe38th.



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***Williams Supported Bernie Sanders In 2016 Democratic Primary***

Williams Was Originally A Bernie Sanders Supporter During The 2016 Democratic Primary And Called On The Labor Movement To Back Sanders In July 2015. ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 7/13/15)



Lindsey Williams  
@LindseyForPA



Bernie backs working people, we ask the labor movement to #BackBernie #1u thndr.it/1lvnvZg

7:00 AM · Jul 13, 2015 · Thunderclap

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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 7/13/15)

***Williams Noted Her Affiliation With Elizabeth Warren***

In 2017, Williams Changed Her Profile Picture Of One With Her Posing And Smiling Next To Elizabeth Warren. ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/8/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/8/17)

***In October 2016, Williams Appears To Have Been Interviewed During A CNN Piece Featuring Pennsylvania Voters; She Noted She Backed Clinton And Found Trump's Access Hollywood Remarks To Be Disqualifying***

**In October 2016, Williams Appears To Have Been Interviewed During A CNN Piece Featuring Pennsylvania Voters; She Noted She Backed Clinton And Found Trump's Access Hollywood Remarks To Be Disqualifying.** "SCHNEIDER (voice-over): Colleen Moses has 17-year-old triplets. Two boys and a girl. National Security is her number one priority since her two sons plan to enlist at age 18. She says Hillary Clinton's role in Benghazi is worse than Trump's words saying the lewd language doesn't faze her. (on camera): What do you think when it comes to your children when they hear something like this? MOSES: It's nothing. My boys are 17 and there is really not much I have not heard said. LINDSEY WILLIAMS, HILLARY CLINTON SUPPORTER: I don't get it. SCHNEIDER (voice-over): Lindsey Williams stood across the street from these supporters aghast. She backs Hillary Clinton and says Trump's words are disqualifying. WILLIAMS: It is sexual assault. It's not acceptable, it's not okay, and it's not just locker room talk. SCHNEIDER: Desiree Conrad brought her four young boys to see the man she says is not a canned politician." (CNN, 10/10/16)



## **WILLIAMS' RESIDENCY WAS SCRUTINIZED AND SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION AMID QUESTIONS OVER WHETHER SHE ABIDED BY THE 4 YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN 2014**

### ***In October 2018, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Filed A Lawsuit Contending That Williams Was Ineligible To Run Due To Not Having Lived In Pennsylvania For 4 Consecutive Years***

**In October 2018, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Filed A Lawsuit Contending That Williams Was Ineligible To Run Due To Not Having Lived In Pennsylvania For 4 Consecutive Years.** “The following information was released by the Pennsylvania Republican Party: Monday, a lawsuit was filed to declare SD-38 Democrat nominee Lindsey Williams ineligible to hold the seat she aspires to due to failing to meet the constitutionally-required residency requirements. Williams falls several weeks short of meeting the four-year Pennsylvania residency requirement in order to run for a seat and serve in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. In response, Republican Party of Pennsylvania Chairman Val DiGiorgio , made the following statement: "The Republican Party of Pennsylvania stands by our legal analysis that shows Lindsey Williams fails the constitutionally-required residency requirements and is ineligible to hold a seat in the Pennsylvania General Assembly at this time. "Lindsey Williams running while ineligible to serve as a state legislator is, at best, demonstrating her ignorance of the PA Constitution and Pennsylvania law at worst, it is lying to the voters of Pennsylvania about her eligibility to run office. "Lindsey Williams is unfit to take the oath to defend the state constitution when she has already violated its provisions.” (Press Release, “PA GOP Statement On Lawsuit To Remove Lindsey Williams From General Election Ballot,” PA GOP, 10/15/18)

### ***Williams Claims To Have Started The Process Of Moving Back To Pennsylvania To Begin Her Work With The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers On The Weekend Of Friday, October 31, 2014***

**Williams Claims To Have Started The Process Of Moving Back To Pennsylvania To Begin Her Work With The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers On The Weekend Of Friday, October 31, 2014.** “The following timeline is based on public records, a prior interview with Ms. Williams or materials provided by her campaign: Ms. Williams said she attended Dickinson College and the Duquesne University School of Law, both in Pennsylvania. She later lived in Maryland, registering to vote in Anne Arundel County in January 2014. Ms. Williams said she received an employment offer from the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers on Oct. 28, 2014, and gave notice to her prior employer on Oct. 29, 2014. The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers dated a formal offer letter Oct. 30, 2014, and Ms. Williams signed it on Nov. 2, 2014. Ms. Williams said she "drove to Pennsylvania the weekend of Friday, Oct. 31, to Sunday, Nov. 2 to begin the process of moving back. I began moving my belongings and searching for apartments.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

- **“On Nov. 2, 2014, A State Trooper Spotted Ms. Williams Speeding In York County, Pa., And Listed Her Address On A Citation In Anne Arundel County, Md.”**  
(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

- **“Ms. Williams Voted In Anne Arundel County In The Nov. 4, 2014, Election. County Records Indicate That She Voted Early But Do Not Specify On Which Date; Officials There Say Early Voting Occurs During An Eight-Day Period.”** “Ms. Williams voted in Anne Arundel County in the Nov. 4, 2014, election. County records indicate that she voted early but do not specify on which date; officials there say early voting occurs during an eight-day period. Ms. Williams told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette she voted in Maryland because it was too late to change her registration and, "I didn't want to miss voting.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)
- **“On Nov. 10, 2014, Ms. Williams Paid The Fine Associated With The Speeding Ticket. Court Workers Said They Did Not Have Any Record Of A Change Of Address On File For Her.”** (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)
- **“Records Show That On Dec. 25, 2014, Ms. Williams Registered To Vote In Allegheny County. She Said She Switched Her Voter Registration When She Switched Her Driver's License.”** “Records show that on Dec. 25, 2014, Ms. Williams registered to vote in Allegheny County. She said she switched her voter registration when she switched her driver's license. Residency issues in prior cases have considered a variety of factors, ranging from where someone registered to vote, where they got their driver's license, addresses for their utility bills and the candidate's stated intention, among other factors.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

***“Williams Previously Said She Believes Case Law Shows That Having The Intent To Move To Pennsylvania And Physical Presence In The State Support Her Argument That She Meets The Requirements”***

**“Williams Previously Said She Believes Case Law Shows That Having The Intent To Move To Pennsylvania And Physical Presence In The State Support Her Argument That She Meets The Requirements.”** “Ms. Williams previously said she believes case law shows that having the intent to move to Pennsylvania and physical presence in the state support her argument that she meets the requirements. "My intent happened in October when I gave notice to my former employer that I was quitting my job and taking a job with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers," she said.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

***Williams Asked The Commonwealth Court To Dismiss The Case Against Her***

**Williams Asked The Commonwealth Court To Dismiss The Case Against Her.** ‘Democratic state Senate candidate Lindsey Williams on Friday asked Commonwealth Court to dismiss a case challenging her residency. Her attorney, Charles Pascal, argued the case should be dismissed on technical grounds. He wrote that the deadline for challenging Ms. Williams' nominating petitions, on which she declared her residency, had long passed and that they were therefore considered valid. Removing her from the ballot this close to the Nov. 6 election "would promote uncertainty and instability in the election process," he wrote. He also wrote that Commonwealth Court was not the proper venue to bring such challenges. Two residents in the 38th state Senate district, with support from the Republican Party, filed a measure in Commonwealth Court earlier this week seeking to have her removed from the ballot on the grounds that she does not meet the four-year residency requirement outlined in the state constitution. Ms. Williams disputes that.

Further filings in the case are due next week. Ms. Williams is running against Republican candidate Jeremy Shaffer, who ousted current state Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the GOP primary earlier this year.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/20/18)

### ***In Late October 2018, Commonwealth Court Dismissed The Lawsuit Against Williams***

**In Late October 2018, Commonwealth Court Dismissed The Lawsuit Against Williams.** ‘A Commonwealth Court judge on Wednesday dismissed a case challenging the residency of a Democratic state Senate candidate and allowed her name to remain on the November ballot. Democrat Lindsey Williams, who is running in the 38th District north of Pittsburgh, said she was happy "that this distraction is over" and she could return to focusing on policy issues, such as public education and health care. But state Republicans, who supported the legal challenge, indicated Wednesday evening that they might not be ready to drop the fight. Republicans are still not convinced that Ms. Williams meets the four-year residency requirement outlined in the state constitution and are weighing whether to appeal the issue to the state Supreme Court, Jason Gottesman, a spokesman for the state party, said in a statement. Whether they would succeed is unclear. Commonwealth Court Judge Michael Wojcik, who ran as a Democrat, wrote in his 10-page opinion issued Wednesday that the challenge to Ms. Williams' residency was "a barely colorable claim." Ms. Williams is running against Republican Jeremy Shaffer in a fierce fight to replace current state Sen. Randy Vulakovich, who lost the GOP primary in May.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/25/18)

### ***In November 2018, PA Senate Republicans Called On Williams To Show That She Met The Residency Requirement Following Her Campaign Victory***

**In November 2018, PA Senate Republicans Called On Williams To Show That She Met The Residency Requirement Following Her Campaign Victory.** “Republicans who control Pennsylvania's Senate want a Democrat who is the apparent winner in the race for an open suburban Pittsburgh seat to prove she meets the residency requirement to serve in the chamber, senators said Wednesday. Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman, R-Centre, said Republicans plan to ask Democrat Lindsey Williams to show how she meets a constitutional requirement that newly elected senators must have lived in Pennsylvania for the prior four years. "She needs to have the ability to come in and lay out that she does meet the requirements and, if she does, that'll be the end of it," Corman said. "If she doesn't, then we've got an issue that we need to deal with." Corman would not say how Republicans will handle it if they decide that Williams doesn't meet the requirement. Republican senators discussed the matter for the first time Wednesday during a closed-door caucus meeting. A judge threw out a Republican-backed lawsuit last month challenging Williams' eligibility, saying the plaintiffs had missed a seven-day period in March to challenge her nomination petition for the primary ballot.” (*The Associated Press*, 11/15/18)

- **In December 2018, “State Senate President Pro-Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, Has Asked Democratic Sen.-Elect Lindsey Williams To Provide More Documentation About Her Residency As Republicans Decide Whether To Block Her From Taking Her Seat Next Year.”** “State Senate President Pro-Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, has asked Democratic Sen.-elect Lindsey Williams to provide more documentation about her residency as Republicans decide whether to block her from

taking her seat next year. In the weeks before the November election, Republicans backed an unsuccessful legal effort to get her kicked off the ballot on the grounds that she did not meet the residency requirements outlined in the state constitution, which says that lawmakers must live in the state for at least four years. A judge dismissed the case. Ms. Williams, who has repeatedly said she does meet the requirements, won election in the 38th Senatorial District, which includes parts of Pittsburgh and its northern suburbs. In a letter dated Thursday, Mr. Scarnati said he questions "your qualification to be sworn in to serve in accordance with the Constitutional requirements." He gave her seven days to provide copies of her driver's license, employment history, tax withholdings, home purchase or rental agreements, and any other information she deems relevant. He said she may request a hearing before a panel of senators. He said she may receive pay, hire employees and do other administrative duties during December, but if the Senate decides not to seat her in January, she will have to repay her salary." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 12/1/18)

***“Lawyers For Democrat Lindsey Williams On Monday Submitted Legal Arguments And Affidavits That They Say Should Satisfy Any Concerns That She Doesn't Meet Residency Requirements”***

**“Lawyers For Democrat Lindsey Williams On Monday Submitted Legal Arguments And Affidavits That They Say Should Satisfy Any Concerns That She Doesn't Meet Residency Requirements.”** (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)

- **“On Nov. 6, 2014, She Had Moved In With Friends In The Pittsburgh Area While She Looked For An Apartment And Finished Her Final Assignments At Her Previous Job With The International Brotherhood Of Teamsters In Washington, D.C., The Paperwork Said.”** (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)
- **“Republicans Have Pointed To The Post-Nov. 6, 2014, Dates On Her Pennsylvania Driver's License, Apartment Lease Agreement And Voter Registration As Reasons Why She Does Not Meet The Four-Year Requirement. But Williams' Lawyers Cited Case Law That Suggests Such Matters Are Not Expected To Be Completed The Day Someone Moves From One State To Another.”** “Republicans have pointed to the post-Nov. 6, 2014, dates on her Pennsylvania driver's license, apartment lease agreement and voter registration as reasons why she does not meet the four-year requirement. But Williams' lawyers cited case law that suggests such matters are not expected to be completed the day someone moves from one state to another. Scarnati has retained an outside lawyer to review Williams' legal arguments and, after that, "we will make known our next step in a few days," his office said.” (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)

***In January 2019, GOP Senate Leader Joe Scarnati Relented And Agreed That Williams Should Be Sworn In***

**In January 2019, GOP Senate Leader Joe Scarnati Relented And Agreed That Williams Should Be Sworn In.** “In the Senate, Scarnati ended weeks of uncertainty on Friday by announcing he supported the seating of Democrat Lindsey Williams in an Allegheny County district. Republicans had raised questions about whether Williams had lived in the state for four years to the day before being elected, a state constitutional requirement. She was sworn in. Williams’ win was one of five Republican seats in the Senate that Democrats flipped in

November, including four in the Philadelphia suburbs. The two new Republican senators are Judy Ward of Blair County and Kristin Phillips-Hill of York County, both filling vacancies created when an incumbent sought higher office. Sen. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Allegheny, is scheduled to be sworn in to Congress on Thursday.” (*The Associated Press*, 1/2/19)

## **WILLIAMS MAY HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM HER JOB IN 2012 AFTER SHE REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO UNIONIZE THE STAFF AT THE NON-PROFIT SHE WAS WORKING WITH**

**“Before Joining The Teachers Federation In 2014, She Had Served Stints With A Downtown Workers' Compensation Firm, The United Steelworkers And The National Whistleblower Center, Where She Was Fired The Night Before The 2012 Election For Trying To Unionize The Small Workforce.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

- **“Instead Of Accepting A Severance Package With A Required Gag Order, She Pursued A Wrongful Termination Charge And Settled.”** “Instead of accepting a severance package with a required gag order, she pursued a wrongful termination charge and settled. "My rights were violated. I had the privilege of having a family that helped support me while I was fighting my case, where a lot of other people don't have that," Ms. Williams said. "If my rights are getting violated, what is happening to workers every day who don't have that same support system?"” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

## **WILLIAMS HAS UTILIZED RHETORIC TO ATTACK TRUMP SUPPORTERS AS IMPLICIT RACISTS AND BIGOTS**

**Williams, In December 2016: “If You Don't Think The Hateful Things Trump Says Or The Hateful Things Others Say In His Name That He Refuses To Denounce Are Affecting Our Country, You Are Not Paying Attention. Tear Yourself Away From Fox News And Open Your Eyes And Ears. Look And Listen To How People Are Responding To The Man You Voted For. Hate Of Others Is Promoted And Encouraged By The President-Elect. For The Next Four Years Children Will Have Him As A Role Model.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 12/8/16)

Lindsey Williams  
December 8, 2016 · 🌐

If you don't think the hateful things Trump says or the hateful things others say in his name that he refuses to denounce are affecting our country, you are not paying attention. Tear yourself away from Fox News and open your eyes and ears. Look and listen to how people are responding to the man you voted for. Hate of others is promoted and encouraged by the president-elect. For the next four years children will have him as a role model.

"Half an hour after Trump tweeted about Jones on Wednesday, the union leader's phone began to ring and kept ringing, he said. One voice asked: What kind of car do you drive? Another said: We're coming for you."

This is what I voted against. This is what I will continue to fight.  
[#imWithChuck](#)



WASHINGTONPOST.COM  
Donald Trump just insulted a union leader on Twitter. Then the phone started to ring.


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[\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 12/8/16\)](#)

**In November 2016, Williams Claimed She Voted Against The Racism And Bigotry Embodied By Donald Trump. [\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 11/10/16\)](#)**

Lindsey Williams  
November 10, 2016 · 🌐

This is what I voted against. This is what I will continue to fight.

 Southern Poverty Law Center  
November 10, 2016 · 🌐  
We are committed to continue working to fight this kind of racism and bigotry in our country.



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Day After the Election  
Donald Trump was elected president last night. The reaction to tha...

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[\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 11/10/16\)](#)



**Williams Retweeted A Post Contending “Fight On The Front Lines. Strangle Fascists With The Chains They Would Have You Wear. Be A Motherfuckin' General.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 12/27/16)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 12/27/16)

## **WILLIAMS LIKED A POST FROM THE RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA SITE, RT**

**Williams Liked A 2014 Tweet From The Russian Propaganda Site RT Criticizing McDonald's Corporate Record.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

## WILLIAMS' LIBERAL FISCAL AGENDA

*Williams participated in efforts promoting Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed \$4.5 billion oil and gas severance tax. Williams has joined a slim minority in opposing multiple bipartisan state budgets that increase education funding in a fiscally responsible way. However, Williams does appear to have joined in a bipartisan effort to raise fees on fishing and boating activities. Additionally, Williams has proposed a \$1 billion student debt relief program and has personally championed an effort to continue the state's socialization of the debt of medical students. Williams is also known to have supported the prolonging of social assistance programs.*

*Throughout her career, Williams has branded herself as a union leader and has promoted an aggressive pro-labor agenda. During her 2018 campaign, Williams is reported to have said she has "union in [her] blood". In 2018, Williams was known to have been the spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers while it contemplated striking amid labor negotiations with Pittsburgh Public Schools. Beyond support for increasing wage mandates, Williams also appears to support changing Pennsylvania's overtime mandates. Additionally, Williams supported legislation that "authorizes unionization of waterways conservation officers, thus driving up taxpayer costs and making it harder for the state to dismiss poorly performing employees."*

*On energy and the environment, Williams has worked to undermine the oil and gas industry. Williams has opposed efforts to reduce the regulatory burden on the energy sector. Williams took part in hearings on efforts to address climate change and hearings that were critical of the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. In 2019, Williams was among the Allegheny County politicians to call for a crackdown on industrial air polluters in the county. Williams has previously earned the endorsement of environmentalists.*

*Beyond the energy sector, Williams has supported the growth of Pennsylvania's burdensome regulatory regime. In 2020, Williams was the primary sponsor of legislation to create a state-based version of the False Claims Act – a measure strongly opposed by business interests. In 2019, Williams voted against a bill "designed to improve oversight of the regulatory process and strengthen a crucial check on executive branch power".*

*Williams was opposed to the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Williams also has expressed support for the Biden Administration's infrastructure bill.*

### WILLIAMS PARTICIPATED IN EFFORTS PROMOTING GOV. TOM WOLF'S OIL AND GAS SEVERANCE TAX

***In 2019, PA Democratic Legislators Held A Joint Hearing In Support Of Gov. Tom Wolf's Proposed \$4.5 Billion Oil And Gas Severance Tax***

**In June 2019, PA Democratic Legislators Held A Joint Hearing In Support Of Gov. Tom Wolf's Proposed \$4.5 Billion Oil And Gas Severance Tax.** "The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Democratic lawmakers today held a joint Senate-House hearing on Gov. Tom Wolf's "Restore PA" proposal that would place a severance tax on



gas drillers to generate \$4.5 billion over the next four years for statewide economic development, infrastructure and technology enhancement projects. "At the very least, the governor has focused overdue attention on crucial infrastructure needs throughout our state," said Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton/Lehigh), who chairs the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, "In my view, we cannot continue putting off this infrastructure rebuilding process." Rep. Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster), who chairs the House Democratic Policy Committee, added, "Pennsylvania is the only major gas producing state with no severance tax. With so many critical infrastructure needs throughout Pennsylvania, I believe this is a reasonable and necessary approach to generating the resources needed for such a program." The governor's plan would invest \$4.5 billion over the next four years on technology, economic development, and infrastructure rehabilitation projects throughout Pennsylvania." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Joint State Legislative Hearing Focuses On Gov. Wolf's Restore PA Plan," PA Senate Democrats, 6/10/19)

### **Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Attend The Hearing**

**Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Attend The Hearing.** "Several legislators expressed concerns about whether the proposal sufficiently addresses worsening air pollution issues, industry legacy costs and the need for the state to transition away from being a petro-chemical hub to 100 percent renewable energy. Senators Judy Schwank (D-Berks), Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny) and Maria Collett (D-Bucks/Montgomery) also served on the legislative panel. The following House lawmakers also attended: Wendy Ullman (D-Bucks), Austin Davis (D-Allegheny), Pam DeLissio (Montgomery/Philadelphia), Elizabeth Fiedler (D-Phila.), Sara Innamorato (D-Allegheny), Summer Lee (D-Alleghany), and Peter Schweyer (D-Lehigh)." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Joint State Legislative Hearing Focuses On Gov. Wolf's Restore PA Plan," PA Senate Democrats, 6/10/19)

### **Williams Has Posted Several Times In Support Of A Shale/ Severance Tax**

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Lindsey Williams  
@LindseyForPA



On the [#PAbudget](#), it's time for responsible budgeting, not [@RepTurzai](#) grandstanding. Shale tax, recurring revenue needed to invest in [#PA](#)

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Lindsey Williams Retweeted



Governor Tom Wolf  
@GovernorTomWolf

Pennsylvanians want a commonsense severance tax to fund schools, but GOP leaders are selling out to big oil and gas.



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[\(Williams Twitter Profile, Accessed 5/12/22\)](#)

## **WILLIAMS OPPOSED BUDGETS THAT INCREASED EDUCATION FUNDING**

### ***In June 2019, Williams Opposed Passage Of The 2019 Pennsylvania State Budget Despite Its Increase Of Education Funding, Investment In School Security, And Agricultural Supports***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 790, An Act To Provide Appropriations From The General Fund For The Expenses Of The Executive, Legislative And Judicial Departments Of The Commonwealth, The Public Debt And The Public Schools For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, To June 30, 2020.** ([HB 790](#), Bill Passed - Senate (42-8), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/27/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**The 2019 Pennsylvania State Budget Increased Education Funding, Investment In School Security, And Agricultural Supports.** “With Gov. Tom Wolf’s signature, Pennsylvania will have a \$34 billion budget bill. The state Senate approved a budget bill Thursday that provides hundreds of millions more for schools, makes another investment in school security and provides help to the state’s sputtering agricultural industry, all without a tax increase. The Senate voted 42-8 to approve the spending bill; the House passed it by a 140-62 vote Tuesday. The spending package does not include an increase in the state’s minimum wage, a key goal for Democrats. The budget increases spending by nearly 4%, or just under \$1.3 billion, over the current year’s budget of about \$32.7 billion, and by just 1.8% when the governor’s overspending is taken into account. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Pat Browne, R-Lehigh County, urged support for the budget. He called it a relief to consider a state budget that makes increases in important programs and services after a decade of financial turbulence. While Browne warned that the state’s fiscal situation remains tenuous, he said this budget “ensures increased confidence to weather the next storm on the horizon.” Senate Democratic Appropriations Committee Chairman Vince Hughes, D-Philadelphia, said he could support the budget despite what he

considered missed opportunities. He cited the failure to raise the state's \$7.25 hourly minimum wage. He also disliked the General Assembly's passage of a bill to cut off cash assistance to the state's poorest citizens, a debate that touched off a firestorm in the chamber Wednesday. Senate Majority Chairman Jake Corman, R-Centre County, said, "By and large on this particular budget, I think there's a lot to like because I think what we tried to do is fund what works." Sen. Katie Muth, D-Montgomery County, was among the Democratic senators who opposed the budget. She said, "This budget is not people-centered. This budget does not help enough people." (*Patriot News*, 6/28/19)

***In June 2021, Williams Opposed 2021 Bipartisan State Budget, Which Set Aside Billions In Federal COVID Relief Funds Into Savings, Bolstered Spending On Education And Provided Aid To Personal Care Homes***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 255, An Act To Provide Appropriations From The General Fund For The Expenses Of The Executive, Legislative And Judicial Departments Of The Commonwealth, The Public Debt And The Public Schools For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, To June 30, 2022.** ([SB 255](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-7), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**The 2021 Bipartisan State Budget Set Aside Billions In Federal COVID Relief Funds Into Savings, Bolstered Spending On Education And Provided Aid To Personal Care Homes.**

'The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed a \$40.8 billion state budget Friday that sets aside billions in federal coronavirus relief funds into savings, bolsters spending on education and provides aid to personal care homes. Gov. Tom Wolf's office said he plans to sign it this week. The budget passed the House by a 140-61 vote, and the Senate approved it by a 43-7 vote. The budget calls for no increase in personal or business taxes. Members of the General Assembly who represent Berks County shared their views with the Reading Eagle on the spending plan: Sen. David Argall, a Schuylkill County Republican "The Senate, on a strong bipartisan vote, made it abundantly clear that our focus should be on funding public and private education, broadband and transportation needs — and that's exactly what we did. "We allocated money to provide additional support for schools, nursing homes, roads and bridges. The best part: We did not need to incorporate a massive tax hike as the governor originally suggested. We even have a sizable revenue surplus which we stowed away in our Rainy Day Fund to prevent future tax hikes. "Not everything in this budget was 100% perfect, but I think we can all be proud of this bipartisan budget which will help Pennsylvanians get back on their feet without weighing them down with more taxes." Sen. Bob Mensch, a Montgomery County Republican "It's a very good budget. We've increased education to record highs, we've restored Wolf's cuts to agriculture and health care, we've provided additional funds for infrastructure, we've eliminated the possibility of tax increases. So I'm not sure there is a bad aspect of this budget. "A budget is always about compromise. If I had my way I would have liked to see more done to help spur job creation. We did have some tax ideas for businesses that, unfortunately, did not make it into the plan. But that's a battle for another day. As for the amount of money we were able to put into the Rainy Day Fund, we have prepared ourselves very well for the continuing economic issues. There's no doubt that once all these federal dollars disappear that we will be left back to our own devices, so having a couple billion dollars set aside to offset that is going to bring a lot of relief for

taxpayers." Sen. Katie Muth, a Montgomery County Democrat "While there are some high points and key investments in this year's budget, overall the plan falls far short and fails to invest in our state and the people of the commonwealth. This budget is sadly another example of an opportunity missed. "The people of the commonwealth are begging for us to invest in them and their future. We need to act with courage and be bold with big ideas to rejuvenate Pennsylvania as we emerge from the pandemic. There are simply too many people relying on us." (*Reading Eagle*, 6/28/21)

## **WILLIAMS SUPPORTED LEGISLATION THAT RAISES FEES ASSESSED ON FISHING AND BOATING**

***In 2020, Williams Supported Legislation That Authorizes The PA Fish And Boat Commission To Establish The Fees For Fishing And Boating Related Licenses And Permits***

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 808, Which “Amends Title 30 (Fish And Boat Code) To Authorize The PA Fish And Boat Commission (PFBC) To Establish The Fees For Fishing And Boating Related Licenses And Permits By Regulatory Action.”** ([HB 808](#), Bill Passed - Senate (44-5), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/23/20, Williams Voted Yea)

***“While Enactment Of This Legislation Does Not Require The Commission To Increase Fees And Only Gives Them The Authority To Do So, According To The Commission, If This Legislation Is Enacted, It Will Seek Fee Increases Over Three Years...”***

**Analysis: “While Enactment Of This Legislation Does Not Require The Commission To Increase Fees And Only Gives Them The Authority To Do So, According To The Commission, If This Legislation Is Enacted, It Will Seek Fee Increases Over Three Years...”** ([HB 808](#))

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

While enactment of this legislation does not require the commission to increase fees and only gives them the authority to do so, according to the commission, if this legislation is enacted, it will seek fee increases over three years for amounts no higher than what is illustrated in the chart below.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission estimates additional revenues of \$1.46 million in FY 2021-22, \$2.23 million in FY 2022-23, \$2.98 million in FY 2023-24 and \$3.71 million in FY 2024-25 if all the proposed increases are implemented. The actual revenue impact may vary from estimate since commission revenues have decreased 7.6 percent to 9.6 percent in years when fees are increased.

Proposed Fee Schedule - Fishing Licenses and Permits					
License Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee			
		2022	2023	2024	2025
Resident Annual	\$ 21.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 27.00
Non-resident Annual	\$ 51.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 58.00
Senior Resident Annual	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.50
Senior Resident Lifetime	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 67.50
3-Day Tourist	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 31.00
7-Day Tourist	\$ 33.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00
1-Day Resident	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00
1-Day Tourist	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00
Trout/Salmon Permit	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.50
Combination Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie Permit	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.50

([HB 808](#))

***ACU: “Under Current Law, Fees Assessed On Fishing And Boating Are Set And Approved By Both Bodies Of The Legislature. This Bill Instead Empowers Unelected Bureaucrats Of The Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission To Establish And Increase Fees...”***

**ACU: “Under Current Law, Fees Assessed On Fishing And Boating Are Set And Approved By Both Bodies Of The Legislature. This Bill Instead Empowers Unelected Bureaucrats Of The Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission To Establish And Increase Fees...”** “Under current law, fees assessed on fishing and boating are set and approved by both bodies of the legislature. This bill instead empowers unelected bureaucrats of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to establish and increase fees and only allows the legislature to disapprove of fee increases through a concurrent resolution. ACU opposes this bill designed to empower unelected bureaucrats and allow the legislature to avoid taking responsibility on voting on fee hikes and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Bill Designed To Empower Unelected Bureaucrats And Allow The Legislature To Avoid Taking Responsibility On Voting On Fee Hikes And Opposed This Bill”**

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## **WILLIAMS PROPOSED A \$1 BILLION STUDENT DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM**

### ***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Propose A \$1 Billion Program, Funded By Bonds, To Help Borrowers Pay Down Student Loan Debt***

**In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Propose A \$1 Billion Program, Funded By Bonds, To Help Borrowers Pay Down Student Loan Debt.** “The following information was released by the Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent J. Hughes: A bold and innovative plan to help students and their families save thousands of dollars, pay down crushing student loan debt and better deal with the high cost of borrowing was unveiled by Sens. Vincent J. Hughes (D-Philadelphia/Montgomery), Katie Muth (D-Montgomery/Chester) and Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny) today. The plan, called the PA Student HELP (Higher Education Lending Protection) Act, is a multi-pronged effort which allows students to refinance high-interest debt and provide tax credits for those who have outstanding student loans. The plan also includes incentives for employers to help pay down student loan debt of their employees. The refinancing program aimed at curbing excessive student debt would be funded by up to \$1 billion in bond financing. "It's plain and simple: students face crushing loan obligations once they complete years of higher education," Hughes said. "Not only is the expense of postsecondary education sky high, but the cost of borrowing to meet tuition and living expenses financially cripples graduates for years.” (Press Release, “Senate Democrats Present Bold Plan To Tackle Crushing Student Loan Debt,” PA Senate Democrats, 3/20/19)

### ***Williams: “PA Student HELP Calls For Refinancing High-Interest Student Debt Using Up To \$1 Billion In Bond Financing. Early Estimates Indicate That More Than 28,000 Students Would Benefit From It”***

**Williams And Muth: “PA Student HELP Calls For Refinancing High-Interest Student Debt Using Up To \$1 Billion In Bond Financing. Early Estimates Indicate That More Than 28,000 Students Would Benefit From It.”** “PA Student HELP calls for refinancing high-interest student debt using up to \$1 billion in bond financing. Early estimates indicate that more than 28,000 students would benefit from it. In Pennsylvania today, there is \$68 billion in outstanding student loan debt — the highest student loan debt per capita in the United States. Nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians carry student loan debt. The average college student in Pennsylvania carries \$36,000 in debt. Under PA Student HELP, a student could refinance his or her debt and save \$10,000 over a 20-year loan repayment. This would be achieved by slicing more than 2% off the blended federal loan repayment rate of 6.25%. The savings would be more pronounced for students who financed their education through private lenders. These students, who carry an average of \$50,000 in debt and a 10% interest rate (the current average private lending rate), would save more than \$43,000 from refinancing under the bill. There are other features. The plan includes a potential \$500 per year tax credit against personal income tax liability. The program would make up to \$10 million in tax credits available. Employers also have a role to play. To retain valuable, educated staff, employers could make contributions into a 529 account and have these contributions credited toward reducing student debt. The program would also open the possibility for employees to deploy the cash equivalent of unused carryover



days to retire student debt. A final feature would boost transparency and open additional tracts of financial data to students to better understand the cost of higher education. The plan would mandate that colleges provide students with an upfront estimated cost of a four-year degree. It also would require that an ombudsman be appointed to guide students and parents through the loan application process.” (Lindsey Williams, Katie Muth, et. al., Op-Ed, “Pa. Bill Would Help Students With Crushing Debt Burden,” *Eastern Express Times*, 6/20/19)

## **WILLIAMS CHAMPIONED AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE STATE’S SOCIALIZATION OF CERTAIN STUDENT LOANS**

***In 2020, Williams Spearheaded An Amendment That “Would Extend A Program Which Socializes The Student Loan Debt Of Select Individuals Employed In The Medical Industry”***

**Williams Introduced Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462, Which Sought To Remove Repeal Of Provisions Relating To The Medical Education Loan Assistance. ([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#))**

**Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462, Which Sought To Remove Repeal Of Provisions Relating To The Medical Education Loan Assistance. ([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (22-28), Pennsylvania State Senate, 4/20/20, Williams Voted Yea)**

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 462

Sponsor: SENATOR L. WILLIAMS

Printer's No. 858

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 13 and 14, by striking out  
2 "repealing provisions relating to medical education loan  
3 assistance;"

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out the comma after  
5 "XV-B" and inserting  
6 and

7 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "AND" and  
8 inserting a comma

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 31, by striking out ", ARTICLE XXII-  
10 A AND SECTION" and inserting  
11 and

12 Amend Bill, page 23, lines 8 through 30; pages 24 through 32,  
13 lines 1 through 30; page 33, lines 1 through 11; by striking out  
14 all of said lines on said pages

**([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#))**

***ACU: “Under The Original Version Of The Bill The ‘Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program’ Is Repealed, And This Amendment Keeps The Program, Thus Forcing Taxpayers To Continue To Cover Up To \$50,000 In Student Loan Debt For Select Physicians And Nurses”***

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Interference In The Marketplace And The Further Socialization Of Higher Education Costs For Select Individuals And Industries Favored By Government And Opposed This Amendment”**

ACU: This Amendment “Would Extend A Program Which Socializes The Student Loan Debt Of Select Individuals Employed In The Medical Industry.” “The Williams (ACUF Lifetime 16%) amendment #4837 to an education bill would extend a program which socializes the student loan debt of select individuals employed in the medical industry. Under the original version of the bill the “Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program” is repealed, and this amendment keeps the program, thus forcing taxpayers to continue to cover up to \$50,000 in student loan debt for select physicians and nurses. ACU opposes this interference in the marketplace and the further socialization of higher education costs for select individuals and industries favored by government and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

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## **WILLIAMS SUPPORTS TAXPAYER-FUNDED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Criticize The Elimination Of The General Assistance Program And To Call For The Creation Of An Emergency Cash Aid Program***

**In July 2019, Williams And Muth Were Among The Democratic Legislators To Criticize The Elimination Of The General Assistance Program And To Call For The Creation Of An Emergency Cash Aid Program.** “The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Following the elimination of General Assistance, several members of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus circulated a cosponsorship memo to create an emergency relief program that would serve the population now without cash assistance. Senators Katie Muth, Lindsey Williams, Maria Collett and Pam Iovino circulated the memo with their Senate colleagues late Monday, asking for others to join in sponsoring the legislation. “We have



to find a way to provide this relief, we have a duty to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this commonwealth and if we aren't doing that, then we are failing miserably," said Senator Katie Muth. "If we don't get this right, the most vulnerable people of our commonwealth will be left out to dry with no means to the very basic necessities of life, which every human should have access to." "As the wife of a chronic cancer sufferer, I am acutely aware that my family is never more than one emergency away from being unable to pay for the medicine that keeps my husband alive," said Senator Maria Collett. "This program will be a lifeline for people with disabilities, domestic violence survivors and others in crisis." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Democratic Senators To Introduce Emergency Relief Program Legislation," PA Senate Democrats, 7/2/19)

***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Express Opposition To The USDA's Reform Of SNAP Eligibility Rules***

**In July 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Express Opposition To The USDA's Reform Of SNAP Eligibility Rules.** "As you may be aware, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently opened the public comment period for proposed changes to Section 5(a) of the SNAP program. These provisions allow individuals who are eligible for or receiving benefits from other assistance programs to qualify for SNAP without having to go through a separate financial eligibility review. Pennsylvania is one of a number of states that uses this provision to make it easier for those who are seeking necessary assistance to ensure they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, approximately 200,000 individuals and 120,000 households in the Commonwealth will lose benefits if the "categorically" eligible rules are changed. Of those 120,000 households, more than 36% are households with children. Feeding America estimates that more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians are food insecure. Worse, 1 in 6 of Pennsylvania's children struggles with hunger. These numbers are staggering enough without the addition of 200,000 more who could soon be without SNAP. The current rules allow those food insecure individuals who are single parents, disabled veterans, victims of domestic violence and individuals with a disability to receive vital benefits that allow them to put a healthy, fresh meal on their table. More alarming is the effect this rule change could have on free or reduced food programs for K through 12 schools. Across the nation, 29.7 million children receive a free or reduced meal at school. In Pennsylvania more than 167 million free or reduced lunches were provided during the last school year. These meals ensure that a child, who may not get a fresh meal at home, is able to eat at least one - but often two - meals a day. SNAP is an economic support for our already struggling food and supermarket retailers, especially those in brick and mortar locations, whose businesses operate on a very thin margin, and are further challenged by the growing on-line food delivery business. This proposal on SNAP eligibility is heartless, callous, and Pennsylvanians cannot afford it. Pennsylvanians living at or near poverty recently lost the state's General Assistance program; and it has been a decade since Pennsylvania has seen a minimum wage increase. Now, the federal government is threatening to cut food assistance. We cannot continue to eliminate safety nets and the programs that move people toward self sufficiency after they have fallen on difficult times. Societies are judged by how they treat their most vulnerable; if we let this change to SNAP go unchallenged, we will fail that judgement. Our caucus will oppose the rule change in every way that we are able, and we ask that our federal

representatives join us. We, and our constituents, thank you for the advocacy you have already undertaken. We look forward to fighting with you, on behalf of those who need it most.” (Press Release, “PA Senate Democratic Caucus Decries Changes To Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program Program, Urges PA Congressional Delegation to Oppose,” PA Senate Democrats, 7/29/19)

- **NOTE:** *Williams was among the signatories of the letter criticizing SNAP eligibility changes.*

## **WILLIAMS HAS SUPPORTED SELECT TAXPAYER-FUNDED SUBSIDIES**

### ***In 2019, Williams Supported Legislation That “Expands Cronyism And Interference In The Free Marketplace By Establishing The Dairy Investment Program To Benefit The Dairy Industry”***

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 1590, Which Establishes The Dairy Investment Program And Dairy Investment Program Account.** ([HB 1590](#), Bill Passed - Senate (50-0), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/26/19, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Cronyism And Interference In The Free Marketplace By Establishing The Dairy Investment Program To Benefit The Dairy Industry.”** “This bill expands cronyism and interference in the free marketplace by establishing the Dairy Investment Program to benefit the dairy industry. Under the program, grants up to \$100,000 are awarded to companies that promote the interests of the milk and dairy industry through marketing, industry management techniques and identifying new uses for milk and dairy products.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “...Opposes This Interference In The Free Marketplace Which Shifts Tax Burdens To Those Not Favored By The Government And Provides Competitive Advantages To Select Industries And Companies And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### ***In 2019, Williams Supported Legislation That “Expands Cronyism And Shifts Tax Burdens To Other Taxpayers Not Favored By Government By Establishing A New Tax Credit Program That Benefits ‘Beginning Farmers’”***

**Williams Voted Yea On SB 478, Which Amends The Tax Reform Code Providing For Tax Credits Relating To Beginning Farmers.** ([SB 478](#), Bill Passed - Senate (50-0), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/26/19, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Cronyism And Shifts Tax Burdens To Other Taxpayers Not Favored By Government By Establishing A New Tax Credit Program That Benefits ‘Beginning Farmers.’”** “This bill expands cronyism and shifts tax burdens to other taxpayers not favored by government by establishing a new tax credit program that benefits “beginning farmers.” Under the bill, landowners are provided a personal income tax credit for the sale or multi-year lease of their property to a beginning farmer who intends to engage in agricultural production. The tax credits, which are worth as much as \$32,000 or 5% of the value of the

property, are to be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the state issuing a total of \$6 million annually by 2021.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union Contends This Legislation “Provides Competitive Advantages To Select Landowners And Farmers And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## **WILLIAMS IS A UNION LEADER AND PROMOTES AGGRESSIVE PRO-LABOR POLICIES, INCLUDING RAPID ADOPTION OF A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE**

### ***Williams Once Said She Has “Union In My Blood...”***

**“A Native Of The Wilkes Barre/Scranton Area, Ms. Williams Said She Has "Union In My Blood," With A Father Who Belongs To An Operating Engineers Local And Other Relatives Who Belong To A Transit Workers Union.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 2/28/18)

- **“Her Own Work History Includes Stints At A Nonprofit For Whistleblowers Uncovering Corruption And A Communications Job With The Teamsters.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 2/28/18)

### ***Williams Is “A Union Advocate Who Pledges To Fight For Working-Class Families...”***

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“But first, Democratic voters in part of Pittsburgh and some of its suburbs to the north will have to choose between the party-backed Ms. Williams, a union advocate who pledges to fight for working-class families, or the budget-savvy Ms. Walsh, who asserts that her experience in budget analysis will help alleviate Pennsylvania's yearly woes. Although their policy differences are few, the pair of first-time candidates differ in their visions and resumes. Ms. Williams is a 34-year-old staff political director with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers; Ms. Walsh is a 47-year-old consultant for the West Chester-based public policy firm Public Works LLC.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

### ***Williams Held Her 2018 Victory Rally At The IUOE Local 66 HQ In O’Hara***

**Williams Is Known To Have Held Her 2018 Victory Rally At The IUOE Local 66 HQ In O’Hara.** “Unofficial voting results put Democrat Lindsey Williams narrowly ahead of Republican Jeremy Shaffer in their liberal vs. conservative, closely watched contest to capture Pennsylvania's 38th Senate District Tuesday. As of 12:20 a.m., Allegheny County's elections website showed Ms. Williams leading by a mere 540 votes out of more than 122,000 cast for the two candidates. She declared victory, saying the tally included a count of absentee ballots, but Mr. Shaffer wasn't ready to concede defeat. "This is going to be a razor-thin race . really a coin flip, and we'll have to let the election officials count all the votes," the Ross Township commissioner told more than 100 supporters at the Pomodoro Pizzeria and Ristorante in Franklin Park just before 11:30 p.m. Ms. Williams appeared before several hundred raucous supporters at the IUOE Local 66 headquarters in O'Hara at 11:45, telling them she was eager to get to

Harrisburg with hopes "to accomplish a lot for progressive voters in the 38th." "Good jobs and affordable health care, I want that for everyone," she said. "It's been a long, tough race, but I'm proud of the campaign I ran." County spokeswoman Amie Downs said there is no automatic recount based on closeness of races at the local level, including state Senate, although losing candidates may go through a process to petition for a recount." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 11/7/18)

***In 2018, Williams Was The Spokeswoman For The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers While It Contemplated Striking Amid Labor Negotiations With Pittsburgh Public Schools***

**In 2018, Williams Was The Spokeswoman For The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers While It Contemplated Striking Amid Labor Negotiations With Pittsburgh Public Schools.** ‘The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers on Friday notified its members it will conduct a strike authorization vote in its ongoing contract dispute with Pittsburgh Public Schools over a two-year agreement that expired last June. If members of the teachers union authorize their leadership to call strike, the school district said the union is required 48 hours' notice before any strike occurs. Lindsey Williams, spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, could not be reached for comment late Friday night. The authorization is often used during the collective bargaining process. Even if members authorize a strike, the school district said the negotiation process will continue. The school district and the union have continued to negotiate after the deadline expired.” (*Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, 1/26/18)

***In 2018, The AFL-CIO And Allegheny-Fayette County Central Labor Council Endorsed Williams In Her State Senate Campaign***

**In March 2018, The Allegheny-Fayette County Central Labor Council Endorsed Williams In Her State Senate Campaign.** “The Allegheny and Fayette labor councils merged last year, and roughly three dozen members voted after candidate interviews were held Friday at the South Side's IBEW Local No. 5 Hall. The council did weigh in on state legislative battles, including the 38th Senate District, where Lindsey Williams faces Stephanie Walsh in a primary for a north-of-Pittsburgh seat currently held by Republican Randy Vulakovich. The council backed Ms. Williams, a staff attorney with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 3/3/18)

**In April 2018, Williams Was Endorsed By The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/20/18)



([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/20/18)

***Williams, In 2018: “Priority 1: Fight For Working Families. This Includes Raising The Minimum Wage, Protecting Union Rights, And Expanding Access To Affordable Healthcare”***

**Williams, In 2018: “Priority 1: Fight For Working Families. This Includes Raising The Minimum Wage, Protecting Union Rights, And Expanding Access To Affordable Healthcare.”** “Q: What are your top three priorities in office? A: Priority 1: Fight for working families. This includes raising the minimum wage, protecting union rights, and expanding access to affordable healthcare. Priority 2: Invest in public education. Every child deserves a high-quality education from pre-k to post-secondary programs. Priority 3: Support small businesses.” (New Pittsburgh Courier, 10/24/18)

***2018: “Williams Backs Immediately Increasing The Amount To \$15 Per Hour For Large Companies...”***

**“Williams Backs Immediately Increasing The Amount To \$15 Per Hour For Large Companies "And An Adjusted Minimum-Wage Raise For Small Businesses," The Pittsburgh City Paper Reported.** “In the 38th senatorial district, an area including northern suburbs such as Fox Chapel and Ross Township, as well portions of the city like East Liberty and Highland Park, Stephanie Walsh and Lindsey Williams are seeking to win the Democratic bid. On the minimum wage, Walsh would immediately raise the sum to \$12 per hour and gradually increase it to \$15 per hour. Williams backs immediately increasing the amount to \$15 per hour for large companies "and an adjusted minimum-wage raise for small businesses," the Pittsburgh City Paper reported. "You're seeing a little race to see who can carry on progressive credentials and pro-union credentials," said Levine, noting that the Republican contest features candidates who are both "trying to run to the right.” (Jewish Chronicle, 5/11/18)

**Williams Has Continued Her Support For A \$15 Minimum Wage During Her Tenure**

**Williams, In 2019: “I Voted For SB 79 Today Because I Cannot Turn Down Even A Small Raise For Pennsylvania Workers, But I Am Not Happy With \$9.50 By 2020 And I Will**

**Continue To Fight For More. I Support A \$15 Minimum Wage And Strong Union Rights For All Workers.”** ([Williams Instagram Profile](#), Posted 11/20/19)



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([Williams Instagram Profile](#), Posted 11/20/19)

***Williams Has Participated In Strikes And Unionizing Efforts***

**Williams, In 2021: “I Was Proud To Spend Time On The Line With The United Steelworkers During Their Unfair Labor Practices Strike At ATI This Spring.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 7/17/21)



senwilliamspa I was proud to spend time on the line with the United Steelworkers during their Unfair Labor Practices strike at ATI this spring. I commend the collective action that led to the fair contract between USW workers and ATI this past week, though it's a shame that workers had to strike for months to avoid the company outsourcing their jobs and to stop new workers from receiving second-tier health coverage. These workers stood strong to protect each other and ultimately, the future of their company. As we are seeing workers face poor working conditions across the country, this is an example of what can happen when workers unite and fight together for better working conditions for themselves, their fellow employees, and future employees.

<https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/williams-issues-statement-on-usw-ratifying-new-contract/>

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 7/17/21)

**Williams: “Workers Have The Right To Form A Union Free From Retaliation By Their Employer. I’m Proud To Stand With The Baristas At Coffee Tree Roasters As They Stand Up For Themselves, Their Co-Workers, Their Customers, And Their Company!”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/22)





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## WILLIAMS HAS SUPPORTED INCREASING WAGE MANDATES ON PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESSES

*In 2020, Williams Voted Against A Resolution That “Protects Employers And Employees From New Overtime Mandates”*

**ACU: “This Resolution Protects Employers And Employees From New Overtime Mandates Which May Reduce Job Opportunities. Specifically, This Resolution Formally Disapproves Of The Wolf Administration’s Attempt To Increase The Earnings Threshold For Mandatory Overtime Payments”**

**Williams Voted Nay On HCRRR 1.** (HCRRR 1, Resolution Passed - Senate (29-21), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/27/20, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Resolution Protects Employers And Employees From New Overtime Mandates Which May Reduce Job Opportunities. Specifically, This Resolution Formally Disapproves Of The Wolf Administration’s Attempt To Increase The Earnings Threshold For Mandatory Overtime Payments.”** “This resolution protects employers and employees from new overtime mandates which may reduce job opportunities. Specifically, this resolution formally disapproves of the Wolf administration’s attempt to increase the earnings threshold for mandatory overtime payments. Under federal law, weekly salaries above \$684 are exempt from overtime mandates. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry regulation (#12-106) raises the threshold to \$875 starting in 2022, which this resolution would block. Only California and New York currently impose overtime thresholds on employers higher than the federal amount. ACU supports the right of employees and employers to freely negotiate the terms of a contract, opposes this expanded government interference in the right to contract which may reduce employment opportunities and supported this resolution.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Right Of Employees And Employers To Freely Negotiate The Terms Of A Contract, Opposes This Expanded Government Interference In The Right To Contract Which May Reduce Employment Opportunities And Supported This Resolution.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## **WILLIAMS HAS SIDED WITH ORGANIZED LABOR, REPORTEDLY OVER THE INTERESTS OF TAXPAYERS**

***In 2020, Williams Supported Legislation That “Authorizes Unionization Of Waterways Conservation Officers, Thus Driving Up Taxpayer Costs And Making It Harder For The State To Dismiss Poorly Performing Employees”***

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 1584, Which “Amends Title 30 (Fish And Boat Code) To Remove Language That Bars Waterways Conservation Officers (Wcos) Of The Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission (Commission) From Being Included In Act 111 Of 1968 For The Purpose Of Seeking Collective Bargaining.”** ([HB 1584](#), Bill Passed - Senate (48-1), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/19/20, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Authorizes Unionization Of Waterways Conservation Officers, Thus Driving Up Taxpayer Costs And Making It Harder For The State To Dismiss Poorly Performing Employees.”** “This bill authorizes unionization of Waterways Conservation Officers, thus driving up taxpayer costs and making it harder for the state to dismiss poorly performing employees. Under existing law, only certain government employees have authority to collectively bargain. ACU opposes this measure designed to enrich greedy union bosses while unnecessarily increasing taxpayer costs and weakening government integrity and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Designed To Enrich Greedy Union Bosses While Unnecessarily Increasing Taxpayer Costs And Weakening**



Government Integrity And Opposed This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### ***Williams Has Called For A Paid Family Medical Leave Program***

**Williams, In 2021: “I’m A Proud Co-Sponsor And Supporter Of #SB580, The PA Family Medical Leave Act, Which Will Extend Federal FMLA Benefits To A Employee To Care For A Sibling, Grandparent, Or Grandchild If That Person Has No Other Living Eligible Caregiver.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 9/7/21)



senwilliamspa I'm a proud co-sponsor and supporter of #SB580, the PA Family Medical Leave Act, which will extend federal FMLA benefits to a employee to care for a sibling, grandparent, or grandchild if that person has no other living eligible caregiver. I'm also proud to support extending family leave-- including paid family leave under the @familycareact to ensure that our working families can care for their loved ones. All workers deserve paid leave! #VirtualLaborDayParade #PaidLeaveforAll

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 9/7/21)

## **WILLIAMS OPPOSED A REFORM EFFORT TO “ENSURE TAXPAYER RESOURCES ARE BEST UTILIZED” IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

### ***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Makes Numerous Reforms To The Criminal Justice System In Order To Better Ensure Taxpayer Resources Are Best Utilized To Fight Crime And Improve Public Safety”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 501, Which Amends Title 42 (Judiciary And Judicial Procedure) And Title 61 (Prisons And Parole).** ([SB 501](#), Bill Passed - Senate (38-11), Pennsylvania State Senate, 12/18/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Makes Numerous Reforms To The Criminal Justice System In Order To Better Ensure Taxpayer Resources Are Best Utilized To Fight Crime And Improve Public Safety.”** “This bill makes numerous reforms to the criminal justice system in order to better ensure taxpayer resources are best utilized to fight crime and improve public safety. Under the bill, numerous reforms are made to the probation and parole system and the Sentencing Commission is provided greater ability to make risk related adjustments to sentencing guidelines. Furthermore, the bill seeks to reduce recidivism by strengthening the state’s drug treatment program.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Under The Bill, Numerous Reforms Are Made To The Probation And Parole System And The Sentencing Commission Is Provided Greater Ability To Make Risk Related Adjustments To Sentencing Guidelines.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Furthermore, The Bill Seeks To Reduce Recidivism By Strengthening The State’s Drug Treatment Program.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union **“Supports This Measure To Reduce Unnecessary Incarceration And Instead Redirect Scarce Taxpayer Resources To Initiatives That Reduce Recidivism And Improve Public Safety And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## **WILLIAMS HAS OPPOSED EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE REGULATORY BURDEN ON OIL AND GAS OPERATORS**

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Reduce Excessive Regulatory Barriers Imposed On Conventional Oil And Gas Operations”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 790, Which Establishes The Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Act.** ([SB 790](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-23), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/21/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This bill establishes the Conventional Oil and Gas Wells Act, specifically to restore regulatory provisions of the Oil and Gas Act of 1984 and provide a framework specific to conventional wells and well sites. The reason for this is because both unconventional and conventional wells are currently permitted activities with the same regulatory requirements under Act 13 of 2012.” ([SB 790](#))

***“Under The Bill, A Regulatory Framework Would Be Established To Govern Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Which Would Balance Environmental Protection, The Energy Needs Of Consumers And The Uniqueness Of The Industry”***

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Excessive Regulatory Barriers Imposed On Conventional Oil And Gas Operations.”** “This bill would reduce excessive regulatory barriers imposed on conventional oil and gas operations. Under the bill, a regulatory framework would be established to govern conventional oil and gas wells which would balance environmental protection, the energy needs of consumers and the uniqueness of the industry. The bill is in response to regulations passed in 2012 designed to address the Marcellus Shale boom and the unconventional oil and gas industry (i.e., hydraulic fracturing), but have placed significant burdens on smaller conventional producers and brought the industry to near collapse. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, supports this measure to expand energy production and strengthen property rights and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

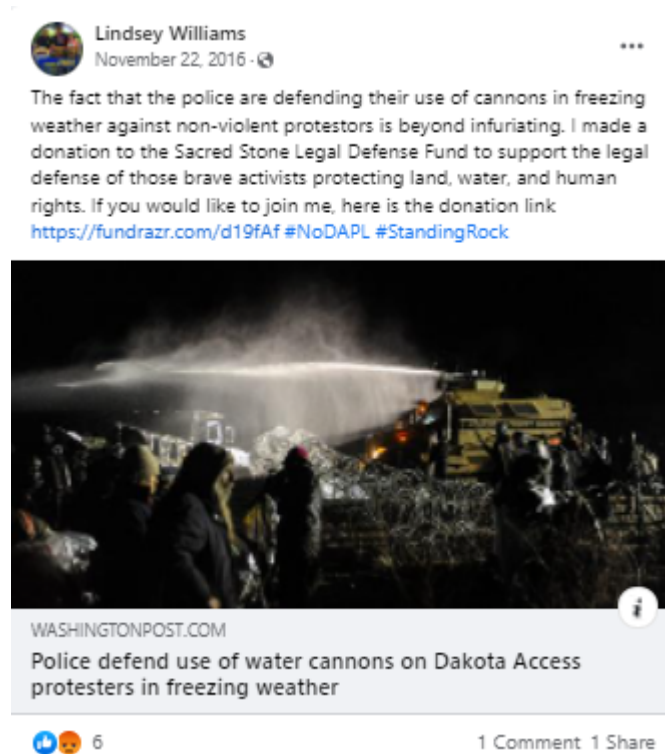
- **“Under The Bill, A Regulatory Framework Would Be Established To Govern Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Which Would Balance Environmental Protection, The Energy Needs Of Consumers And The Uniqueness Of The Industry.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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**Expand Energy Production And Strengthen Property Rights And Supported This Bill.”**  
([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

***Williams Opposed The Dakota Access Pipeline***

**Williams Opposed The Dakota Access Pipeline And Contended “I Made A Donation To The Sacred Stone Legal Defense Fund To Support The Legal Defense Of Those Brave Activists Protecting Land, Water, And Human Rights.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/22/16)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/22/16)

**WILLIAMS HAS OPPOSED EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE COSTS OF CAR OWNERSHIP**

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Reduce Regulatory Burdens And Commuter Costs By Exempting Vehicles Made Eight Years Ago Or Less From The Requirement To Be Tested Under The State’s Vehicle Emissions Program”***

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reducing Car Ownership Costs By Reducing Regulatory Burdens And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction”**

**Muth Voted Nay On SB 742, Which Establishes The New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act.** ([SB 742](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-24), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/25/19, Muth Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This legislation establishes the New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act. The legislation requires the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in consultation

with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to conduct vehicle emissions modeling to determine an exemption period that is in compliance with performance standards under the Clean Air Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Inspection/Maintenance Program regulations. The modeling must include scenarios up to and including the newest eight vehicle model years. The purpose is to determine the impacts of exempting newer model year vehicles from the program.” ([SB 742](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Regulatory Burdens And Commuter Costs By Exempting Vehicles Made Eight Years Ago Or Less From The Requirement To Be Tested Under The State’s Vehicle Emissions Program.”** “This bill would reduce regulatory burdens and commuter costs by exempting vehicles made eight years ago or less from the requirement to be tested under the state’s vehicle emissions program. ACU supports reducing car ownership costs by reducing regulatory burdens and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reducing Car Ownership Costs By Reducing Regulatory Burdens And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## **WILLIAMS HAS SUPPORTED ADDITIONAL EMISSIONS AND POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES**

***In 2018, PA Senate Democrats Held A Hearing On Efforts To Address Climate Change And Were Critical Of The Trump Administration’s Decision To Withdraw From The Paris Climate Accord – Williams Was Known To Attend The Hearing***

**In November 2018, PA Senate Democrats Held A Hearing On Efforts To Address Climate Change And Were Critical Of The Trump Administration’s Decision To Withdraw From The Paris Climate Accord.** ‘The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: At the request of state Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee today held a hearing in Pittsburgh on local and state efforts to address climate change. "In the absence of federal leadership on climate change, it is imperative that Pennsylvania continue to participate in cooperative efforts to stave off the catastrophic consequences of global warming," Costa (D-Allegheny) said. "We need to maintain efforts to keep Pennsylvania on track to combat climate change." Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton/Lehigh), who chairs the committee, added, "Controlling carbon emissions and building a strong economy are not competing interests. There are numerous ways we can slow the devastating effects of climate change while strengthening and expanding our economy." In withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord in 2017, President Donald Trump defended his decision by claiming he was "elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." Costa and Sen. Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny) immediately joined Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto in criticizing the president's decision. In the accord, the United States had committed to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent below the 2005 level in 2025, and to make "best efforts" to reduce emissions by 28 percent. That would include curbs on carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride and nitrogen trifluoride, all of which contribute to

global warming.” (Press Release, “Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: State Senate Committee Holds Hearing In Pittsburgh On Climate Change,” PA Senate Democrats, 11/28/18)

- **“Joining Senators Costa And Boscola At The Hearing Were Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny) And Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams.”** (Press Release, “Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: State Senate Committee Holds Hearing In Pittsburgh On Climate Change,” PA Senate Democrats, 11/28/18)
- **“DePasquale Applauded The Senate Democratic Policy Committee And Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams For Holding A Hearing In Pittsburgh Last Week On Potential State-Level Actions On Climate Change.”** (Press Release, “Auditor General Depasquale Announces Plans For Special Report On Climate Change In Pennsylvania,” PA Auditor General, 12/3/18)

***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Participate In A Second Climate Change Hearing Calling For Stricter Methane Emissions Controls In Pennsylvania***

**In April 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Participate In A Second Climate Change Hearing Calling For Stricter Methane Emissions Controls In Pennsylvania.** “At the request of state Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa (D-Forest Hills) and Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Brookline), the Senate Democratic Policy Committee held a hearing today in Pittsburgh on strategies for combatting climate change by reducing methane gas emissions. “Methane has a huge impact on global warming,” Costa said. “As the second largest gas-producing state in the nation, it is imperative that Pennsylvania do all it can to reduce methane emissions.” Fontana added, “While our federal government should be taking the lead on developing policies, emissions reduction goals and coordinating a national response on climate change, our president's shameful abandonment of the Paris climate accord makes it imperative that state leaders take the helm on this critical issue.” Methane is an odorless, colorless, flammable greenhouse gas (CH<sub>4</sub>) that is used as fuel. It is also an important source of hydrogen and part of a wide variety of organic compounds. Methane is a huge component of natural gas and can remain in the atmosphere for about 9 to 15 years. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, methane warms our planet 86 times more than carbon emissions. Earlier this month, Andrew Williams, who serves as director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs for the Environmental Defense Fund, criticized the Pennsylvania State Department of Environmental Protection's revised draft rule because it would only mandate the capture of 21 percent of methane emissions. If the rule were adopted, Williams claims Pennsylvania would have the least protective methane rule in the nation.” (Press Release, “State Senate Committee Holds Second Hearing On Global Warming,” PA Senate Democrats, 4/23/19)

***However, In September 2020, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Break Ranks And Vote In Favor Of HB 2025 - Which Would Require Legislative Authorization Before The Keystone State Could Impose A Carbon Tax***

**In September 2020, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Break Ranks And Vote In Favor Of “Rep. Jim Struzzi's House Bill 2025, Which Would Require Legislative Authorization Before The Keystone State Could Impose A Carbon Tax On**



**Employers Engaged In Electric Generation, Manufacturing Or Other Industries.”** “The Pennsylvania Senate has passed and sent to Gov. Tom Wolf state Rep. Jim Struzzi's House Bill 2025, which would require legislative authorization before the Keystone State could impose a carbon tax on employers engaged in electric generation, manufacturing or other industries. It also would require legislative approval for Pennsylvania to join the multi-state Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which would impose such a tax. "It gives a voice back to the people by allowing those of us who represent them to have a say in this process," Struzzi, an Indiana Republican, said in a news release. "Given Pennsylvania is already ahead of the carbon dioxide reduction goals established under the governor's Climate Action Plan, why would we want to jeopardize thousands of Pennsylvania jobs and trigger significantly higher electricity rate increases when the existing competitive market has already achieved these gains?" The vote was 33-17, with one Republican, Thomas Killion of Delaware County, voting in the minority and five Democrats, Christine Tartaglione of Philadelphia and Allegheny County senators James Brewster, Wayne Fontana, Pam Iovino and Lindsey Williams voting with the majority.” (*The Daily American*, 9/10/20)

**In April 2022, Williams Sided With Republicans In An Unsuccessful Attempt To Override Wolf’s Veto Of A Resolution Blocking The RGGI Rules From Going Into Effect**

**In April 2022, Williams Sided With Republicans In An Unsuccessful Attempt To Override Wolf’s Veto Of A Resolution Blocking The RGGI Rules From Going Into Effect.** “A bare minimum of Senate Democrats held fast with Gov. Tom Wolf Monday to win a vote that likely represents the last major legislative hurdle to Pennsylvania's participation in a multi-state cap-and-trade program aimed at gradually weaning the state's power generation industry away from fossil fuels like natural gas and coal. On a 32-17 vote, the program's opponents came up one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to block Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which requires power plant operators in member states to pay for each ton of carbon emissions they generate. All Republicans voted to override Wolf's veto of their resolution blocking RGGI rules from taking effect, along with Democrat Sens. Jim Brewster, Wayne Fontana and Lindsey Williams, all of Allegheny County. The rest of the 20-member Democratic caucus stuck with the governor. One seat in the 50-member chamber is vacant. Though Pennsylvania's entry into RGGI may still be challenged in court, for now the state is on track for a July 1 start.” (*The Patriot News*, 4/4/22)

***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Allegheny County Politicians To Call For A Crackdown On Industrial Air Polluters In The County***

**In August 2019, Williams Was Among The Allegheny County Politicians To Call For A Crackdown On Industrial Air Polluters In The County.** “A group of 63 elected officials from across Allegheny County are calling for cleaning up the region's air and cracking down on industrial polluters. In a letter released today by PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center, the officials call for stricter, health-based emissions limits and stronger penalties for illegal pollution. "Allegheny County is a great place to live-- but air pollution is threatening resident's health," write the elected officials. "We can fix this problem by setting strict, health-based emissions limits on polluters; making sure they face meaningful penalties if and when they

break the law; and ensuring our region has strong clean air champions who fight for residents. We, the undersigned local elected officials from across Allegheny County, are committing to make Allegheny County a great place to live and breathe." "We all know Pittsburgh's history of industrial pollution, but many of our communities continue to live that history today. Every Pennsylvanian, regardless of race, class or where they live, has a right to clean air and water, and that includes the people of Pittsburgh," said State Rep. Jake Wheatley. "It is immoral that in this day and age we continue to struggle to breathe, that the very air poisons our children and elderly neighbors." (Press Release, "PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center: Dozens Of Elected Officials Join Together To Call For Clean Air, Crackdown On Industrial Pollution," Penn Environment, 8/28/19)

## **WILLIAMS HAS TIES TO ENVIRONMENTALIST ORGANIZATIONS**

### ***In 2018, Williams Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By Penn Environment***

**In October 2018, Williams Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By Penn Environment.** "With Election Day 2018 only 13 days away, today PennEnvironment released its list of local and statewide environmental candidates that the organization is endorsing in Pennsylvania's 2018 general election this November. This list includes endorsements for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Pennsylvania state House and state Senate. "While voters are barraged with campaign advertisements and mailers during the election season, PennEnvironment's endorsements are meant to serve as a tool to help Pennsylvanians know how to cast their ballot for the environment when they go to the polls on Election Day," stated PennEnvironment Executive Director, David Masur. "Political pundits keep talking about the potential 'Blue Wave' this upcoming Election Day, but Pennsylvania needs a 'Green Wave' of victorious candidates who will stand up for clean air, clean water, and protecting the outdoors that we cherish and love." (Press Release, "PennEnvironment Announces State Endorsements For Election Day 2018," Penn Environment, 10/24/18)

- **NOTE:** *Williams' name is mentioned as an endorsed candidate later in the release.*

## **WILLIAMS HAS SUPPORTED THE GROWTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S REGULATORY REGIME**

### ***In 2020, Williams Was The Primary Sponsor Of Legislation To Create A State-Based Version Of The False Claims Act – A Measure Strongly Opposed By Business Interests***

**In 2020, Williams Was The Primary Sponsor Of Legislation To Create A State-Based Version Of The False Claims Act – A Measure Strongly Opposed By Business Interests.** "Attorney General Josh Shapiro joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers at the Capitol on Monday to back a plan to enact reforms intended to combat Medicaid fraud. The reforms include legislation that would allow anyone to file a whistleblower lawsuit alleging Medicaid fraud. Hospital and business groups immediately denounced the proposal, which would create a state version of the federal False Claims Act. Gene Barr, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry said the measure would allow whistleblowers and their attorneys to receive a portion of any financial settlement reached due to a False Claims Act complaint. "This leads to the plaintiffs' lawyers' recovery increasing, while the commonwealth's

portion of the recovery decreases. "Pennsylvania's legal climate already creates a challenging environment for job creators," Barr said. "Enacting a FCA will exacerbate this situation by further bogging down the state's already cumbersome and overly-crowded court system." The Pennsylvania Health Care Association, representing nursing homes and assisted living facilities said the legislation would "lead to a dramatic increase in frivolous lawsuits." Thirty-one states have state versions of the False Claims Act and of the eight states that spend the most on Medicaid, only Pennsylvania lacks a state False Claims Act, Shapiro said. Shapiro said prosecutors file criminal charges when they can, but allowing for civil lawsuits to expose Medicaid fraud would reveal more fraud and prevent new abuses. "The winners are going to be the taxpayers," Shapiro said. "The people we're going to go hold accountable are fraudsters." State Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, said Maryland passed its version of the False Claims Act in 2015 and New Jersey passed its False Claims Act law in 2008. Since establishing state versions of the law, Maryland has received more than \$81 million and New Jersey has recovered \$122 million in settlements from fraud complaints, she said. New York has had its False Claims Act since 2007. From 2015 to 2018, New York recovered \$55 million from lawsuits alleging fraud under the False Claims Act, according to information provided by House Republicans. Williams is the prime sponsor of the legislation to create a False Claims Act in Pennsylvania." (*The Danville News*, 1/13/20)

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against A Bill “Designed To Improve Oversight Of The Regulatory Process And Strengthen A Crucial Check On Executive Branch Power”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 398, Which Amends The Regulatory Review Act.** ([SB 398](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-22), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/22/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review, for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations.” ([SB 398](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Improve Oversight Of The Regulatory Process And Strengthen A Crucial Check On Executive Branch Power.”** “This bill is designed to improve oversight of the regulatory process and strengthen a crucial check on executive branch power. Firstly, the bill would ensure that lawmakers and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) have adequate time to review regulations proposed by state agencies, thus limiting a scheme in which state agencies propose regulations when the legislature is in recess and prevent lawmakers from having time to review the policies. Secondly, the bill would improve oversight by ensuring committee chairs within the General Assembly are able to properly review proposed legislation, hold hearings and submit comments. Finally, the bill would eliminate the requirement that “statements of purpose” (SOPs) drafted by agencies be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, a weekly journal produced by the state detailing agency rules and regulations.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Oversight And Transparency Over The Regulatory Process, Supports Strengthening Checks And Balanced To Curb Any**



**Inappropriate Power Of Unelected Bureaucrats Within The Executive Branch And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

***In 2020, Williams Voted Against An Amendment That “Would Reform Outdated And Excessive Regulations To Allow The Operation Of Motorized Scooters...”***

**Williams Voted Nay On Amdt. A-6509 To HB 632, Which Amends Regulations Concerning Motorized Scooters.** ([Amdt. A-6509 To HB 632](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (20-30), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/30/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: This Amendment “Would Reform Outdated And Excessive Regulations To Allow The Operation Of Motorized Scooters...”** “The Laughlin (ACUF Lifetime 71%) amendment #6509 to the vehicle titling bill would reform outdated and excessive regulations to allow the operation of motorized scooters from companies such as Bird and Lime. Under existing law, all motorized devices on the road must be registered and certified like cars and motorcycles. This amendment exempts motorized scooters from this mandate, and instead lays a basic framework to allow scooter use with oversight from local governments. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which prohibits environmentally friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and supported this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Excessive Statewide Mandates Which Prohibits Environmentally Friendly Travel And Limit Mobility Options For Commuters, Tourists And Families And Supported This Amendment.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Reduce Excessive Regulations That Have Prevented Individuals From Utilizing Agricultural Buildings Such As Barns For Weddings And Other Special Events”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 453, Which Reduces Regulations Surrounding The Use Of Agricultural Buildings For Events.** ([SB 453](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/7/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Excessive Regulations That Have Prevented Individuals From Utilizing Agricultural Buildings Such As Barns For Weddings And Other Special Events.”** “This bill would reduce excessive regulations that have prevented individuals from utilizing agricultural buildings such as barns for weddings and other special events. Specifically, the bill would exempt certain agricultural buildings used for special events from stringent requirements under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). For example, agricultural buildings would be required to meet basic safety standards such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and proper egress (i.e., exit), but would not have to meet other stringent regulations designed for new commercial buildings. ACU supports strengthening individual liberties and property rights by reducing excessive regulations and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Specifically, The Bill Would Exempt Certain Agricultural Buildings Used For Special Events From Stringent Requirements Under The Uniform Construction Code (UCC).”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Individual Liberties And Property Rights By Reducing Excessive Regulations And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

***In 2020, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Expands Consumer Access To Broadband And Other Telecommunication Services By Repealing Costly Regulations And Requiring Regular Review Of Regulatory Impact”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1112, Which “Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities) To Provide For Telecommunication Carrier Regulatory Relief.”** ([SB 1112](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-16), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/21/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Consumer Access To Broadband And Other Telecommunication Services By Repealing Costly Regulations And Requiring Regular Review Of Regulatory Impact.”** “This bill expands consumer access to broadband and other telecommunication services by repealing costly regulations and requiring regular review of regulatory impact. Specifically, this bill requires the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to waive several regulations that are outdated, costly, or unnecessary and may stifle broadband expansion. The bill also requires the PUC to undertake a review of all regulations applicable to telecommunications every three years. ACU supports expanding consumer access and reducing costs by limiting excessive regulations and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Expanding Consumer Access And Reducing Costs By Limiting Excessive Regulations And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Make A Series Of Amendments To The State’s Price Gouging Act To Limit The Application Of The Law To Actual Disasters And Emergencies”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 139, Which Amends The Price Gouging Act Definitions And Prohibitions In The Case Of A Declaration Of A State Of Disaster Emergency.** ([SB 139](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/4/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Would Make A Series Of Amendments To The State’s Price Gouging Act To Limit The Application Of The Law To Actual Disasters And Emergencies.”** “This bill would make a series of amendments to the state’s Price Gouging Act to limit the application of the law to actual disasters and emergencies. Under current law, any time the governor declares a state of emergency (including non-disaster declarations), price restrictions are automatically imposed for 30 days with extensions up to 90 days. This bill would provide the governor with flexibility to determine in which disasters to impose price restrictions. Additionally, the bill would limit the duration of the restrictions to 15 days with extensions up to 60 days. The bill does, however, contain one negative provision that would prevent prices from rising greater than

10% during an emergency (previously 20%). ACU opposes price controls that aggravate disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Price Controls That Aggravate Disasters By Preventing The Market From Allocating Scarce Resources And Incentivizing The Flow Of Additional Goods And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

***In 2019, Williams Supported Legislation That “Restricts Competition And Drives Up Pharmaceutical Costs By Imposing New Barriers For Pharmacy Technicians To Enter The Workforce”***

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 770, Amends The Pharmacy Act To Provide For Pharmacy Technicians And Pharmacy Technician Trainees.** ([HB 770](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/4/19, Williams Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The legislation requires a pharmacy technician to register with the Board of Pharmacy (board) biennially and pay a registration fee, possess an unrestricted registration from the board to practice, and be responsible to and under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a board-licensed pharmacist.” ([HB 770](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Restricts Competition And Drives Up Pharmaceutical Costs By Imposing New Barriers For Pharmacy Technicians To Enter The Workforce.”** “This bill restricts competition and drives up pharmaceutical costs by imposing new barriers for pharmacy technicians to enter the workforce. Under the bill, no individual may be employed as a pharmacy technician unless they are certified by the State Board of Pharmacy, satisfy a near endless number of requirements, and pay various fees. ACU recognizes that pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of pharmacists who are already licensed, opposes the proliferation of licensing regimes which drive up consumer costs and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Regimes Which Drive Up Consumer Costs And Are Primarily Designed To Restrict Competition And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## WILLIAMS HAS OPPOSED TORT REFORM

*In 2019, Williams Voted Against A Resolution That “Urges The Pennsylvania Supreme Court To Uphold The Positive Reforms Implemented In 2002 To Reduce Lawsuit Abuse In Medical Malpractice Cases”*

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reasonable Tort Reform To Reduce Frivolous Litigation And Lawsuit Abuse And Supported This Resolution”**

**William Voted Nay On SR 20, A Resolution Concerning The Impact Of Venue For Medical Professional Liability Actions On Access To Medical Care And Maintenance Of Health Care Systems.** ([SR 20](#), Resolution Passed 32-17, 2/5/19, William Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in this Commonwealth and requesting that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1006.” ([SR 20](#))

**ACU: “This Resolution Urges The Pennsylvania Supreme Court To Uphold The Positive Reforms Implemented In 2002 To Reduce Lawsuit Abuse In Medical Malpractice Cases.”**  
“This resolution urges the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to uphold the positive reforms implemented in 2002 to reduce lawsuit abuse in medical malpractice cases. The reforms were designed to reduce “forum shopping” schemes by personal injury lawyers which sent medical malpractice insurance rates skyrocketing and contributed to the loss of medical practitioners and facilities. Under the resolution, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is encouraged to delay action on an amendment proposed by the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. The proposed amendment would repeal the 2002 forum shopping reforms. ACU recognizes that prior to 2002, 10% of the nation’s medical malpractice claims were filed in Philadelphia County (most of any county in the nation) and that the repeal of the reforms would increase medical costs and reduce access and quality of care. ACU further recognizes that our rights under the U.S. Constitution guarantee all who have been genuinely harmed the opportunity to seek remedies through the courts. Unfortunately, this is not possible when the courts are clogged with frivolous litigation. ACU supports reasonable tort reform to reduce frivolous litigation and lawsuit abuse and supported this resolution.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reasonable Tort Reform To Reduce Frivolous Litigation And Lawsuit Abuse And Supported This Resolution.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## WILLIAMS WAS OPPOSED TO APPROVAL OF THE USMCA

*In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Vote In Committee Against A Resolution Urging Passage Of The USMCA*

**In 2019, Williams And Muth Were Among The Democratic Senators To Vote In Committee Against A Resolution Urging Passage Of The USMCA.** “The Pennsylvania

Senate State Government Committee advanced a resolution by a vote of 7-4 along party lines encouraging Congress to approve the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Democrats Anthony Williams, Maria Collett, Katie Muth and Lindsey Williams voted no last week to Senate Resolution 153 sponsored by Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York. "Until those changes relative to ensuring labor standards, certain environmental provisions as well as enforcement of the deal itself. ... I will be a 'no' vote," Muth said. Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Franklin County, countered Muth's statements with support of the bill. "Once it passes, I believe we'll see a boom for our industry and agriculture here across Pennsylvania and then maybe once again Pennsylvania will be open for business." Congress is still ironing out details with the Trump administration on the deal, which would replace the North American Free Trade Act." (*The Daily American*, 11/4/19)

## **WILLIAMS SUPPORTED BIDEN'S FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATURE**

### ***In August 2021, Williams Noted She Was Supportive Of The Biden Infrastructure Bill***

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"State Sen. Lindsey Williams, a Democrat representing parts of the city of Pittsburgh, North Hills and the Allegheny River Valley, expects the proposed federal infrastructure package could ease some of the strain on her phone lines. Constituents most often call for two reasons, she said: unemployment and infrastructure. Infrastructure, in this case, covers everything from flooding to sewer systems to constituents who don't have access to a bus line that they need to get to work. The Biden administration's infrastructure bill could "address and help solve" those issues, Ms. Williams said Thursday at a news conference with Democratic lawmakers and leaders. "Not only will it solve those problems of flooding for our neighbors and dangerous conditions, it will also help put people back to work," she said. "Yes it's good union jobs for construction workers that you see on the side of the road but it's also engineers and architects and the pizza shop down the road where those workers go and take their lunch break. "This is so important that we get together and put those politics aside and vote for an infrastructure package that's going to help our communities," Ms. Williams said. For weeks, the infrastructure package has been a point of contention in Washington as Democrats and Republicans negotiate its size and scope." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 8/20/21)

## **WILLIAMS' EMBRACE OF THE LEFT'S COVID REACTION AND GOVERNMENT-PROVIDED HEALTHCARE**

*In 2018, Williams was reported by Pittsburgh City Paper to be among the candidates to support a single-payer, Medicare for all- style system.*

*During the Covid-19 pandemic, Williams supported onerous Covid restrictions, including school mask mandates and was critical of measures to ensure accountability. In September 2021, Williams was critical of legislation allowing parents to let their children opt out of school mask mandates and noted her support for universal school mask mandates. In April 2021, Williams was critical of suggestions calling for state Senators to return to in-person proceedings citing the lack of universal vaccine access and the tendency of some legislators to forgo masks. Williams indicated support for big government rule by opposing efforts to provide a check on the executive branch during the pandemic. Additionally, Williams voted against efforts to reopen Pennsylvania's economy. Williams voted against measures to protect nursing homes during covid. In September 2020, Williams voted against a "commonsense bill ensures that high-risk individuals are less likely to be exposed to ... covid-19 by prohibiting patients with covid-19 from being transferred from other facilities into nursing homes unless the nursing home has a separate dedicated isolation space ..."*

### **WILLIAMS SUPPORTS MEDICARE FOR ALL**

#### ***In 2018, Williams Was Reported By Pittsburgh City Paper To Be Among The Candidates To Support A Single-Payer/ Medicare For All System***

**In October 2018, Williams Was Reported By Pittsburgh City Paper To Be Among The Candidates To Support A Single-Payer/ Medicare For All System.** "PREVIOUSLY, a Medicare-for-all health care system had been mostly considered a fringe idea on the left. But over the last couple of years, the idea of Americans getting insurance from a single government insurance plan, or single-payer, has taken off in popularity. According to a recent poll, 52 percent of Pennsylvanians support Medicare-for-all, while 29 percent oppose it. State Democrats are joining the public. Progressive candidates like Sara In-namorato and Summer Lee won competitive primaries while advocating for Medicare-for-all. Moderate Democratic state Rep. Adam Ravenstahl said he would support single-payer if Democrats took control of the legislature. Even Democrats running in very red districts, like Terri Mitko in Beaver County, are considering backing single-payer. State Republicans, on the other hand, are attacking Democrats for their support. Mailers linked to GOP state Senate candidate Jeremy Shaffer's campaign called his Democratic opponent, Lindsey Williams, a radical for her single-payer support. For Medicare-for-all to stand a chance at becoming a reality, Democrats must take the state House and Senate, and then some. Even then, it would be a heavy load with several details to finalize. And it's still unclear where Gov. Tom Wolf stands on the issue, but rapidly growing public pressure could be persuasive. 52 PERCENT SUPPORT MEDICARE-FOR-ALL." CHAMPIONS: State representatives-elect Sara Innamorato (D-Lawrenceville) and Summer Lee (D-Swissvale); State Reps. Austin Davis (D-McKeesport), Ed Gainey (D-East Liberty), Dan Frankel (D-Squirrel Hill) OPPONENTS: All Allegheny County Republicans INTEGRAL



CANDIDATES: Jon McCabe (D-Lower Burrell), Lindsey Williams (D-West View), support and running in GOP-held districts. "The more people understand it, the more they realize it is a good way forward," said U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Forest Hills) of Medicare-for-all." (*Pittsburgh City Paper*, 10/31/18)

## WILLIAMS HAS OPPOSED MEDICAID FUNDING CUTS

In July 2017, Williams Urged Her Friends To Contact Their Senators To Oppose Cutting Medicaid Funds. ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/25/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/25/17)

## WILLIAMS SUPPORTED COVID RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOL MASK MANDATES AND WAS CRITICAL OF MEASURES TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY

*In September 2021, Williams Was Critical Of GOP Legislation Allowing Parents To Let Their Children Opt Out Of School Mask Mandates; Williams Noted Her Support For Universal School Mask Mandates*

In September 2021, Williams Was Critical Of GOP Legislation Allowing Parents To Let Their Children Opt Out Of School Mask Mandates; Williams Noted Her Support For Universal School Mask Mandates. "Fourteen schoolchildren have died in Pennsylvania from COVID-19, Mastriano said, further pointing to the age group's 'resiliency.' 'Parents throughout our districts have echoed their concerns about the negative impacts of mask wearing on their

children,' Ward said. 'Parents know what their children are going through and parents can assess these risks and decide whether a mask is necessary for their children's health and success in school.' Democratic Chairwoman Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, questioned the data Mastriano and Ward relied upon for their bill. She also said parents, educators and medical professionals have expressed to her their support for universal masking as a way to protect children from the virus and keep schools open for in-person instruction. 'There's a lot of risk I'm not willing to take with our kids,' she said. 'Fourteen deaths is tragic. How many deaths does it take to change your mind on mask mandates?' Mastriano reiterated that while all deaths are tragic, 'heavy handed, draconian edicts' go too far. 'Where do you stop? This is overreach by the government and it's time to let parents decide,' he said. 'Parents know best - not any government official or bureaucrat.' The bill now advances to the full Senate for consideration.” (The Center Square, 9/28/21)

***In April 2021, Williams Was Critical Of Suggestions Calling For Senators To Return To In-Person Proceedings Citing The Lack Of Universal Vaccine Access And The Tendency Of Some Legislators To Forgo Masks***

**In April 2021, Williams Was Critical Of Suggestions Calling For Senators To Return To In-Person Proceedings Citing The Lack Of Universal Vaccine Access And The Tendency Of Some Legislators To Forgo Masks.** “But two younger members of the Senate Democratic Caucus – Sens. Lindsey Williams of Allegheny County and Amanda Cappelletti of Delaware County – made it clear Corman's memo was disturbing to them. They found it disappointing that he would want to return to in-person sessions before all senators and staffers were eligible to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination. (On Monday, Gov. Tom Wolf and the vaccine task force announced starting on Tuesday, all Pennsylvania adults were eligible to schedule an appointment.) Williams and Cappelletti, a public health professional, are among the senators who have mostly steered clear of the Capitol this year. Both indicated it is because of the refusal of some senators to wear masks on the Senate floor and as of last week, both were still waiting to get shots in their arms.” (The Patriot News, 4/12/21)

***In May 2020, Williams Accused Republicans Of “Grandstanding” After They Subpoenaed Documents Relating To Business Closure Waivers Relating To The Wolf Administration’s COVID-19 Response***

**In May 2020, Williams Accused Republicans Of “Grandstanding” After They Subpoenaed Documents Relating To Business Closure Waivers Relating To The Wolf Administration’s COVID-19 Response.** “The subpoenas, signed by Regan to be sent to Davin and Wolf, ask for a response by Friday, May 8, the same day that Wolf has said some areas of Pennsylvania will be allowed to partially re-open. Senate Republicans could take Wolf to court for violating their legal subpoena power if the deadline is not met, Corman said. Democratic Senator Lindsey Williams, the minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, said Republicans are "grandstanding for clips that will be used in future campaign advertisements," and questioned why the committee was not working on legislation to address the spread of the novel coronavirus in the state's veterans' homes. The Southeastern Veterans' Center in Chester County has seen 26 residents die of COVID-19, according to a report this week from the



Philadelphia Inquirer. "But we aren't talking about that today in the veterans' affairs committee," Williams said. Wolf has defended his pandemic lockdown strategy as offering more flexibility and direct oversight than other states." (*The Sentinel*, 5/1/20)

## **WILLIAMS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING GOVERNMENT RULE BY OPPOSING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A CHECK ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

***In July 2020, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Amend The State Constitution To Provide A Crucial Check On The Authority Of The Executive Branch To Impose Executive Orders During Emergencies Without Legislative Oversight Or Approval”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1166, Which “Amends The Constitution Of Pennsylvania Providing For Equality Of Rights Because Of Race And Ethnicity, Concurrent Orders And Resolutions, And For Disaster Emergency Declaration And Management.”** ([SB 1166](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 7/15/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation proposes three separate amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania as follows:

**Article I:** This resolution adds a new section that would prohibit denying or abridging equality of rights under the law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the race or ethnicity of an individual.

**Section 9 of Article III:** This resolution would add a provision allowing for non-presentment to the governor of a Joint Resolution terminating or extending a declaration of disaster emergency.

**Article IV:** This resolution adds a new section that would authorize the Governor to issue emergency declarations under circumstances provided for by law for that purpose. The General Assembly could by law grant the Governor certain enumerated powers to address and abate the declared emergency. However, a declaration by the Governor of an emergency could not last longer than 21 days unless extended by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly approving the continuation of the declaration. Upon the expiration of the Governor's emergency declaration, the Governor could not declare a new state of emergency based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances without the passage of a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly expressly approving the new emergency declaration.

([SB 1166](#))

***“The Bill Is In Response To Governor Wolf’s Sweeping Emergency Declaration Issued During ... COVID-19. Specifically, The Bill Would Require Approval From Both Legislative Bodies In Order To Impose Or Extend Emergency Declarations Longer Than 21 Days”***

**ACU: “This Bill Would Amend The State Constitution To Provide A Crucial Check On The Authority Of The Executive Branch To Impose Executive Orders During Emergencies Without Legislative Oversight Or Approval.”** “This bill would amend the state constitution to provide a crucial check on the authority of the executive branch to impose executive orders during emergencies without legislative oversight or approval. The bill is in response to Governor

Wolf's sweeping emergency declaration issued during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill would require approval from both legislative bodies in order to impose or extend emergency declarations longer than 21 days. ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

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**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Crucial Checks And Balances Between The Coequal Branches Of Government, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## **WILLIAMS VOTED AGAINST EFFORTS TO REOPEN PENNSYLVANIA’S ECONOMY**

***In June 2021, Williams Was Critical Of The Pennsylvania Senate For Voting To End Gov. Tom Wolf’s Emergency Declaration***

**In June 2021, Williams Was Critical Of The Pennsylvania Senate For Voting To End Gov. Tom Wolf’s Emergency Declaration.** “The amendment, hammered out overnight by the General Assembly and the Wolf administration, takes into account the special conditions and for at least some of them extends their end until Sept. 30. It wasn't immediately clear what the amendments said and trade group representatives also weren't exactly sure at the final language. The amendments have to be approved by the House as well. Yet Democrats, in a sometimes sharp exchange on the Senate floor, warned that approving the resolution to end the emergency declaration threatened federal funding for SNAP and potentially other programs. Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, called it "an act of political theater." Sen. Amanda M. Cappelletti, D-Chester County, agreed. "We're bringing to the floor measures that may very well strip away needed funds and flexibility ... This is a reckless gamble," she said.” (*Pittsburgh Business Times*, 6/10/21)

***In May 2020, Williams Voted Against A Bill That “Helps To Reopen Pennsylvania’s Economy By Placing A Check On The Power Governor Wolf Has Seized Through The ... COVID-19 Pandemic”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 327, Which Amends The Administrative Code By Adding New Articles Regarding Emergency COVID-19 Provisions And Amends Article XXIV Requiring The Department Of General Services (DGS) To Conduct An Annual Survey Of**

**State Facility Usage.** ([SB 327](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Helps To Reopen Pennsylvania’s Economy By Placing A Check On The Power Governor Wolf Has Seized Through The Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.”** “This bill helps to reopen Pennsylvania’s economy by placing a check on the power Governor Wolf has seized through the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Specifically, the bill provides the legislature a voice in carrying out COVID-19 regulations and empowers counties to develop their own plans to reopen industries that have been shuttered down by the Governor. ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

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**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***In May 2020, Williams Voted Against A Bill That “Combats Governor Tom Wolf’s Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Car Dealerships, Barber Shops, Animal Groomers, Manufacturing Operations And Garden Centers Can Safely Reopen”***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 2388, Which “Amends The Administrative Code To Add A New Article Relating To Emergency COVID-19 Provisions Regarding Extension Of Waiver Provisions To Several Business Types And Service Operators.”** ([HB 2388](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Tom Wolf’s Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Car Dealerships, Barber Shops, Animal Groomers, Manufacturing Operations And Garden Centers Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Tom Wolf’s abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring car dealerships, barber shops, animal groomers, manufacturing operations and garden centers can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials. The bill sets requirements on the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting Constitutional Rights, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***In May 2020, Williams Voted Against A Bill That “Combats Governor Tom Wolf’s Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring The Real Estate Industry Can Safely Reopen”***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 2412, Which “Amends The Administrative Code To Add A New Article Relating To Emergency COVID-19 Provisions Regarding Issuance Of Waiver To The Governor’s Business Closure Order For Legal Services, Residential And Commercial Real Estate Related Activities.”** ([HB 2412](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-15), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 2412 amends the Administrative Code to add a new article relating to Emergency COVID-19 provisions regarding issuance of waiver to the Governor’s Business Closure Order for legal services, residential and commercial real estate related activities.

The legislation requires the Secretary of Community and Economic Development to immediately issue a waiver to the Governor’s Business Closure Order to all providers of legal services, and residential and commercial real estate services, including settlement services.

Until the Governor’s March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster emergency, and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, is terminated or expires:

- A municipality or municipal authority that requires a use and occupancy certificate, or any other similar certificate or certification as a condition of a property transfer, shall be presumed to have issued a full and unconditional permit without requiring an inspection of the property. If a certificate is presumed to be issued, the municipality or municipal authority shall be enjoined from conducting a property transfer inspection after the proclamation has terminated or expired; and
- Taxing authorities and public utilities shall provide alternative means for residential home buyers or title insurers to ascertain the current status of tax payments or overdue utility obligations.

All businesses issued a waiver must comply with social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and the order issued by the Secretary of Health directing public health safety measures for businesses permitted to maintain in-person operations.

([HB 2412](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Tom Wolf’s Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring The Real Estate Industry Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Tom Wolf’s abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring the real estate industry can safely reopen. Pennsylvania was the only state in the entire country to deem real estate as “nonessential” during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19), thereby prohibiting home purchases or sales and shuttering the industry. This bill sets specific social distancing requirements and requires the industry to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention in order to reopen. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting Constitutional Rights, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## **WILLIAMS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR A BILL THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY LEAVE PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO LAWSUIT ABUSE**

***In May 2020, Williams Spearheaded An Amendment That “Would Subject Businesses To Lawsuit Abuse If They Take Any Retaliatory Action Against An Employee Who Refuses To Return To Work Due To COVID-19”***

**Williams Introduced Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388, Which Sought To Insert Language Concerning “Protection From Retaliation.”** ([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#))

**Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388, Which Sought To Insert Language Concerning “Protection From Retaliation.”** ([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (20-28), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Yea)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2388

Sponsor: SENATOR L. WILLIAMS

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1 Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 20 and 21  
2 Section 110-A. Protection from retaliation.  
3 (a) General rule.--It shall be unlawful for a business  
4 operating under a waiver to the order to discharge, threaten or  
5 otherwise retaliate or discriminate against an  
6 individual employed by the business regarding compensation or  
7 other terms or conditions of employment because the individual:

([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#))

**ACU: This Amendment “To A Bill Reopening Certain Businesses Would Subject Businesses To Lawsuit Abuse If They Take Any Retaliatory Action Against An Employee Who Refuses To Return To Work Due To COVID-19.”** “The Williams (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment to a bill reopening certain businesses would subject businesses to lawsuit abuse if they take any retaliatory action against an employee who refuses to return to work due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). The amendment also guarantees employees remain eligible for all state and federal unemployment assistance until their employer adopts every guideline issued by the state and federal government. ACU opposes subjecting employers battling COVID-19 to frivolous litigation and abusing the unemployment trust fund at the



expense of other employees and employers and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Subjecting Employers Battling COVID-19 To Frivolous Litigation And Abusing The Unemployment Trust Fund At The Expense Of Other Employees And Employers And Opposed This Amendment.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***In November 2020, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Ensures That Businesses And Schools Are Protected From Lawsuit Abuse Related To The Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak”***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 1737, Which Amends The Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, In Particular For COVID-19-Related Liability, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 1737](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/19/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Ensures That Businesses And Schools Are Protected From Lawsuit Abuse Related To The Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak.”** “This bill ensures that businesses and schools are protected from lawsuit abuse related to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The bill includes an exemption from the protection if a claimant proves by “clear and convincing evidence” that the person caused the injury by “gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or intentional infliction of harm.” ACU supports reopening the economy by protecting businesses from lawsuit abuse related to COVID-19 and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reopening The Economy By Protecting Businesses From Lawsuit Abuse Related To COVID-19 And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## **WILLIAMS VOTED AGAINST MEASURES TO PROTECT NURSING HOMES DURING COVID-19**

***In September 2020, Williams Voted Against A “Commonsense Bill Ensures That Highrisk Individuals Are Less Likely To Be Exposed To ... COVID-19 By Prohibiting Patients With COVID-19 From Being Transferred From Other Facilities Into Nursing Homes Unless The Nursing Home Has A Separate Dedicated Isolation Space ...”***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1189, Which Amends The Disease Prevention And Control Law Of 1955, Further Providing For Definitions And For Control Measures.** ([SB 1189](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-16), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/22/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Commonsense Bill Ensures That Highrisk Individuals Are Less Likely To Be Exposed To ... COVID-19 By Prohibiting Patients With COVID-19 From Being Transferred From Other Facilities Into Nursing Homes Unless The Nursing Home Has A Separate Dedicated Isolation Space ...”** “This commonsense bill ensures that highrisk individuals are less likely to be exposed to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) by prohibiting patients with COVID-19 from being transferred from other facilities into nursing homes unless the nursing home has a separate dedicated isolation space for COVID-19 patients. This bill is

necessary due to dismal and deadly failed leadership from Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Rachel Levine (now President Biden’s Assistant Secretary of Health) who hypocritically removed her mother from a long-term care facility while sending COVID positive patients into those same facilities. ACU recognizes that more than 50% of Pennsylvania’s reported deaths due to COVID-19 occurred in long-term care facilities. ACU supports protecting high-risk individuals from exposure to the virus through adaptive policies and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting High-Risk Individuals From Exposure To The Virus Through Adaptive Policies And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## WILLIAMS' SUPPORT FOR A RADICAL SOCIAL AGENDA AND OTHER FAR-LEFT VIEWS

*Williams is associated with the pro-abortion advocacy group known as Emily's List. In 2019, Williams opposed legislation seeking to prohibit abortion if it is being sought because the unborn child receives a prenatal diagnosis of down syndrome.*

*Williams appears to have backed controversial measures making concessions to transgender individuals. In 2022, Williams was critical of measures intended to ban transgender athletes from competing in women's sports.*

*Williams has opposed efforts to expand gun rights and voted against the expansion of adding days eligible for hunting.*

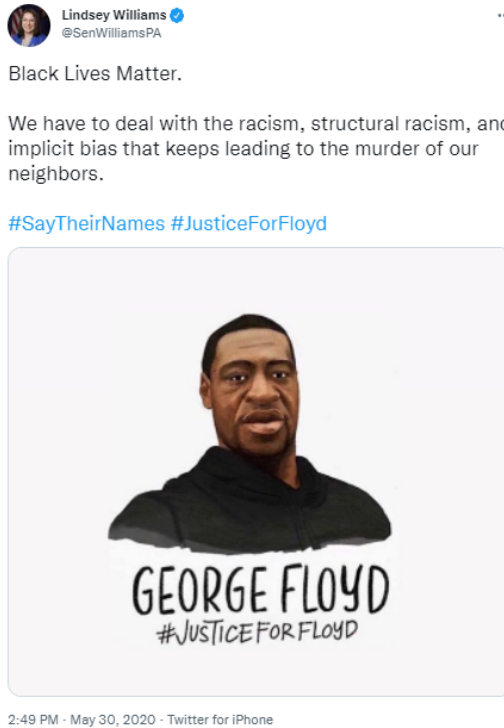
*One notably policy matter than appears to have consumed Williams political energy is education. Williams is a consistent opponent of charter schools and school choice, seeking to impose additional regulations on the entities while cutting funding. Williams has opposed legislative efforts to expand school choice. Notably, Williams spearheaded an unsuccessful effort to deny legitimacy to a Pittsburgh-based charter school. Additionally, Williams has opposed legislative efforts to improve safety in schools and opposed measures to ensure curriculum transparency in schools.*

### WILLIAMS' POSITIONS ON RACE

***Williams Promotes Notions Of Structural And Systemic Racism And Encourages Measures To Deal With Such Concepts, Especially In The Criminal Justice System***

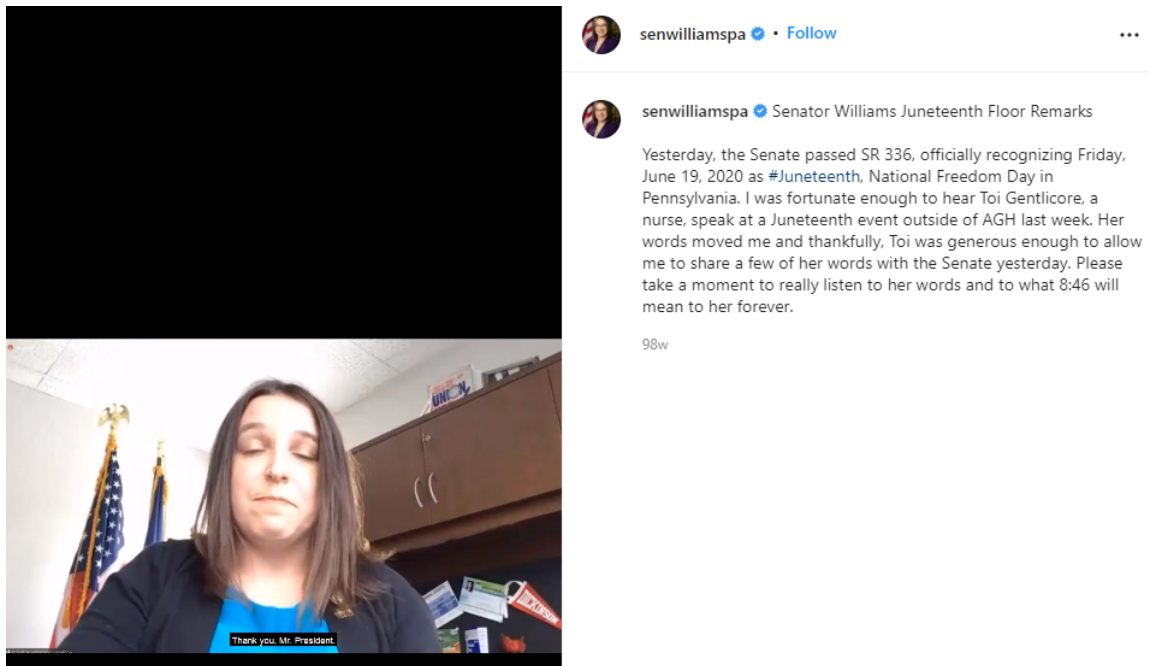
**Williams: "Black Lives Matter. We Have To Deal With The Racism, Structural Racism, And Implicit Bias That Keeps Leading To The Murder Of Our Neighbors." ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/30/20)**





([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/30/20)

**VIDEO: In 2020, Williams Noted “The Future Of Our Commonwealth Depends On Us Having Difficult Conversations About Structural Racism And Working Towards Solutions That Will Finally Address These Inequities And Change Those Numbers. ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 6/25/20; Minute 2:00)**



([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 6/25/20; Minute 2:00)

**Williams: “I Hope That We Continue To Take Large, Meaningful, And Quick Steps Towards Justice And Breaking Down All Of Our Racist Systems.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/20/21)



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senwilliamspa We took a small step towards justice today. It would not have been possible without the brave actions of then 17-year-old Darnella Frazier recording those 9 minutes and 29 seconds. The verdict does not bring back George Floyd, but I hope it brings his family and friends some solace. I hope that we continue to take large, meaningful, and quick steps towards justice and breaking down all of our racist systems. [#BlackLivesMatter](#)

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/20/21)

**Williams: “Systemic Racism Absolutely Exists Within The Entire Criminal Justice System And The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office Is No Exception.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), 6/4/21)



senwilliamspa In light of District Attorney Stephen Zappala's retaliatory actions against clients of attorney Milton Raiford, a Black attorney who called out the systemic racism of the Allegheny County DA's office, I am joining my House colleagues in asking for Mr. Zappala to do the following:

1. Immediately rescind this policy and publicly commit to enacting policies in the DA's office that seek justice fairly and impartially;
2. Formally apologize to Attorney Raiford and to the residents of Allegheny County for using the position that they entrusted to him to pursue vengeance and not justice; and
3. Open his office to a review by a special prosecutor of cases of Raiford and other attorneys, like Frank Walker, who may have agreed with Raiford's statements regarding how defendants were treated.

DA Zappala decided not to offer plea deals to attorney Milton Raiford's clients after Raiford spoke out against systemic racism in the DA's office. Systemic racism absolutely exists within the entire criminal justice system and the Allegheny County District Attorney's office is no exception. These actions are a betrayal of the public's trust in their ability to receive equal justice and treatment under the law. Elected officials and our offices are not above criticism-- it is our job to be pushed to make this world better for everyone. The actions taken by DA Zappala are discriminatory and only make worse the divide in our criminal justice system that treats Black individuals more harshly than others.

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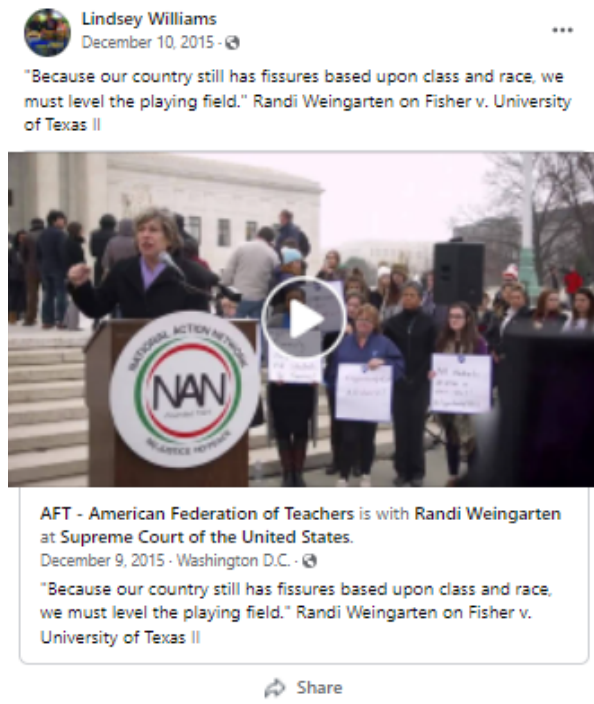
**In 2016, Williams Posted A Piece Contending “Peace Without Justice Is No Peace At All For Those Who Live Under The Boot Of Structural Racism.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/6/16)



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***Williams Promoted Continued Use Of Affirmative Action In Education***

**In December 2015, Williams Posted Remarks From AFT Leader Randi Weingarten Calling For The Continuation Of Affirmative Action Policies In Education.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 12/10/15)

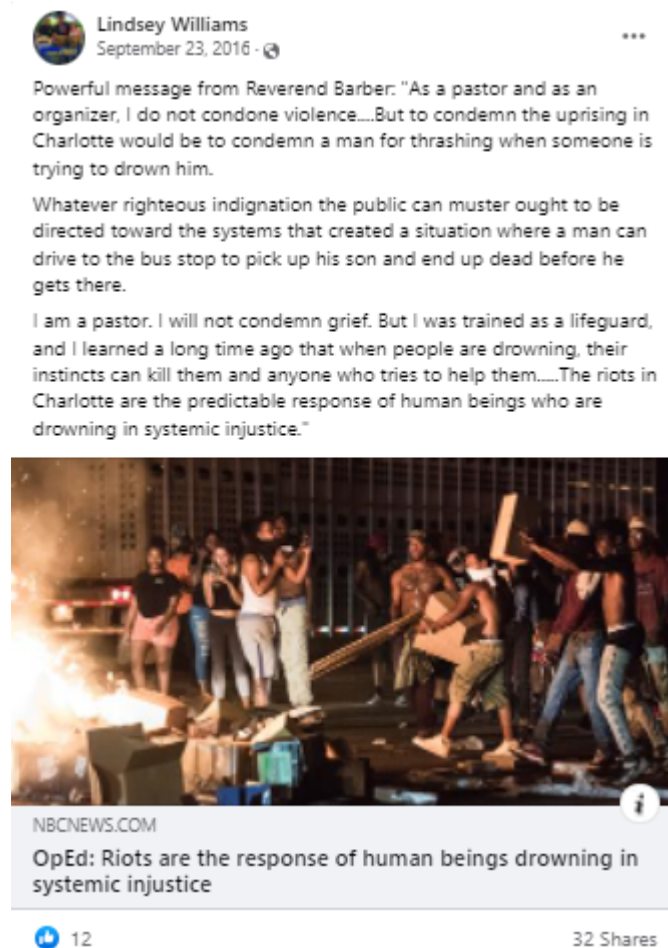


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## LAW AND ORDER POSITIONS

### *Williams Promoted A Justification For Race Riots In 2016*

**In September 2016, Williams Promoted A Message From Radical Activist Rev. William Barber Who Argued That Civil Unrest And Violent Protests In Charlotte Should Not Be Condemned Noting “The Riots In Charlotte Are The Predictable Response Of Human Beings Who Are Drowning In Systemic Injustice.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/23/16)



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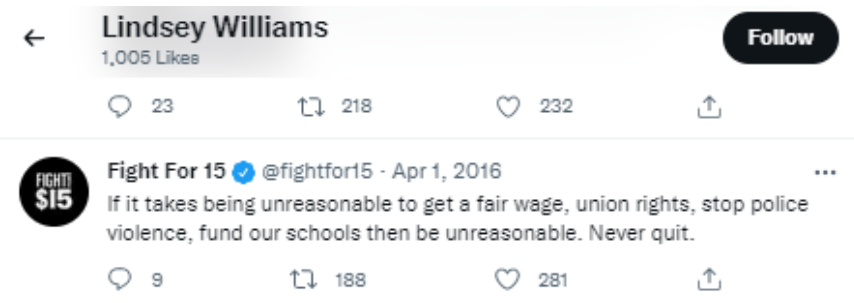
### *Williams Has Articulated And Promoted Anti-Police Sentiments*

**Williams Liked A Tweet Claiming “Are Any Cops Planning To Publicly Renounce Police Brutality Or Do Only Muslims Have To Do That After Every Terrorist Attack?”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



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**Williams Liked A Tweet Noting “If It Takes Being Unreasonable To Get A Fair Wage, Union Rights, Stop Police Violence, Fund Our Schools Then Be Unreasonable. Never Quit.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



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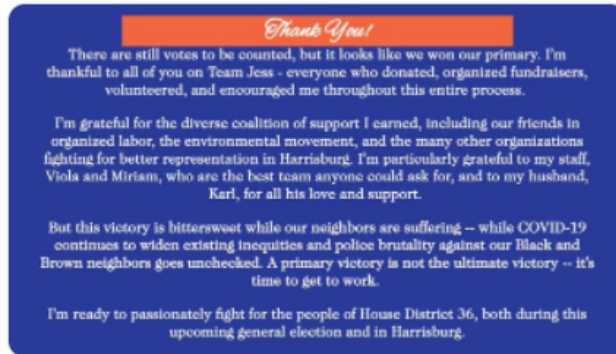
**Williams Retweeted A Post Noting “This Victory Is Bittersweet While Our Neighbors Are Suffering-While COVID-19 Continues To Widen Existing Inequities & Police Brutality Against Our Black And Brown Neighbors Goes Unchecked.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 6/3/20)

Lindsey Williams Retweeted



Jessica Benham  
@jessicalbenham

This victory is bittersweet while our neighbors are suffering-while COVID-19 continues to widen existing inequities & police brutality against our Black and Brown neighbors goes unchecked. It's time to get to work. I'm ready to passionately fight for the people of HD 36.

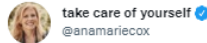


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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 6/3/20)

**Williams Retweeted A Post Noting “I'd Rather Stand In The Street And Die For Something Than Be Shot By A Racist Cop. I'd Rather He See Me Stand.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Posted 7/7/16)

Lindsey Williams Retweeted



take care of yourself  
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"I'd rather stand in the street and die for something than be shot by a racist cop. I'd rather he see me stand."



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([Williams Twitter](#), Posted 7/7/16)



## *Williams Opposes A Nationwide Stop And Frisk Policy As “Racist”*

**In October 2016, Williams Described Trump’s Promotion Of A National Stop And Frisk Policy As “Racist.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 10/31/16)



Lindsey Williams  
October 31, 2016 · 🌐

This article is kind of where I'm at with the email thing. Yes, it is an issue that deserves coverage. Yes, she deserves to be questioned about it. Where I have trouble is why people cannot seem to get past the email thing, but they can get past Trump bragging about sexually assaulting women, encouraging the use of nuclear weapons, committing fraud with his charity and university, advocating for racist national stop and frisk, not releasing tax returns that could reveal massive conflicts of interest, calling for an unconstitutional ban on Muslims entering the country, being successfully sued for racial discrimination, having an embarrassingly deficient understanding of foreign policy, trashing the sacrifices of veterans like John McCain and Captain Kahn, calling Mexicans rapists, saying a judge can't do his job because he is Mexican, repeatedly degrading women, saying that women should be punished for having abortions, mocking a disabled reporter and then lying about it, advocating the use of torture and going after the families of suspected terrorists, cheating workers and subcontractors, denying that climate change exists, and wanting to end freedom of the press.

I just don't get how the emails out weighs all of that. Clinton is not perfect. No one is. But Trump is a serious threat to our democracy.

([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 10/31/16)

## *Williams Has Opposed Legislative Efforts To Improve Safety In Schools*

### **In 2019, Williams Criticized Legislation That Allows SROs To Have Their Arrest Powers Restored**

**In 2019, The PA Legislature Passed Legislation Allowing For SROs To Have Their Arrest Powers Restored.** “Legislation aimed at restoring arrest powers for school police that was inadvertently taken away in a school safety law enacted last summer won passage in the Senate on Wednesday. The bill, which passed by a 28-20 vote, now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. The House could consider voting on it as soon as next week, according to a House Republican leadership spokesman. A spokesman for Gov. Tom Wolf said he will make a determination as to whether he will sign it if or when it reaches his desk. The provision to return arrest powers was added to a noncontroversial school code bill that allows for students to receive course credit upon the successful completion of a personal financial literacy course during grades nine through 12. Sen. Mike Regan, R-York County, who advocated the legislative fix to the earlier enacted school safety law, said, “I am pleased that the Legislature acted quickly to reinstate arrest powers for school police officers so they can continue to do their jobs protecting our children.” (*Patriot News*, 10/24/19)

- **“Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, Didn’t Object To Restoring Arrest Powers To School Police. However, She Said In Her Floor Remarks She Remains Disturbed By A Provision In The Law Enacted This Summer That Allows School Security Guards Hired Through Third-Party Vendors To Be Armed.”** “Sen. Lindsey

Williams, D-Allegheny County, didn't object to restoring arrest powers to school police. However, she said in her floor remarks she remains disturbed by a provision in the law enacted this summer that allows school security guards hired through third-party vendors to be armed. "I was and still am deeply concerned about security guards who have been hired by third-party vendors with no law enforcement training and no law enforcement experience brandishing a live firearm around our kids," she said. Senate Education Committee Chairman Wayne Langerholc, R-Cambria County, argued against her attempt to strike that provision from the law, saying school security guards must clear criminal history and child abuse clearance checks and be trained in how to handle a lethal weapon." (*Patriot News*, 10/24/19)

**In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That "Improves School Security By Strengthening Last Year's School Safety And Security Law And Clarifying Policy Regarding Armed Security"**

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 621, Which Amends Provisions Relating To School Police Officers, School Resource Officers And School Security Guards; And Imposing Powers And Duties On The Pennsylvania Commission On Crime And Delinquency.** ([SB 621](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/11/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: "This Bill Improves School Security By Strengthening Last Year's School Safety And Security Law And Clarifying Policy Regarding Armed Security."** "This bill improves school security by strengthening last year's School Safety and Security Law and clarifying policy regarding armed security. Under the bill, an oversight is corrected to clarify that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs may serve as school resource officers. Furthermore, the bill ensures that local schools may authorize their security guards to carry firearms. The bill also establishes a baseline of training for all school security personnel, whether armed or not, to ensure students and educators are properly protected. ACU supports efforts to strengthen school safety, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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- **"Furthermore, The Bill Ensures That Local Schools May Authorize Their Security Guards To Carry Firearms."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)
- **"The Bill Also Establishes A Baseline Of Training For All School Security Personnel, Whether Armed Or Not, To Ensure Students And Educators Are Properly Protected."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union "Supports Efforts To Strengthen School Safety, Supports The Founders' Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported This Bill."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)



## WILLIAMS OPPOSES STRICT IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY POLICIES

**VIDEO: Williams Attended A Rally In January 2017 Against Trump’s Proposed Muslim Ban And Wall; She Marched Alongside People Calling For “Full Rights For All Immigrants.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 1/28/17)



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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 1/28/17)

**In 2018, Williams Attended A Rally Protesting The Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policies.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 6/30/18)



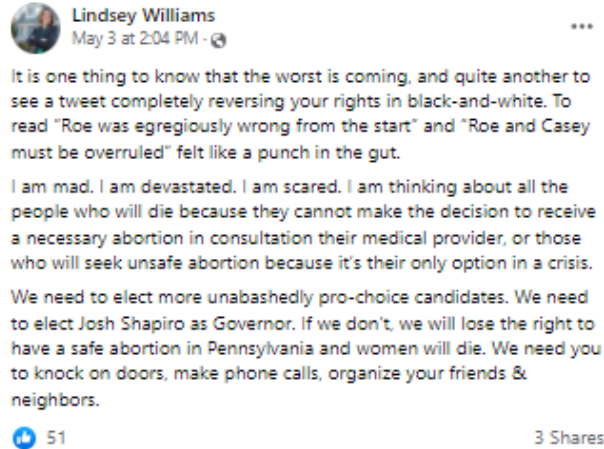
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([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 6/30/18)

## WILLIAMS APPEARS TO BE PRO-ABORTION

### *Williams Is Pro-Choice*

**Williams: “We Need To Elect More Unabashedly Pro-Choice Candidates. We Need To Elect Josh Shapiro As Governor. If We Don’t, We Will Lose The Right To Have A Safe Abortion In Pennsylvania And Women Will Die.”** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 5/3/22)



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### *Williams Is Associated With Pro-Abortion Advocacy Groups*

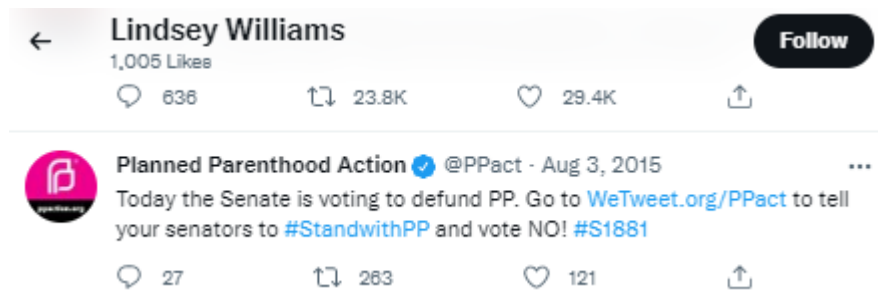
#### Williams Supports Planned Parenthood

**In September 2015, Williams Changed Her Facebook Profile Picture To Note She Supported Planned Parenthood.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/28/15)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/28/15)

- **Williams Liked A Tweet Opposing The Defunding Of Planned Parenthood.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



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**December 2018: “In Response To Ongoing Republican Efforts To Refuse To Seat Pennsylvania Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams (SD-38), EMILY's List, The Nation's Largest Resource For Women In Politics, Reiterated Their Strong Support Of Lindsey...”**

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**In April 2022, Williams Was Endorsed By Emily’s List**

**In April 2022, Williams Was Endorsed By Emily’s List.** “Today, EMILY's List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, endorsed 19 women for election to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Laphonza Butler, president of EMILY's List, released the following statement: EMILY's List is thrilled to announce that we are endorsing 19 candidates for election to the Pennsylvania legislature. These candidates are dedicated to pursuing policies promoting reproductive justice, LGBTQ+ equality, affordable health care, and a stronger, fairer economy. These pro-choice champions are critical to protecting abortion access in the state, and we are eager to see them continue advancing justice across Pennsylvania and in the General Assembly.” (Press Release, “Emily's List Endorses Slate Of Candidates For The Pennsylvania General Assembly,” Emily’s List, 4/28/22)

- **NOTE:** *Williams is listed among the endorsed candidates later in the press release.*

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Prohibits An Individual From Performing An Abortion If It Is Sought Because The Unborn Child Receives A Prenatal Diagnosis Of Down Syndrome”***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 321, Which Amends The Abortion Control Act Of The Crimes Code, To Further Provide For The Definition Of ‘Down Syndrome.’** ([HB 321](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-22), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/20/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**MEMO: “Under Current Law, A Woman Can Obtain An Abortion Prior To 24 Weeks Gestational Age For Any Reason If A Physician Deems It Is Necessary, Except If The Woman’s Sole Reason Is To Select The Sex Of The Child. This Bill Will Expand That Exception To Prohibit Aborting The Child Solely Due To A Prenatal Diagnosis That The Unborn Child Has Down Syndrome.”** ([Down Syndrome Protection Legislation](#))

**MEMORANDUM**

Posted: February 13, 2019 12:59 PM  
From: [Representative Kate A. Klunk](#) and [Rep. Mike Turzai](#)  
To: All House members  
Subject: Down Syndrome Protection Legislation

We plan to re-introduce legislation amending the Abortion Control Act to prohibit the abortion of any child solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down Syndrome. Last session, this legislation passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 139-56.

Under current law, a woman can obtain an abortion prior to 24 weeks gestational age for any reason if a physician deems it is necessary, except if the woman's sole reason is to select the sex of the child. This bill will expand that exception to prohibit aborting the child solely due to a prenatal diagnosis that the unborn child has Down Syndrome. Nothing in this proposal would interfere with the existing ability of a woman to obtain an abortion in cases of rape, incest or endangerment to the mother, which are contained in different sections of the Abortion Control Act.

([Down Syndrome Protection Legislation](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Protect Life By Prohibiting An Individual From Performing An Abortion If It Is Sought Because The Unborn Child Receives A Prenatal Diagnosis Of Down Syndrome.”** “This bill would protect life by prohibiting an individual from performing an abortion if it is sought because the unborn child receives a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. ACU believes every human life is endowed with inherent dignity and deserves protection, believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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**WILLIAMS BACKED MEASURES MAKING CONCESSIONS TO  
TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS**

***In 2022, Williams Was Among The Senators To Back A Proposed Reform To Remove Sex From Birth Certificates In Order To Better Accommodate Transgender Individuals***

**In January 2022, Williams And Muth Were Among The Senators To Back A Proposed Reform To Remove Sex From Birth Certificates In Order To Better Accommodate**

**Transgender Individuals.** “State Senate Democrats want to remove sex from Pennsylvania birth certificates among a series of policy changes they say will make life in the commonwealth easier for transgender individuals. In a joint memo seeking support for legislation they're about to propose, Sens. Tim Kearney, Amanda Cappelletti, Katie Muth and Lindsey Williams told their colleagues they were motivated to introduce a package of bills after a Senate Democratic Policy Hearing in June taught them more about the challenges facing transgender Pennsylvanians. The senators said they want to "remove some of the legal barriers the LGBTQ community faces when living as their authentic selves." "Soon, we intend to introduce legislation to protect individual privacy and prevent discrimination by removing sex designations on PA birth certificates," the memo said. As of Wednesday, the proposed legislation from Senate Democrats was little more than a wish list and likely to stay that way in the Republican-controlled Legislature.” (*The Herald-Mail*, 1/24/22)

***In 2022, Williams Was Critical Of Measures Intended To Ban Transgender Athletes From Competing In Women’s Sports***

**In April 2022, Williams Was Critical Of Measures Intended To Ban Transgender Athletes From Competing In Women’s Sports.** “The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is poised to vote as early as Tuesday on legislation banning transgender athletes from competing in women's sports in a move supporters say is necessary to protect athletic opportunities for young women in the commonwealth. A similar bill moved out of the Senate Education Committee on Monday by a 7-4 party-line vote. Neither stand to win Gov. Tom Wolf's signature. He regards them as discriminatory, saying they would deny opportunities to certain children. "Trans youth should know that they belong, that they are valued, and that their participation in school activities is welcomed," a spokeswoman for Wolf has said. Both the House and Senate bills are characterized as efforts to preserve Title IX, a law that forbids sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs including athletics. "It's essential to protect the opportunities for our female athletes to compete on the athletic field," said Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair County, who is Senate bill's sponsor along with Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York County, during the Senate Education Committee discussion of the bill. "Allowing biological males to compete in women's sports threatens to undo the progress that we've witnessed since the enactment of Title IX," Ward said. But Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, listed a number of school counselors, social workers, psychologists and administrator organizations that oppose the bill. Those groups maintain it will cause harm to students. She read from a letter the groups sent that states there is no empirical evidence that cisgender females have been negatively impacted by the inclusion of trans females on athletic teams. It goes on to point out the high rates of violence, depression, substance abuse and suicidality of trans youth and concludes with a plea not to marginalize this group of people any further. "I'm disappointed that we're voting this bill," Williams said. "This bill will cause significant harm to the mental health of our transgender students.”” (*The Patriot News*, 4/11/22)

- **Williams: “Republicans On The Senate Education Committee Voted SB1191, Legislation That Would Ban Transgender Student Athletes From Participating On Sports Teams Consistent With Their Gender Identity, Out Of Committee On A Party Line Vote. I’m Disappointed That We Ran This Bill, Which Will Hurt Our**



**Transgender Students, Their Families, And The Entire Community.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/12/22)



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I'm disappointed that we ran this bill, which will hurt our transgender students, their families, and the entire community. As part of my remarks, I read a portion of a letter from 9 state and national school psychologist, counselor, social work, and education associations explaining why this isn't just a bad bill, but one that will actively cause harm to these students.

High school sports were a huge part of my life, and being an athlete gave me the confidence, time management skills, and ability to work collaboratively that got me to where I am today. Absolutely NOTHING about having another student participate on those teams, consistent with their gender identity, would have taken those things away from me. In fact, having them as teammates and competitors would only have enriched that experience for me.

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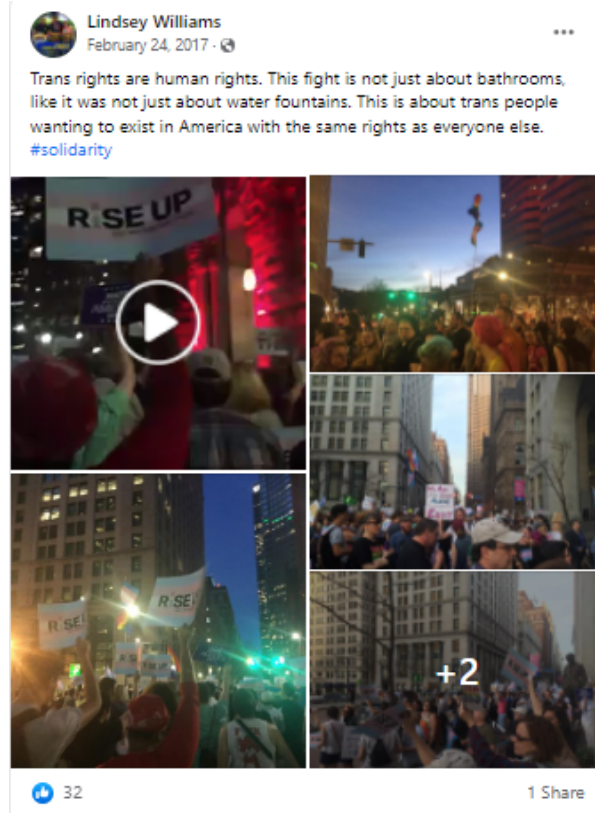
murphy412 We need adults to keep that garbage out of the public, I ask you, if a 50yo biological male who "identifies as a woman" goes into the same bathroom as your daughter how would you feel? These clowns need to be pointed out who support this garbage because once you go to a point you can't turn back. There are real sick people out there who will take

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/12/22)

***In 2017, Williams Attended A Protest In Support Of Transgender Bathroom Access And Noted “Trans Rights Are Human Rights.”***

**In 2017, Williams Attended A Protest In Support Of Transgender Bathroom Access And Noted “Trans Rights Are Human Rights. This Fight Is Not Just About Bathrooms, Like It Was Not Just About Water Fountains. This Is About Trans People Wanting To Exist In America With The Same Rights As Everyone Else.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/24/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/24/17)

## **WILLIAMS HAS EXPRESSED ANTI-SECOND AMENDMENT SENTIMENTS**

***In 2020, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Provides A Crucial Check On ‘Emergency’ Powers By Prohibiting Any Governmental Entity Or Official From Infringing Second Amendment Rights Under The Guise Of An Emergency”***

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported The Bill”**

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 1747, Which “Amends The Crimes Code By Removing The Current Prohibition Of Carrying A Firearm In Public During An Emergency Proclamation From The State Or A Municipal Government.”** ([HB 1747](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/18/20, Williams Voted Nay)

### **ANALYSIS:**

HB 1747 amends the Crimes Code by removing the current prohibition of carrying a firearm in public during an emergency proclamation from the State or a municipal government.

In addition, HB 1747 further amends the Health and Safety Code by removing the gubernatorial authority to limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of firearms during a disaster emergency declaration.

([HB 1747](#))



**ACU: “This Bill Provides A Crucial Check On ‘Emergency’ Powers By Prohibiting Any Governmental Entity Or Official From Infringing Second Amendment Rights Under The Guise Of An Emergency.”** “This bill provides a crucial check on “emergency” powers by prohibiting any governmental entity or official from infringing Second Amendment rights under the guise of an emergency. Specifically, the bill bars government from suspending or limiting the lawful sale of firearms, preventing the transportation of firearms, or restricting open carry rights during a government-declared emergency. The bill is partly in response to the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) which has prompted certain officials to shut down firearm dealers and servicers due to their alleged status as “non-essential businesses,” (a vague and arbitrary term) therefore restricting the ability of law-abiding individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported The Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## **WILLIAMS DID NOT SUPPORT AN EXPANSION OF HUNTING DAYS**

***In June 2021, Williams Was Among The Legislators To Vote In Committee Against A Measure Adding Sunday Hunting Days***

**In June 2021, Williams Was Among The Legislators To Vote In Committee Against A Measure Adding Sunday Hunting Days.** “The Senate Game and Fisheries Committee have voted to approve legislation that would allow the Game Commission to determine how many Sundays should be open to hunting. Current law limits Sunday hunting to three weekends and until last year, Sunday hunting was prohibited. Act 107 of 2019, which was introduced as Senate Bill 147, allowed the Pennsylvania Game Commission to designate three Sundays for hunting. Last year, Sunday hunting debuted in Pennsylvania with hunting allowed on Sunday, Nov. 15 for archery deer hunting and the following two Sundays for firearms bear season and firearms deer season. Senate Bill 607, sponsored by state Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-Erie County, the chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee, would completely repeal the Sunday hunting ban and allow the Game Commission to determine how many hunting seasons should include Sunday hunting. The measure was approved by the Game and Fisheries committee by a 7-4 vote with three Republicans — Senate President Pro Tem Jake Corman, R-Centre County, Sen. Cris Dush, R-Indiana County and Sen. Scott Hutchison, R-Venango County — and state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, opposed.” (*The Danville News*, 6/16/21)

## **WILLIAMS IS A CONSISTENT OPPONENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CHOICE, SEEKING TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS ON THE ENTITIES WHILE CUTTING FUNDINGS**

### ***In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Call For Additional Education Funding And Opposition To Legislation Weakening School District Oversight Of Charter Schools***

**In May 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Call For Additional Education Funding And Opposition To Legislation Weakening School District Oversight Of Charter Schools.** “Allegheny Traditional Academy, a K-5 school on the North Side that was built in 1904, needs about \$10 million worth of "significant" capital improvements just so it can remain functional and safe for teachers and students, educators say. Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Anthony Hamlet highlighted the building during a news conference at the school Thursday in which he and several other local educators and advocates called on the Pennsylvania Legislature to provide better funding for public schools. "To do what is right for our kids, we must acknowledge the financial stressors that our district is under," Mr. Hamlet said. "I look forward to working with members of the Legislature, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and to ensure students in Pittsburgh Public Schools receive the valuable resources they deserve." He was joined by state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-West View; PPS board member Sylvia Wilson; Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers President Nina Esposito-Visgitis; and Angel Gober, an education organizer with ONE Pennsylvania. During brief remarks, they called on the state to invest more in its public schools, particularly in programs like PlanCon for capital improvement and building projects. They want lawmakers to reject proposed legislation they believe will weaken school district oversight on charter schools, and they want to prevent the expansion of the Education Improvement Tax Credit program.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/23/19)

### ***In 2020, Williams Sponsored Legislation To Reform Charter School Funding – A Measure That Could Reduce Funding For Charter Schools Millions Of Dollars***

**In February 2020, Gov. Tom Wolf Backed Legislation To Reform Charter School Funding – A Measure That Could Reduce Funding For Charter Schools Millions Of Dollars.** “Gov. Tom Wolf is pushing significant changes to Pennsylvania’s charter school law that his office says could save school districts statewide \$280 million a year but would leave the existing charters less funding each year. The changes are outlined in a bill, sponsored by several Democratic House and Senate lawmakers and released Monday by the governor’s office, that would change the way district payments to charters are calculated. It follows Wolf’s call last year to overhaul Pennsylvania’s rules for charter school funding and accountability, as districts statewide complained about how their budgets are affected by schools that they say they have insufficient ability to regulate. “Every student deserves a great education, whether in a traditional public school or a charter school, but the state’s flawed and outdated charter school law is failing children, parents, and taxpayers,” Wolf said in a statement Monday. “Pennsylvania has a history of school choice, which I support, but there is widespread agreement that we must change the law to prioritize quality and align funding to actual costs.” Pa. superintendents join to demand

charter school reform ahead of Wolf's budget proposal. Republicans who control the Legislature did not immediately comment on the bill, which had not yet been formally filed. Ana Meyers, executive director of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, called it a "slash-and-burn proposal" that would mean "punitive and discriminatory" funding cuts for charter-school students." (Philly.com, 2/3/20)

- **Williams Sponsored The Legislation.** "Mike Straub, a spokesperson for House Republicans, said it was "too early to tell" how much support the charter law changes may have going forward because the sponsoring lawmakers -- Sens. Lindsey Williams and James Brewster of Allegheny County, and Rep. Joe Ciresi of Montgomery County -- were still collecting cosponsors." (Philly.com, 2/3/20)
- **"The Legislation Backed By Wolf Would Set A Statewide Rate For What School Districts Pay Cyber Charter Schools, Which Are Authorized By The State Education Department And Enroll Students From Across Pennsylvania."** "Gov. Wolf proposed more money for public schools, but districts say math just doesn't add up. More than 70% of school districts surveyed this year by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association identified charter school tuition as one of their biggest budget pressures, surpassing pension contributions as the most commonly identified factor. Districts pay charter schools based on enrollment and what districts spend on their students -- a rate that varies widely across the state. The legislation backed by Wolf would set a statewide rate for what school districts pay cyber charter schools, which are authorized by the state education department and enroll students from across Pennsylvania. Cyber charter costs have been a growing concern for traditional public school advocates, as well as lawmakers -- including some Republicans. The House Education Committee last month held a hearing on a bill sponsored by Rep. Curt Sonney (R., Erie), that would dissolve cyber charters but require that every school district offer three full-time cyber school options. The bill backed by Wolf would prohibit enrollment increases at cyber charters with poor academic performance, an issue that has plagued the state's cyber charter sector." (Philly.com, 2/3/20)
- **The Legislation Would Also Tighten Funding And Oversight Of Brick And Mortar Charter Schools.** "It would also change how districts fund charters for special education students, setting different rates based on the severity of the student's needs. Among other provisions, the legislation would create a standard statewide framework for new charter applications. Brick-and-mortar charter schools are evaluated and approved by individual school districts. It would also tighten regulations for charter management companies, making the private companies that contract with charters subject to the state Right-to-Know law. It would bar charter schools from advertising themselves to parents as "free," requiring they indicate costs are paid by taxpayers." (Philly.com, 2/3/20)

***In 2020, Williams Was Among The Sponsors Of The Wolf-Backed SB 27, Which Tightened Charter School Oversight***

**In December 2020, Williams Was Among The Sponsors Of The Wolf-Backed SB 27, Which Tightened Charter School Oversight.** "Governor Wolf helped establish a charter school in York County and is a longtime supporter of school choice, but real choice means quality learning. While some charter schools provide a great education, many charters, especially cyber

charter schools, have poor educational outcomes. The plan ensures charter schools are providing students with a quality education. Despite costing taxpayers more than \$2 billion a year, charter schools have little public oversight and no publicly elected school board. For-profit companies that manage many charter schools are not required to have independent financial audits. The governor's plan increases transparency to restore the public's trust in charter schools by holding the for-profit companies that manage many of the schools to the same financial and ethical standards as school districts. The governor was joined for a press conference by Sen. Lindsey Williams and Rep. Joe Ciresi, State College Area School District Superintendent Dr. Robert O'Donnell and Bellefonte Area School District Board member Donna Smith. Sens. Williams and Jim Brewster are the prime sponsors of SB 27, and Rep. Ciresi is the prime sponsor of HB 272.” (Press Release, “Gov. Wolf Unveils Bipartisan Charter School Accountability Plan To Protect All Students And Taxpayers,” PA Governor, 12/27/20)

***In 2021, Gov. Wolf And Williams Promoted A Bill That “Standardizes Charter School Tuition Rates And Adds Accountability Provisions To Give Local Districts A Clearer View Of How The Funding Gets Spent”***

**In March 2021, “The Governor Joined Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-Royersford, And Educational Leaders From Across The State To Stump For A Forthcoming Bill That Standardizes Charter School Tuition Rates And Adds Accountability Provisions To Give Local Districts A Clearer View Of How The Funding Gets Spent.”** “Gov. Tom Wolf said recently that cutting funding and increasing accountability for underperforming charter schools makes better use of taxpayer dollars than the current system. "If we don't fix the problems in our charter schools now, we are setting our children up for failure and that's unacceptable," Wolf said during a news conference. "We are also charging our taxpayers too much and that's unacceptable. Both of these are unacceptable." But school choice groups say the repackaged messaging doesn't change the fact that districts don't undergo the same level of scrutiny or face funding cuts for poor student performance. "Pennsylvania families across the Commonwealth are enjoying their lawful rights to enrolling their children in public charter schools," said Lenny McAllister, CEO of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools. "The General Assembly created charter schools 24 years ago to be a public alternative to school districts for families who couldn't afford the educational choices available to those with the resources to pay for it. The governor wants to slash funding and limit these options for our state's neediest families to benefit his political allies." The governor joined Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-Royersford, and educational leaders from across the state to stump for a forthcoming bill that standardizes charter school tuition rates and adds accountability provisions to give local districts a clearer view of how the funding gets spent.” (The Daily American, 3/2/21)

***In 2021, Williams Was Vocally Opposed To SB 1, Which Proposed To Dramatically Increase The Tax Credits Available To Corporations That Donated To Scholarship Funds For Private Schools***

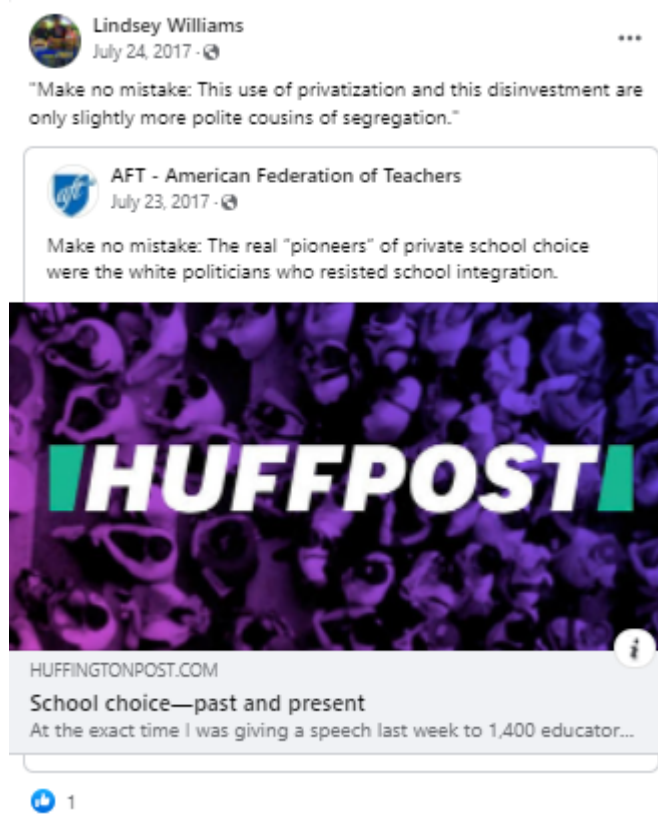
**In June 2021, Williams Was Vocally Opposed To SB 1, Which Proposed To Dramatically Increase The Tax Credits Available To Corporations That Donated To Scholarship Funds**

**For Private Schools.** “It also boosts the cap available for tax credits to fund innovative public education programs from \$37.5 million to \$50 million and for pre-kindergarten scholarship organizations from \$12.5 million to \$15 million. Further, it provides for an automatic 25% increase in the amount of tax credits available if 90% or more of the tax credits are claimed in the prior year, which would begin in 2022-23. Could property taxes rise? Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, said with that automatic escalator included, it means these tax credits could swell to a maximum of \$1 billion in five years, \$3 billion in 10 years, and \$8.5 billion in 15 years. "Senate Bill 1 is entitled Excellence in Education for All but I'm struggling with how this bill accomplishes that," Williams said. "Senate Bill 1 is a massive tax break for corporations which ultimately leads to incredible increases to property taxes for average Pennsylvanians." She also was critical of the bill's failure to reform how cyber charter schools are funded as well as to apply the special education funding formula that the state uses to distribute money to school districts to charter schools. Martin said both were areas that he was open to discussing further.”  
(*The Patriot News*, 6/7/21)

***Controversially, Williams Has Promoted Implications That School Choice Proponents Are The Heirs To Racist School Integration Opponents***

**In July 2017, Williams Promoted An Article That Contended That The Same People Who Promoted School Choice “Were The White Politicians Who Resisted School Integration.”**

([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/24/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/24/17)



## **WILLIAMS SPEARHEADED EFFORTS TO DENY LEGITIMACY TO A PITTSBURGH-BASED CHARTER SCHOOL**

***In January 2019, Williams Urged The PA Charter School Appeal Board To Reject Catalyst Academy's Appeal Of Their Denied Charter Application By The Pittsburgh Public School Board***

**In January 2019, Williams Urged The PA Charter School Appeal Board To Reject Catalyst Academy's Appeal Of Their Denied Charter Application By The Pittsburgh Public School Board.** "The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Senator Lindsey Williams joined education advocates and representatives of One Pennsylvania, Education Rights Network, Pennsylvania Interface Impact Network, and the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers today to urge the Pennsylvania Charter School Appeal Board to reject Catalyst Academy's efforts to challenge the denial of their charter application. "I listened to the Catalyst Academy presentation and read their materials with an open mind during their application," said Senator Williams, "but what I found was that Catalyst's proposed charter school didn't offer anything that Pittsburgh Public Schools doesn't already offer to its students." Pittsburgh Public School board members unanimously rejected the Catalyst Academy charter application in February 2018, citing concerns including the school's overbroad, aggressive proposed disciplinary policies and lack of plans to meet the needs of special education students. "We're here today asking the Charter School Appeal Board to look at the mountain of evidence that the Pittsburgh Public School Board has presented about the deficiencies in Catalyst Academy's application and to follow existing charter school law and deny the application." (Press Release, "Senator Lindsey Williams Urges PA Charter School Appeal Board To Deny Catalyst Academy Appeal," PA Senate Democrats, 1/23/19)

***In February 2019, "Catalyst Academy, A Proposed Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade Charter School, Won Its Appeal To The State By A 3-2 Vote, After The Board Of Pittsburgh Public Schools Denied The School's Charter Application In A Unanimous Vote In February 2018"***

**In February 2019, "Catalyst Academy, A Proposed Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade Charter School, Won Its Appeal To The State By A 3-2 Vote, After The Board Of Pittsburgh Public Schools Denied The School's Charter Application In A Unanimous Vote In February 2018."** "The Pennsylvania Charter Appeals Board voted Tuesday to overturn a decision of the Pittsburgh school board and approve a new charter school in the city. Catalyst Academy, a proposed kindergarten through eighth grade charter school, won its appeal to the state by a 3-2 vote, after the board of Pittsburgh Public Schools denied the school's charter application in a unanimous vote in February 2018. In a news release, leaders for Catalyst Academy argued that it had the strongest charter application of any considered in recent years by the city school board. "We developed a detailed, innovative school plan that has now been recognized by both Pittsburgh school district experts and the (Pennsylvania) Charter Appeals Board as having met the rigorous criteria," said Brian Smith, Catalyst's founder and CEO, in a statement. "We are excited that today's decision enables us to put our plan into action and

provide a high-quality school that prepares our future students for college, career and life.”  
(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2/26/19)

## **WILLIAMS OPPOSED MEASURES TO ENSURE CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY IN SCHOOLS**

### ***In 2021, Williams Was Critical Of A Measure Requiring Schools To Post Their Curriculums Online, Deeming It An Onerous Unfunded Mandate***

**In October 2021, Williams Was Critical Of A Measure Requiring Schools To Post Their Curriculums Online, Deeming It An Onerous Unfunded Mandate.** “A bill that would require school districts to post curriculum online received approval from a key Senate panel on Monday. The Senate Education Committee voted along party lines to advance House Bill 1332[1] to the chamber floor for consideration. '[The bill] allows parents to play a greater and more active role in the oversight of what their children are being taught,' said Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Gettysburg, before noting that giving online access to the course information will help 'restore trust.' But Democrats on the committee warned that unfunded mandate will further burden school staff and invite unwarranted criticism. 'I'm all for transparency and accountability but right here we have an unfunded mandate on school districts who are already under a lot of pressure,' said Democratic Chairwoman Lindsey Williams. 'And this is also part of a larger movement to pit the public against teachers and politicize education while undermining the teaching of accurate history and racial and cultural confidence.' The sentiments echo concerns relayed[2] by Democrats on the House floor when the lower chamber approved the bill last week.” (The Center Square, 10/28/21)

## **WILLIAMS HAS OPPOSED LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE**

### ***In May 2019, Williams “Decried Proposed Legislation Regarding Facilities That Charter Schools Can Use And Creating A Uniform Application Process For New Charter Schools; A \$100 Million Expansion Of The EITC Private School Scholarship Program...”***

#### **Williams Called Expansion Of The EITC A “Back Door Voucher Program”**

**In May 2019, Williams Was Among A Group Of Democratic Legislators Who “Decried Proposed Legislation Regarding Facilities That Charter Schools Can Use And Creating A Uniform Application Process For New Charter Schools; A \$100 Million Expansion Of The EITC Private School Scholarship Program, Which Ms. Williams Called A "Back Door Voucher Program"; The Makeup Of The Charter Appeals Board, Whose Members Were Appointed Years Ago By Former Gov. Tom Corbett; And Funding For Cybercharter Schools, Which They Argue Should Be Lower Because They Have Lower Overhead Costs Than Brick-And-Mortar Schools.”** “She noted that Pennsylvania ranks in the bottom of all states for educational funding. "Though Gov. [Tom] Wolf has supported education by increasing funding each year since he was elected - and we do appreciate that - it's unacceptable for a state that leads in so many ways." During the news conference, the group decried proposed legislation



regarding facilities that charter schools can use and creating a uniform application process for new charter schools; a \$100 million expansion of the EITC private school scholarship program, which Ms. Williams called a "back door voucher program"; the makeup of the Charter Appeals Board, whose members were appointed years ago by former Gov. Tom Corbett; and funding for cybercharter schools, which they argue should be lower because they have lower overhead costs than brick-and-mortar schools. Public school districts pay charter schools "tuition" for students who live within the district's borders and attend a charter school. Some of the speakers argued that the charter schools and the EITC program siphon money from school districts and students who need the most resources. "We all know that one of the best investments we can make as a commonwealth is in education," Ms. Williams said. "Our collective future depends on making sure that everyone has access to a quality education, from early childhood, to K through 12, to career and technical education to postsecondary. Thankfully, Pennsylvania may be right near the bottom, but we have a governor who has made strategic investments over the past four years to move that line. But we have a lot of work to do; we need to continue to increase those investments all the way along the board.'" (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/23/19)

***In 2019, Williams Voted Against Legislation That “Would Provide More Students The Opportunity To Attend The School Of Their Choice By Expanding The State’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit”***

**Muth Voted Nay On HB 800, Which Amends Article XX-B (Educational Tax Credits) Of The Public School Code To Make Changes To The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program.** ([HB 800](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28-21), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/11/19, Muth Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “House Bill 800 amends Article XX-B (Educational Tax Credits) of the Public School Code to make changes to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. The legislation increases the total amount of tax credits available for contributions to scholarship organizations by \$100 million from the current \$110 million to \$210 million. Beginning July 1, 2019, the legislation provides for the amount of tax credits available for contributions to scholarship organizations to increase by 10% annually if more than 90% of the total aggregate amount of tax credits are used by taxpayers during the prior fiscal year and the General Assembly has not otherwise enacted an increase to the dollar amount provided for scholarship organizations.” ([HB 800](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Provide More Students The Opportunity To Attend The School Of Their Choice By Expanding The State’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC).”**

“This bill would provide more students the opportunity to attend the school of their choice by expanding the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). This tax credit (90% of a contribution amount) is provided to individuals or businesses who make contributions to certain scholarship granting organizations. The organization then provides the funds as vouchers to parents so they can enroll their child in a private or charter school. Under the bill, the cap on the amount of tax credits that may be issued each year would be increased from \$100 million to \$210 million, thus allowing more funding to be redirected to school choice. Furthermore, families earning up to \$95,000 (previously \$85,000) would now be eligible to receive vouchers.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes And Reducing Taxpayer Costs Through The Responsible Expansion Of School Choice And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## WILLIAMS SUPPORTED AN EFFORT TO GRANT SPECIAL STATUS IN THE CRIMINAL CODE TO MEMBERS OF THE “MEDIA”

*In 2019, Williams Supported An Amendment That “Would Add ‘Media Professional’ As A Protected Class In The Event Of An Assault”*

Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-3153 To SB 351, Which Adds “Media Professional” To Special Status Relate To Victims Of Crime. ([Amdt. A-3153 To SB 398](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (22-27), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/28/19, Williams Voted Yea)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 351

Sponsor: SENATOR FARNESE

Printer's No. 341

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "a paragraph" and  
2 inserting  
3 paragraphs  
4 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 15 and 16  
5 (40) A media professional.  
6 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17  
7 "Media professional." An officer, agent, employee or  
8 purveyor of a news media organization engaged in news gathering  
9 or the dissemination of information in a daily or weekly  
10 newspaper, magazine, periodical, book, digital publication or  
11 radio or television news broadcast.

([Amdt. A-3153 To SB 398](#))

*This Amendment “To A Bill Pertaining To Aggravated Assault Would Provide Prosecutors Further Inappropriate Authority To Enhance Charges Due To The Identity Of The Victim Rather Than The Facts Of The Crime”*

ACU: This Amendment “To A Bill Pertaining To Aggravated Assault Would Provide Prosecutors Further Inappropriate Authority To Enhance Charges Due To The Identity Of The Victim Rather Than The Facts Of The Crime.” “The Farnese (ACUF Lifetime 14%) amendment to a bill pertaining to aggravated assault would provide prosecutors further inappropriate authority to enhance charges due to the identity of the victim rather than the facts of the crime. Specifically, the amendment would add “media professional” as a protected class in the event of an assault. As a result, a “simple assault” against a member of the media, which is currently graded as a misdemeanor, would be treated as an “aggravated assault” which is graded

as a felony. An aggravated assault felony is punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment and a fine up to \$25,000." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Specifically, The Amendment Would Add “Media Professional” As A Protected Class In The Event Of An Assault. As A Result, A “Simple Assault” Against A Member Of The Media, Which Is Currently Graded As A Misdemeanor, Would Be Treated As An “Aggravated Assault” Which Is Graded As A Felony.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Providing Prosecutors With Inappropriate Authority To Enhance Charges, Opposes Assessing Enhanced Penalties Based On Identity Of The Victim Which Runs Afoul Of The Concept Of Equal Application Of Justice And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## **WILLIAMS HAS VOTED TO UNDERMINE CIVIL LIBERTIES**

### ***In 2019, Williams Supported Infringing Individual Liberties By Raising The Smoking Age From 18 To 21***

**Williams Voted Yea On SB 473, Which Amends The Definition Of “Minor” To Be An Individual Under 21 Years Of Age And Increases The Legal Age To Purchase Or Attempt To Purchase A Tobacco Product From 18 Years Of Age To 21 Years Of Age.** ([SB 473](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-6), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Infringes Individual Liberties By Raising The Smoking Age From 18 To 21.”** “This bill infringes individual liberties by raising the smoking age from 18 to 21. Furthermore, the bill subjects nicotine and e-cigarette products such as Juul to the 21 and up restriction. ACU believes the usage of both cigarettes and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue, that those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to purchase tobacco or nicotine products and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

*Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Lindsey Williams' issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.*

### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC

#### *Taxes*

##### Oil And Gas Severance Tax

**In June 2019, PA Democratic Legislators Held A Joint Hearing In Support Of Gov. Tom Wolf's Proposed \$4.5 Billion Oil And Gas Severance Tax.** "The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Democratic lawmakers today held a joint Senate-House hearing on Gov. Tom Wolf's "Restore PA" proposal that would place a severance tax on gas drillers to generate \$4.5 billion over the next four years for statewide economic development, infrastructure and technology enhancement projects. "At the very least, the governor has focused overdue attention on crucial infrastructure needs throughout our state," said Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton/Lehigh), who chairs the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, "In my view, we cannot continue putting off this infrastructure rebuilding process." Rep. Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster), who chairs the House Democratic Policy Committee, added, "Pennsylvania is the only major gas producing state with no severance tax. With so many critical infrastructure needs throughout Pennsylvania, I believe this is a reasonable and necessary approach to generating the resources needed for such a program." The governor's plan would invest \$4.5 billion over the next four years on technology, economic development, and infrastructure rehabilitation projects throughout Pennsylvania." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Joint State Legislative Hearing Focuses On Gov. Wolf's Restore PA Plan," PA Senate Democrats, 6/10/19)

- **Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Attend The Hearing.** "Several legislators expressed concerns about whether the proposal sufficiently addresses worsening air pollution issues, industry legacy costs and the need for the state to transition away from being a petro-chemical hub to 100 percent renewable energy. Senators Judy Schwank (D-Berks), Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny) and Maria Collett (D-Bucks/Montgomery) also served on the legislative panel. The following House lawmakers also attended: Wendy Ullman (D-Bucks), Austin Davis (D-Allegheny), Pam DeLissio (Montgomery/Philadelphia), Elizabeth Fiedler (D-Phila.), Sara Innamorato (D-Allegheny), Summer Lee (D-Alleghany), and Peter Schweyer (D- Lehigh)." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Joint State Legislative Hearing Focuses On Gov. Wolf's Restore PA Plan," PA Senate Democrats, 6/10/19)

**Williams Has Posted Several Times In Support Of A Shale/ Severance Tax.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



Lindsey Williams  
@LindseyForPA



On the [#PAbudget](#), it's time for responsible budgeting, not @RepTurzai grandstanding. Shale tax, recurring revenue needed to invest in [#PA](#)

1:04 PM · Sep 22, 2017 · Twitter for iPhone

3 Retweets 6 Likes

([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

Lindsey Williams Retweeted



Governor Tom Wolf  
@GovernorTomWolf



Pennsylvanians want a commonsense severance tax to fund schools, but GOP leaders are selling out to big oil and gas.



10:10 AM · Sep 30, 2015 · TweetDeck

([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

### *Subsidies*

#### **Dairy Investment Program**

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 1590, Which Establishes The Dairy Investment Program And Dairy Investment Program Account.** ([HB 1590](#), Bill Passed - Senate (50-0), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/26/19, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Cronyism And Interference In The Free Marketplace By Establishing The Dairy Investment Program To Benefit The Dairy Industry.”** “This bill expands cronyism and interference in the free marketplace by establishing the Dairy Investment Program to benefit the dairy industry. Under the program, grants up to \$100,000 are awarded to companies that promote the interests of the milk and dairy industry through marketing, industry management techniques and identifying new uses for milk and dairy products.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “...Opposes This Interference In The Free Marketplace Which Shifts Tax Burdens To Those Not Favored By The Government And Provides**

**Competitive Advantages To Select Industries And Companies And Opposed This Bill.”**  
([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### **“Beginning Farmers” Program**

**Williams Voted Yea On SB 478, Which Amends The Tax Reform Code Providing For Tax Credits Relating To Beginning Farmers.** ([SB 478](#), Bill Passed - Senate (50-0), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/26/19, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Cronyism And Shifts Tax Burdens To Other Taxpayers Not Favored By Government By Establishing A New Tax Credit Program That Benefits ‘Beginning Farmers.’”** “This bill expands cronyism and shifts tax burdens to other taxpayers not favored by government by establishing a new tax credit program that benefits “beginning farmers.” Under the bill, landowners are provided a personal income tax credit for the sale or multi-year lease of their property to a beginning farmer who intends to engage in agricultural production. The tax credits, which are worth as much as \$32,000 or 5% of the value of the property, are to be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the state issuing a total of \$6 million annually by 2021.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union Contends This Legislation “Provides Competitive Advantages To Select Landowners And Farmers And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### ***Fees***

#### **Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission**

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 808, Which “Amends Title 30 (Fish And Boat Code) To Authorize The PA Fish And Boat Commission (PFBC) To Establish The Fees For Fishing And Boating Related Licenses And Permits By Regulatory Action.”** ([HB 808](#), Bill Passed - Senate (44-5), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/23/20, Williams Voted Yea)

**Analysis: “While Enactment Of This Legislation Does Not Require The Commission To Increase Fees And Only Gives Them The Authority To Do So, According To The Commission, If This Legislation Is Enacted, It Will Seek Fee Increases Over Three Years...”** ([HB 808](#))

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

While enactment of this legislation does not require the commission to increase fees and only gives them the authority to do so, according to the commission, if this legislation is enacted, it will seek fee increases over three years for amounts no higher than what is illustrated in the chart below.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission estimates additional revenues of \$1.46 million in FY 2021-22, \$2.23 million in FY 2022-23, \$2.98 million in FY 2023-24 and \$3.71 million in FY 2024-25 if all the proposed increases are implemented. The actual revenue impact may vary from estimate since commission revenues have decreased 7.6 percent to 9.6 percent in years when fees are increased.

Proposed Fee Schedule - Fishing Licenses and Permits					
License Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee			
		2022	2023	2024	2025
Resident Annual	\$ 21.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 27.00
Non-resident Annual	\$ 51.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 58.00
Senior Resident Annual	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.50
Senior Resident Lifetime	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 67.50
3-Day Tourist	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 31.00
7-Day Tourist	\$ 33.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 40.00
1-Day Resident	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 14.00
1-Day Tourist	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00
Trout/Salmon Permit	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.50
Combination Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie Permit	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.50

(HB 808)

**ACU: “Under Current Law, Fees Assessed On Fishing And Boating Are Set And Approved By Both Bodies Of The Legislature. This Bill Instead Empowers Unelected Bureaucrats Of The Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission To Establish And Increase Fees...”** “Under current law, fees assessed on fishing and boating are set and approved by both bodies of the legislature. This bill instead empowers unelected bureaucrats of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to establish and increase fees and only allows the legislature to disapprove of fee increases through a concurrent resolution. ACU opposes this bill designed to empower unelected bureaucrats and allow the legislature to avoid taking responsibility on voting on fee hikes and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Bill Designed To Empower Unelected Bureaucrats And Allow The Legislature To Avoid Taking Responsibility On Voting On Fee Hikes And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

***Budgets***

**2019 State Budget**

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 790, An Act To Provide Appropriations From The General Fund For The Expenses Of The Executive, Legislative And Judicial Departments Of The Commonwealth, The Public Debt And The Public Schools For The Fiscal Year July 1,**



**2019, To June 30, 2020.** ([HB 790](#), Bill Passed - Senate (42-8), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/27/19, Williams Voted Nay)

## **2021 State Budget**

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 255, An Act To Provide Appropriations From The General Fund For The Expenses Of The Executive, Legislative And Judicial Departments Of The Commonwealth, The Public Debt And The Public Schools For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, To June 30, 2022.** ([SB 255](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-7), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

### ***Labor – Regulations And Policies***

#### **Overview**

**Williams, In 2018: “Priority 1: Fight For Working Families. This Includes Raising The Minimum Wage, Protecting Union Rights, And Expanding Access To Affordable Healthcare.”** “Q: What are your top three priorities in office? A: Priority 1: Fight for working families. This includes raising the minimum wage, protecting union rights, and expanding access to affordable healthcare. Priority 2: Invest in public education. Every child deserves a high-quality education from pre-k to post-secondary programs. Priority 3: Support small businesses.” (*New Pittsburgh Courier*, 10/24/18)

#### **Minimum Wage**

**“Williams Backs Immediately Increasing The Amount To \$15 Per Hour For Large Companies "And An Adjusted Minimum-Wage Raise For Small Businesses," The Pittsburgh City Paper Reported.”** “In the 38th senatorial district, an area including northern suburbs such as Fox Chapel and Ross Township, as well portions of the city like East Liberty and Highland Park, Stephanie Walsh and Lindsey Williams are seeking to win the Democratic bid. On the minimum wage, Walsh would immediately raise the sum to \$12 per hour and gradually increase it to \$15 per hour. Williams backs immediately increasing the amount to \$15 per hour for large companies "and an adjusted minimum-wage raise for small businesses," the Pittsburgh City Paper reported. "You're seeing a little race to see who can carry on progressive credentials and pro-union credentials," said Levine, noting that the Republican contest features candidates who are both "trying to run to the right.”” (*Jewish Chronicle*, 5/11/18)

**Williams, In 2019: “I Voted For SB 79 Today Because I Cannot Turn Down Even A Small Raise For Pennsylvania Workers, But I Am Not Happy With \$9.50 By 2020 And I Will Continue To Fight For More. I Support A \$15 Minimum Wage And Strong Union Rights For All Workers.”** ([Williams Instagram Profile](#), Posted 11/20/19)



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([Williams Instagram Profile](#), Posted 11/20/19)

### **Paid Family Medical Leave**

**Williams, In 2021: “I'm A Proud Co-Sponsor And Supporter Of #SB580, The PA Family Medical Leave Act, Which Will Extend Federal FMLA Benefits To A Employee To Care For A Sibling, Grandparent, Or Grandchild If That Person Has No Other Living Eligible Caregiver.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 9/7/21)



senwilliamsa I'm a proud co-sponsor and supporter of #SB580, the PA Family Medical Leave Act, which will extend federal FMLA benefits to a employee to care for a sibling, grandparent, or grandchild if that person has no other living eligible caregiver. I'm also proud to support extending family leave-- including paid family leave under the @familycareact to ensure that our working families can care for their loved ones. All workers deserve paid leave! #VirtualLaborDayParade #PaidLeaveforAll

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 9/7/21)

### ***Labor – Union Associations***

#### **Overview Of Union Associations**

**“A Native Of The Wilkes Barre/Scranton Area, Ms. Williams Said She Has "Union In My Blood," With A Father Who Belongs To An Operating Engineers Local And Other Relatives Who Belong To A Transit Workers Union.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 2/28/18)

- **“Her Own Work History Includes Stints At A Nonprofit For Whistleblowers Uncovering Corruption And A Communications Job With The Teamsters.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 2/28/18)

**Williams Is “A Union Advocate Who Pledges To Fight For Working-Class Families...”**

“But first, Democratic voters in part of Pittsburgh and some of its suburbs to the north will have to choose between the party-backed Ms. Williams, a union advocate who pledges to fight for working-class families, or the budget-savvy Ms. Walsh, who asserts that her experience in budget analysis will help alleviate Pennsylvania's yearly woes. Although their policy differences are few, the pair of first-time candidates differ in their visions and resumes. Ms. Williams is a 34-year-old staff political director with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers; Ms. Walsh is a 47-year-old consultant for the West Chester-based public policy firm Public Works LLC.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

- **Williams Has Been The Communications Director For The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers Since 2014.** ([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

#### Experience



**Communications Director**  
Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers  
2014 - Present · 8 yrs 5 mos  
Pittsburgh, PA

- Draft press releases and work with local, state and national media on behalf of PFT
- Plan, research and compose a variety of written work to promote PFT priorities
- Produce regular membership education and mobilization materials
- Maintain PFT's social media presence on Facebook and Twitter
- Draft speeches and other presentation for PFT
- Conduct training sessions for PFT members on a variety of topics including tips on using social media for advocacy and how to write a letter to the editor

([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Williams Was The Campaign Communications And New Media Specialist For The International Brotherhood Of Teamsters From 2013 To 2014.** ([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



**Campaign Communications and New Media Specialist**  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
2013 - 2014 · 1 yr  
Washington, DC

- Develop campaign communications strategies with campaign coordinators
  - Write and edit campaign materials such as leaflets, newsletters and press releases
- ...see more

([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

- **Williams Worked As A Law Clerk For United Steelworkers From 2007 To 2008.** ([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



**Law Clerk**  
United Steelworkers  
Oct 2007 - May 2008 · 8 mos  
Pittsburgh, PA

- Performed legal research and writing on various labor law issues

([Williams LinkedIn](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

**Williams Is Known To Have Held Her 2018 Victory Rally At The IUOE Local 66 HQ In O'Hara.** “Unofficial voting results put Democrat Lindsey Williams narrowly ahead of Republican Jeremy Shaffer in their liberal vs. conservative, closely watched contest to capture Pennsylvania's 38th Senate District Tuesday. As of 12:20 a.m., Allegheny County's elections website showed Ms. Williams leading by a mere 540 votes out of more than 122,000 cast for the two candidates. She declared victory, saying the tally included a count of absentee ballots, but Mr. Shaffer wasn't ready to concede defeat. "This is going to be a razor-thin race . really a coin flip, and we'll have to let the election officials count all the votes," the Ross Township commissioner told more than 100 supporters at the Pomodoro Pizzeria and Ristorante in Franklin

Park just before 11:30 p.m. Ms. Williams appeared before several hundred raucous supporters at the IUOE Local 66 headquarters in O'Hara at 11:45, telling them she was eager to get to Harrisburg with hopes "to accomplish a lot for progressive voters in the 38th." "Good jobs and affordable health care, I want that for everyone," she said. "It's been a long, tough race, but I'm proud of the campaign I ran." County spokeswoman Amie Downs said there is no automatic recount based on closeness of races at the local level, including state Senate, although losing candidates may go through a process to petition for a recount." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 11/7/18)

**Williams, In 2021: "I Was Proud To Spend Time On The Line With The United Steelworkers During Their Unfair Labor Practices Strike At ATI This Spring."** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 7/17/21)



senwilliamspa I was proud to spend time on the line with the United Steelworkers during their Unfair Labor Practices strike at ATI this spring. I commend the collective action that led to the fair contract between USW workers and ATI this past week, though it's a shame that workers had to strike for months to avoid the company outsourcing their jobs and to stop new workers from receiving second-tier health coverage. These workers stood strong to protect each other and ultimately, the future of their company. As we are seeing workers face poor working conditions across the country, this is an example of what can happen when workers unite and fight together for better working conditions for themselves, their fellow employees, and future employees.

<https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/williams-issues-statement-on-usw-ratifying-new-contract/>

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 7/17/21)

**Williams: "Workers Have The Right To Form A Union Free From Retaliation By Their Employer. I'm Proud To Stand With The Baristas At Coffee Tree Roasters As They Stand Up For Themselves, Their Co-Workers, Their Customers, And Their Company!"** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/22)



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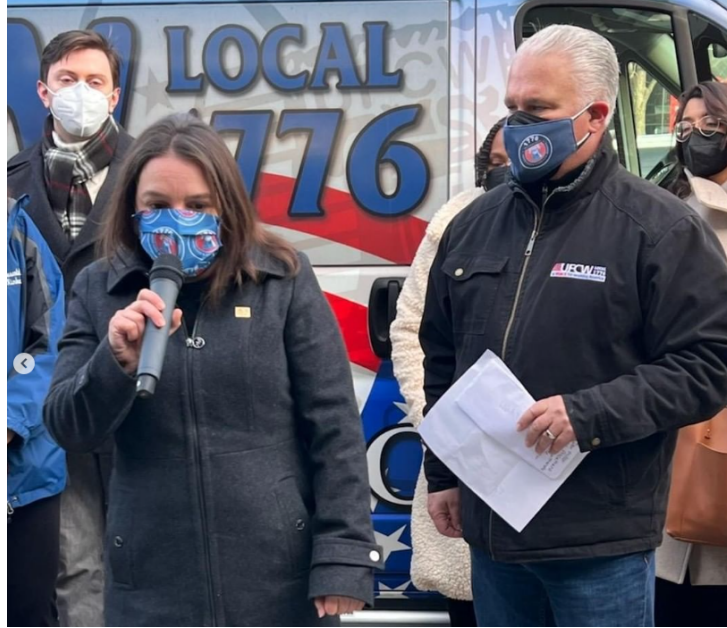


senwilliamspa Workers have the right to form a union free from retaliation by their employer. I'm proud to stand with the baristas at Coffee Tree Roasters as they stand up for themselves, their co-workers, their customers, and their company!

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/labor-leaders-rally-for-coffee-tree-unionization-call-for-fired-worker-to-be-rehired/Content?oid=20873004>

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/22)



([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/22)

### **Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers**

**In 2018, Williams Was Known To Be The Spokeswoman For The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers While It Contemplated Striking Amid Labor Negotiations With Pittsburgh Public Schools.** “The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers on Friday notified its members it will conduct a strike authorization vote in its ongoing contract dispute with Pittsburgh Public Schools over a two-year agreement that expired last June. If members of the teachers union authorize their leadership to call strike, the school district said the union is required 48 hours' notice before any strike occurs. Lindsey Williams, spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, could not be reached for comment late Friday night. The authorization is often used during the collective bargaining process. Even if members authorize a strike, the school district said the negotiation process will continue. The school district and the union have continued to negotiate after the deadline expired.” (*Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, 1/26/18)

### **Endorsements (Representative)**

**In March 2018, the Allegheny-Fayette County Central Labor Council Endorsed Williams In Her State Senate Campaign.** “The Allegheny and Fayette labor councils merged last year, and roughly three dozen members voted after candidate interviews were held Friday at the South Side's IBEW Local No. 5 Hall. The council did weigh in on state legislative battles, including the 38th Senate District, where Lindsey Williams faces Stephanie Walsh in a primary for a north-of-Pittsburgh seat currently held by Republican Randy Vulakovich. The council backed Ms. Williams, a staff attorney with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 3/3/18)

**In April 2018, Williams Was Endorsed By The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/20/18)



Lindsey Williams  
April 20, 2018 · 🌐

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I'm very proud to share that I have received the endorsement of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO!

"The candidates endorsed by the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO's Executive Council stand with all working people across the Commonwealth. All candidates endorsed by the Executive Council have demonstrated their dedication to the rights and advancement of working people and commitment to unrigging the economic system in favor of a fair playing field for all of us," said Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, Pres... See more

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([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/20/18)

### ***Labor - Collective Bargaining***

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 1584, Which “Amends Title 30 (Fish And Boat Code) To Remove Language That Bars Waterways Conservation Officers (Wcos) Of The Pennsylvania Fish And Boat Commission (Commission) From Being Included In Act 111 Of 1968 For The Purpose Of Seeking Collective Bargaining.”** ([HB 1584](#), Bill Passed - Senate (48-1), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/19/20, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Authorizes Unionization Of Waterways Conservation Officers, Thus Driving Up Taxpayer Costs And Making It Harder For The State To Dismiss Poorly Performing Employees.”** “This bill authorizes unionization of Waterways Conservation Officers, thus driving up taxpayer costs and making it harder for the state to dismiss poorly performing employees. Under existing law, only certain government employees have authority to collectively bargain. ACU opposes this measure designed to enrich greedy union bosses while unnecessarily increasing taxpayer costs and weakening government integrity and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Designed To Enrich Greedy Union Bosses While Unnecessarily Increasing Taxpayer Costs And Weakening Government Integrity And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### ***Wage Mandates***

#### **Overtime Mandates**

**Williams Voted Nay On HCRRR 1.** (HCRRR 1, Resolution Passed - Senate (29-21), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/27/20, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Resolution Protects Employers And Employees From New Overtime Mandates Which May Reduce Job Opportunities. Specifically, This Resolution Formally Disapproves Of The Wolf Administration’s Attempt To Increase The Earnings Threshold For Mandatory Overtime Payments.”** “This resolution protects employers and employees from new overtime mandates which may reduce job opportunities. Specifically, this resolution



formally disapproves of the Wolf administration's attempt to increase the earnings threshold for mandatory overtime payments. Under federal law, weekly salaries above \$684 are exempt from overtime mandates. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry regulation (#12-106) raises the threshold to \$875 starting in 2022, which this resolution would block. Only California and New York currently impose overtime thresholds on employers higher than the federal amount. ACU supports the right of employees and employers to freely negotiate the terms of a contract, opposes this expanded government interference in the right to contract which may reduce employment opportunities and supported this resolution." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union "Supports The Right Of Employees And Employers To Freely Negotiate The Terms Of A Contract, Opposes This Expanded Government Interference In The Right To Contract Which May Reduce Employment Opportunities And Supported This Resolution."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## *Social Assistance/ Welfare*

### General Assistance

**In July 2019, Williams And Muth Were Among The Democratic Legislators To Criticize The Elimination Of The General Assistance Program And To Call For The Creation Of An Emergency Cash Aid Program.** "The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Following the elimination of General Assistance, several members of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus circulated a cosponsorship memo to create an emergency relief program that would serve the population now without cash assistance. Senators Katie Muth, Lindsey Williams, Maria Collett and Pam Iovino circulated the memo with their Senate colleagues late Monday, asking for others to join in sponsoring the legislation. "We have to find a way to provide this relief, we have a duty to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this commonwealth and if we aren't doing that, then we are failing miserably," said Senator Katie Muth. "If we don't get this right, the most vulnerable people of our commonwealth will be left out to dry with no means to the very basic necessities of life, which every human should have access to." "As the wife of a chronic cancer sufferer, I am acutely aware that my family is never more than one emergency away from being unable to pay for the medicine that keeps my husband alive," said Senator Maria Collett. "This program will be a lifeline for people with disabilities, domestic violence survivors and others in crisis.'" (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: Democratic Senators To Introduce Emergency Relief Program Legislation," PA Senate Democrats, 7/2/19)

### SNAP

**In July 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Express Opposition To The USDA's Reform Of SNAP Eligibility Rules.** "As you may be aware, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently opened the public comment period for proposed changes to Section 5(a) of the SNAP program. These provisions allow individuals who are eligible for or receiving benefits from other assistance programs to qualify for SNAP without having to go through a separate financial eligibility review. Pennsylvania is one of a number of



states that uses this provision to make it easier for those who are seeking necessary assistance to ensure they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, approximately 200,000 individuals and 120,000 households in the Commonwealth will lose benefits if the "categorically" eligible rules are changed. Of those 120,000 households, more than 36% are households with children. Feeding America estimates that more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians are food insecure. Worse, 1 in 6 of Pennsylvania's children struggles with hunger. These numbers are staggering enough without the addition of 200,000 more who could soon be without SNAP. The current rules allow those food insecure individuals who are single parents, disabled veterans, victims of domestic violence and individuals with a disability to receive vital benefits that allow them to put a healthy, fresh meal on their table. More alarming is the effect this rule change could have on free or reduced food programs for K through 12 schools. Across the nation, 29.7 million children receive a free or reduced meal at school. In Pennsylvania more than 167 million free or reduced lunches were provided during the last school year. These meals ensure that a child, who may not get a fresh meal at home, is able to eat at least one - but often two - meals a day. SNAP is an economic support for our already struggling food and supermarket retailers, especially those in brick and mortar locations, whose businesses operate on a very thin margin, and are further challenged by the growing on-line food delivery business. This proposal on SNAP eligibility is heartless, callous, and Pennsylvanians cannot afford it. Pennsylvanians living at or near poverty recently lost the state's General Assistance program; and it has been a decade since Pennsylvania has seen a minimum wage increase. Now, the federal government is threatening to cut food assistance. We cannot continue to eliminate safety nets and the programs that move people toward self sufficiency after they have fallen on difficult times. Societies are judged by how they treat their most vulnerable; if we let this change to SNAP go unchallenged, we will fail that judgement. Our caucus will oppose the rule change in every way that we are able, and we ask that our federal representatives join us. We, and our constituents, thank you for the advocacy you have already undertaken. We look forward to fighting with you, on behalf of those who need it most." (Press Release, "PA Senate Democratic Caucus Decries Changes To Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program Program, Urges PA Congressional Delegation to Oppose," PA Senate Democrats, 7/29/19)

- **NOTE:** *Williams was among the signatories of the letter criticizing SNAP eligibility changes.*

## ***Infrastructure***

### **Biden Infrastructure Bill**

#### **In August 2021, Williams Noted She Was Supportive Of The Biden Infrastructure Bill.**

“State Sen. Lindsey Williams, a Democrat representing parts of the city of Pittsburgh, North Hills and the Allegheny River Valley, expects the proposed federal infrastructure package could ease some of the strain on her phone lines. Constituents most often call for two reasons, she said: unemployment and infrastructure. Infrastructure, in this case, covers everything from flooding to sewer systems to constituents who don't have access to a bus line that they need to get to work. The Biden administration's infrastructure bill could "address and help solve" those issues, Ms. Williams said Thursday at a news conference with Democratic lawmakers and leaders. "Not only will it solve those problems of flooding for our neighbors and dangerous conditions, it will also

help put people back to work," she said. "Yes it's good union jobs for construction workers that you see on the side of the road but it's also engineers and architects and the pizza shop down the road where those workers go and take their lunch break. "This is so important that we get together and put those politics aside and vote for an infrastructure package that's going to help our communities," Ms. Williams said. For weeks, the infrastructure package has been a point of contention in Washington as Democrats and Republicans negotiate its size and scope." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*,8/20/21)

## ***Trade***

### **USMCA**

**In 2019, Williams And Muth Were Among The Democratic Senators To Vote In Committee Against A Resolution Urging Passage Of The USMCA.** "The Pennsylvania Senate State Government Committee advanced a resolution by a vote of 7-4 along party lines encouraging Congress to approve the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Democrats Anthony Williams, Maria Collett, Katie Muth and Lindsey Williams voted no last week to Senate Resolution 153 sponsored by Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York. "Until those changes relative to ensuring labor standards, certain environmental provisions as well as enforcement of the deal itself. ... I will be a 'no' vote," Muth said. Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Franklin County, countered Muth's statements with support of the bill. "Once it passes, I believe we'll see a boom for our industry and agriculture here across Pennsylvania and then maybe once again Pennsylvania will be open for business." Congress is still ironing out details with the Trump administration on the deal, which would replace the North American Free Trade Act." (*The Daily American*, 11/4/19)

## ***Regulatory***

### **False Claims Act**

**In 2020, Williams Was The Primary Sponsor Of Legislation To Create A State-Based Version Of The False Claims Act – A Measure Strongly Opposed By Business Interests.** "Attorney General Josh Shapiro joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers at the Capitol on Monday to back a plan to enact reforms intended to combat Medicaid fraud. The reforms include legislation that would allow anyone to file a whistleblower lawsuit alleging Medicaid fraud. Hospital and business groups immediately denounced the proposal, which would create a state version of the federal False Claims Act. Gene Barr, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry said the measure would allow whistleblowers and their attorneys to receive a portion of any financial settlement reached due to a False Claims Act complaint. "This leads to the plaintiffs' lawyers' recovery increasing, while the commonwealth's portion of the recovery decreases. "Pennsylvania's legal climate already creates a challenging environment for job creators," Barr said. "Enacting a FCA will exacerbate this situation by further bogging down the state's already cumbersome and overly-crowded court system." The Pennsylvania Health Care Association, representing nursing homes and assisted living facilities said the legislation would "lead to a dramatic increase in frivolous lawsuits." Thirty-one states have state versions of the False Claims Act and of the eight states that spend the most on

Medicaid, only Pennsylvania lacks a state False Claims Act, Shapiro said. Shapiro said prosecutors file criminal charges when they can, but allowing for civil lawsuits to expose Medicaid fraud would reveal more fraud and prevent new abuses. "The winners are going to be the taxpayers," Shapiro said. "The people we're going to go hold accountable are fraudsters." State Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, said Maryland passed its version of the False Claims Act in 2015 and New Jersey passed its False Claims Act law in 2008. Since establishing state versions of the law, Maryland has received more than \$81 million and New Jersey has recovered \$122 million in settlements from fraud complaints, she said. New York has had its False Claims Act since 2007. From 2015 to 2018, New York recovered \$55 million from lawsuits alleging fraud under the False Claims Act, according to information provided by House Republicans. Williams is the prime sponsor of the legislation to create a False Claims Act in Pennsylvania." (*The Danville News*, 1/13/20)

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### *Emissions*

**In November 2018, PA Senate Democrats Held A Hearing On Efforts To Address Climate Change And Were Critical Of The Trump Administration's Decision To Withdraw From The Paris Climate Accord.** "The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: At the request of state Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee today held a hearing in Pittsburgh on local and state efforts to address climate change. "In the absence of federal leadership on climate change, it is imperative that Pennsylvania continue to participate in cooperative efforts to stave off the catastrophic consequences of global warming," Costa (D-Allegheny) said. "We need to maintain efforts to keep Pennsylvania on track to combat climate change." Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton/Lehigh), who chairs the committee, added, "Controlling carbon emissions and building a strong economy are not competing interests. There are numerous ways we can slow the devastating effects of climate change while strengthening and expanding our economy." In withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord in 2017, President Donald Trump defended his decision by claiming he was "elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." Costa and Sen. Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny) immediately joined Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto in criticizing the president's decision. In the accord, the United States had committed to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent below the 2005 level in 2025, and to make "best efforts" to reduce emissions by 28 percent. That would include curbs on carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride and nitrogen trifluoride, all of which contribute to global warming." (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: State Senate Committee Holds Hearing In Pittsburgh On Climate Change," PA Senate Democrats, 11/28/18)

- **"Joining Senators Costa And Boscola At The Hearing Were Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny) And Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams."** (Press Release, "Pennsylvania Senate Democrats: State Senate Committee Holds Hearing In Pittsburgh On Climate Change," PA Senate Democrats, 11/28/18)
- **"DePasquale Applauded The Senate Democratic Policy Committee And Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams For Holding A Hearing In Pittsburgh Last Week On**

**Potential State-Level Actions On Climate Change.** (Press Release, "Auditor General Depasquale Announces Plans For Special Report On Climate Change In Pennsylvania," PA Auditor General, 12/3/18)

**In April 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Participate In A Second Climate Change Hearing Calling For Stricter Methane Emissions Controls In Pennsylvania.** "At the request of state Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa (D-Forest Hills) and Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Brookline), the Senate Democratic Policy Committee held a hearing today in Pittsburgh on strategies for combatting climate change by reducing methane gas emissions. "Methane has a huge impact on global warming," Costa said. "As the second largest gas-producing state in the nation, it is imperative that Pennsylvania do all it can to reduce methane emissions." Fontana added, "While our federal government should be taking the lead on developing policies, emissions reduction goals and coordinating a national response on climate change, our president's shameful abandonment of the Paris climate accord makes it imperative that state leaders take the helm on this critical issue." Methane is an odorless, colorless, flammable greenhouse gas (CH<sub>4</sub>) that is used as fuel. It is also an important source of hydrogen and part of a wide variety of organic compounds. Methane is a huge component of natural gas and can remain in the atmosphere for about 9 to 15 years. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, methane warms our planet 86 times more than carbon emissions. Earlier this month, Andrew Williams, who serves as director of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs for the Environmental Defense Fund, criticized the Pennsylvania State Department of Environmental Protection's revised draft rule because it would only mandate the capture of 21 percent of methane emissions. If the rule were adopted, Williams claims Pennsylvania would have the least protective methane rule in the nation." (Press Release, "State Senate Committee Holds Second Hearing On Global Warming," PA Senate Democrats, 4/23/19)

**In September 2020, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Break Ranks And Vote In Favor Of "Rep. Jim Struzzi's House Bill 2025, Which Would Require Legislative Authorization Before The Keystone State Could Impose A Carbon Tax On Employers Engaged In Electric Generation, Manufacturing Or Other Industries."** "The Pennsylvania Senate has passed and sent to Gov. Tom Wolf state Rep. Jim Struzzi's House Bill 2025, which would require legislative authorization before the Keystone State could impose a carbon tax on employers engaged in electric generation, manufacturing or other industries. It also would require legislative approval for Pennsylvania to join the multi-state Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which would impose such a tax. "It gives a voice back to the people by allowing those of us who represent them to have a say in this process," Struzzi, an Indiana Republican, said in a news release. "Given Pennsylvania is already ahead of the carbon dioxide reduction goals established under the governor's Climate Action Plan, why would we want to jeopardize thousands of Pennsylvania jobs and trigger significantly higher electricity rate increases when the existing competitive market has already achieved these gains?" The vote was 33-17, with one Republican, Thomas Killion of Delaware County, voting in the minority and five Democrats, Christine Tartaglione of Philadelphia and Allegheny County senators James Brewster, Wayne Fontana, Pam Iovino and Lindsey Williams voting with the majority." (*The Daily American*, 9/10/20)

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 2025, Which Enacts The Pennsylvania Carbon Dioxide Cap And Trade Authorization Act.** ([HB 2025](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/9/20, Williams Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “This bill clarifies that the Department of Environmental Protection (department) does not have the authority to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) or similar state or regional greenhouse gas cap-and-trade programs unless authorized by the General Assembly.” ([HB 2025](#))

**In April 2022, Williams Sided With Republicans In An Unsuccessful Attempt To Override Wolf’s Veto Of A Resolution Blocking The RGGI Rules From Going Into Effect.** “A bare minimum of Senate Democrats held fast with Gov. Tom Wolf Monday to win a vote that likely represents the last major legislative hurdle to Pennsylvania's participation in a multi-state cap-and-trade program aimed at gradually weaning the state's power generation industry away from fossil fuels like natural gas and coal. On a 32-17 vote, the program's opponents came up one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to block Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which requires power plant operators in member states to pay for each ton of carbon emissions they generate. All Republicans voted to override Wolf's veto of their resolution blocking RGGI rules from taking effect, along with Democrat Sens. Jim Brewster, Wayne Fontana and Lindsey Williams, all of Allegheny County. The rest of the 20-member Democratic caucus stuck with the governor. One seat in the 50-member chamber is vacant. Though Pennsylvania's entry into RGGI may still be challenged in court, for now the state is on track for a July 1 start.” (*The Patriot News*, 4/4/22)

### ***Pollution***

**In August 2019, Williams Was Among The Allegheny County Politicians To Call For A Crackdown On Industrial Air Polluters In The County.** “A group of 63 elected officials from across Allegheny County are calling for cleaning up the region's air and cracking down on industrial polluters. In a letter released today by PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center, the officials call for stricter, health-based emissions limits and stronger penalties for illegal pollution. "Allegheny County is a great place to live-- but air pollution is threatening resident's health," write the elected officials. "We can fix this problem by setting strict, health-based emissions limits on polluters; making sure they face meaningful penalties if and when they break the law; and ensuring our region has strong clean air champions who fight for residents. We, the undersigned local elected officials from across Allegheny County, are committing to make Allegheny County a great place to live and breathe." "We all know Pittsburgh's history of industrial pollution, but many of our communities continue to live that history today. Every Pennsylvanian, regardless of race, class or where they live, has a right to clean air and water, and that includes the people of Pittsburgh," said State Rep. Jake Wheatley. "It is immoral that in this day and age we continue to struggle to breathe, that the very air poisons our children and elderly neighbors.” (Press Release, “PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center: Dozens Of Elected Officials Join Together To Call For Clean Air, Crackdown On Industrial Pollution,” Penn Environment, 8/28/19)

## *Oil And Gas*

### Oil And Gas Wells Regulations

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 790, Which Establishes The Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Act.** ([SB 790](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-23), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/21/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This bill establishes the Conventional Oil and Gas Wells Act, specifically to restore regulatory provisions of the Oil and Gas Act of 1984 and provide a framework specific to conventional wells and well sites. The reason for this is because both unconventional and conventional wells are currently permitted activities with the same regulatory requirements under Act 13 of 2012.” ([SB 790](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Excessive Regulatory Barriers Imposed On Conventional Oil And Gas Operations.”** “This bill would reduce excessive regulatory barriers imposed on conventional oil and gas operations. Under the bill, a regulatory framework would be established to govern conventional oil and gas wells which would balance environmental protection, the energy needs of consumers and the uniqueness of the industry. The bill is in response to regulations passed in 2012 designed to address the Marcellus Shale boom and the unconventional oil and gas industry (i.e., hydraulic fracturing), but have placed significant burdens on smaller conventional producers and brought the industry to near collapse. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, supports this measure to expand energy production and strengthen property rights and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

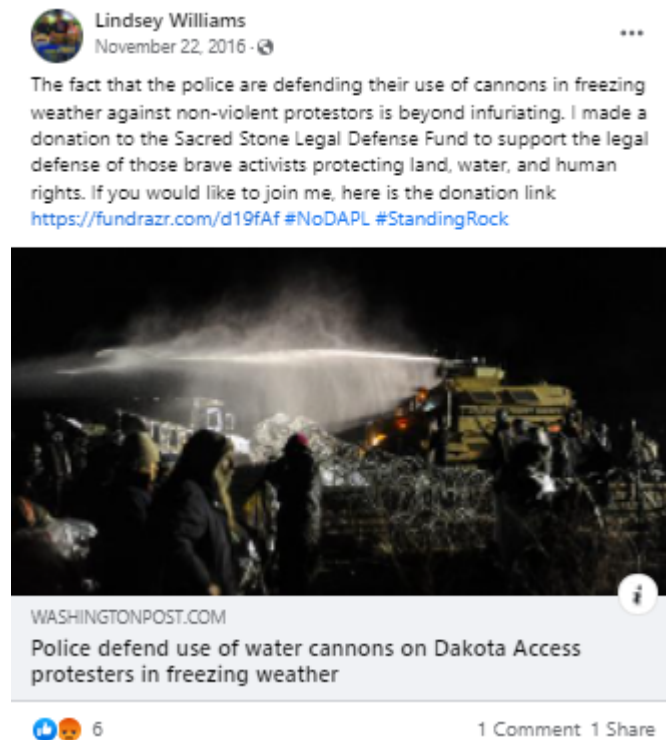
- **“Under The Bill, A Regulatory Framework Would Be Established To Govern Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Which Would Balance Environmental Protection, The Energy Needs Of Consumers And The Uniqueness Of The Industry.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports All Sources Of Energy, Believes Government Should Not Favor One Source Of Energy Over Another, Supports This Measure To Expand Energy Production And Strengthen Property Rights And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### Dakota Access Pipeline

**Williams Opposed The Dakota Access Pipeline And Contended “I Made A Donation To The Sacred Stone Legal Defense Fund To Support The Legal Defense Of Those Brave Activists Protecting Land, Water, And Human Rights.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/22/16)





([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/22/16)

### *Electric Vehicle Infrastructure*

**Williams Voted Yea On SB 596, To Provide For Transportation Fueling Infrastructure Development.** ([SB 596](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-6), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/19/19, Williams Voted Yea)

**ACU: “This Bill Would Interfere In The Marketplace And Drive Up Electricity Costs For All Ratepayers By Mandating That Electric Utility Companies In The State Develop ‘Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Development Plans.’”** “This bill would interfere in the marketplace and drive up electricity costs for all ratepayers by mandating that electric utility companies in the state develop “transportation electrification infrastructure development plans.” Under the bill, the plans would be filed with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the agency would be directed to develop a statewide plan to expand transportation electrification by 50% by 2030. The plans that utility companies submit would be required to be developed with independent transportation planning experts and detail how the utility plans to develop and install electric charging infrastructure. Furthermore, the bill would authorize utilities to increase all of their customers’ electricity bills—regardless if the customer uses the charging infrastructure—by 0.25% to recover the costs of the plan. ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Socializing Infrastructure Costs In Order To Benefit Select (Primarily Wealthy) Vehicle Owners And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)



## *Vehicle Emissions*

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 742, Which Establishes The New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act.** ([SB 742](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-24), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This legislation establishes the New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act. The legislation requires the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in consultation with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to conduct vehicle emissions modeling to determine an exemption period that is in compliance with performance standards under the Clean Air Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Inspection/Maintenance Program regulations. The modeling must include scenarios up to and including the newest eight vehicle model years. The purpose is to determine the impacts of exempting newer model year vehicles from the program.” ([SB 742](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Regulatory Burdens And Commuter Costs By Exempting Vehicles Made Eight Years Ago Or Less From The Requirement To Be Tested Under The State’s Vehicle Emissions Program.”** “This bill would reduce regulatory burdens and commuter costs by exempting vehicles made eight years ago or less from the requirement to be tested under the state’s vehicle emissions program. ACU supports reducing car ownership costs by reducing regulatory burdens and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reducing Car Ownership Costs By Reducing Regulatory Burdens And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## *Environmental Groups*

### Endorsements (Representative)

**In October 2018, Williams Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By Penn Environment.** “With Election Day 2018 only 13 days away, today PennEnvironment released its list of local and statewide environmental candidates that the organization is endorsing in Pennsylvania's 2018 general election this November. This list includes endorsements for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Pennsylvania state House and state Senate. "While voters are barraged with campaign advertisements and mailers during the election season, PennEnvironment's endorsements are meant to serve as a tool to help Pennsylvanians know how to cast their ballot for the environment when they go to the polls on Election Day," stated PennEnvironment Executive Director, David Masur. "Political pundits keep talking about the potential 'Blue Wave' this upcoming Election Day, but Pennsylvania needs a 'Green Wave' of victorious candidates who will stand up for clean air, clean water, and protecting the outdoors that we cherish and love.” (Press Release, “PennEnvironment Announces State Endorsements For Election Day 2018,” Penn Environment, 10/24/18)

- **NOTE;** *Williams’ name is mentioned as an endorsed candidate later in the release.*

## HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

### *Medicare For All/ Single-Payer*

#### Overview

**In October 2018, Williams Was Reported By *Pittsburgh City Paper* To Be Among The Candidates To Support A Single-Payer/ Medicare For All System.** “PREVIOUSLY, a Medicare-for-all health care system had been mostly considered a fringe idea on the left. But over the last couple of years, the idea of Americans getting insurance from a single government insurance plan, or single-payer, has taken off in popularity. According to a recent poll, 52 percent of Pennsylvanians support Medicare-for-all, while 29 percent oppose it. State Democrats are joining the public. Progressive candidates like Sara Innamorato and Summer Lee won competitive primaries while advocating for Medicare-for-all. Moderate Democratic state Rep. Adam Ravenstahl said he would support single-payer if Democrats took control of the legislature. Even Democrats running in very red districts, like Terri Mitko in Beaver County, are considering backing single-payer. State Republicans, on the other hand, are attacking Democrats for their support. Mailers linked to GOP state Senate candidate Jeremy Shaffer's campaign called his Democratic opponent, Lindsey Williams, a radical for her single-payer support. For Medicare-for-all to stand a chance at becoming a reality, Democrats must take the state House and Senate, and then some. Even then, it would be a heavy load with several details to finalize. And it's still unclear where Gov. Tom Wolf stands on the issue, but rapidly growing public pressure could be persuasive. 52 PERCENT SUPPORT MEDICARE-FOR-ALL.”  
CHAMPIONS: State representatives-elect Sara Innamorato (D-Lawrenceville) and Summer Lee (D-Swissvale); State Reps. Austin Davis (D-McKeesport), Ed Gainey (D-East Liberty), Dan Frankel (D-Squirrel Hill) OPPONENTS: All Allegheny County Republicans INTEGRAL CANDIDATES: Jon McCabe (D-Lower Burrell), Lindsey Williams (D-West View), support and running in GOP-held districts. "The more people understand it, the more they realize it is a good way forward," said U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Forest Hills) of Medicare-for-all.” (*Pittsburgh City Paper*, 10/31/18)

### *Medicaid*

**In July 2017, Williams Urged Her Friends To Contact Their Senators To Oppose Cutting Medicaid Funds.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/25/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 7/25/17)

## ***COVID-19***

### **Masking**

**In September 2021, Williams Was Critical Of GOP Legislation Allowing Parents To Let Their Children Opt Out Of School Mask Mandates; Williams Noted Her Support For Universal School Mask Mandates.** “Fourteen schoolchildren have died in Pennsylvania from COVID-19, Mastriano said, further pointing to the age group's 'resiliency.' 'Parents throughout our districts have echoed their concerns about the negative impacts of mask wearing on their children,' Ward said. 'Parents know what their children are going through and parents can assess these risks and decide whether a mask is necessary for their children's health and success in school.' Democratic Chairwoman Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, questioned the data Mastriano and Ward relied upon for their bill. She also said parents, educators and medical professionals have expressed to her their support for universal masking as a way to protect children from the virus and keep schools open for in-person instruction. 'There's a lot of risk I'm not willing to take with our kids,' she said. 'Fourteen deaths is tragic. How many deaths does it take to change your mind on mask mandates?' Mastriano reiterated that while all deaths are tragic, 'heavy handed, draconian edicts' go too far. 'Where do you stop? This is overreach by the government and it's time to let parents decide,' he said. 'Parents know best - not any government official or bureaucrat.' The bill now advances to the full Senate for consideration.” (The Center Square, 9/28/21)

### **Remote Participation**

**In April 2021, Williams Was Critical Of Suggestions Calling For Senators To Return To In-Person Proceedings Despite The Lack Of Universal Vaccine Access And The Tendency**

**Of Some Legislators To Forgo Masks.** “But two younger members of the Senate Democratic Caucus – Sens. Lindsey Williams of Allegheny County and Amanda Cappelletti of Delaware County – made it clear Corman's memo was disturbing to them. They found it disappointing that he would want to return to in-person sessions before all senators and staffers were eligible to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination. (On Monday, Gov. Tom Wolf and the vaccine task force announced starting on Tuesday, all Pennsylvania adults were eligible to schedule an appointment.) Williams and Cappelletti, a public health professional, are among the senators who have mostly steered clear of the Capitol this year. Both indicated it is because of the refusal of some senators to wear masks on the Senate floor and as of last week, both were still waiting to get shots in their arms.” (*The Patriot News*, 4/12/21)

### **Emergency Declaration**

**In June 2021, Williams Was Critical Of The Pennsylvania Senate For Voting To End Gov. Tom Wolf’s Emergency Declaration.** “The amendment, hammered out overnight by the General Assembly and the Wolf administration, takes into account the special conditions and for at least some of them extends their end until Sept. 30. It wasn't immediately clear what the amendments said and trade group representatives also weren't exactly sure at the final language. The amendments have to be approved by the House as well. Yet Democrats, in a sometimes sharp exchange on the Senate floor, warned that approving the resolution to end the emergency declaration threatened federal funding for SNAP and potentially other programs. Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, called it "an act of political theater." Sen. Amanda M. Cappelletti, D-Chester County, agreed. "We're bringing to the floor measures that may very well strip away needed funds and flexibility ... This is a reckless gamble," she said.” (*Pittsburgh Business Times*, 6/10/21)

### **Legislative Oversight Of Emergency Declarations**

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1166, Which “Amends The Constitution Of Pennsylvania Providing For Equality Of Rights Because Of Race And Ethnicity, Concurrent Orders And Resolutions, And For Disaster Emergency Declaration And Management.”** ([SB 1166](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 7/15/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation proposes three separate amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania as follows:

**Article I:** This resolution adds a new section that would prohibit denying or abridging equality of rights under the law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the race or ethnicity of an individual.

**Section 9 of Article III:** This resolution would add a provision allowing for non-presentment to the governor of a Joint Resolution terminating or extending a declaration of disaster emergency.

**Article IV:** This resolution adds a new section that would authorize the Governor to issue emergency declarations under circumstances provided for by law for that purpose. The General Assembly could by law grant the Governor certain enumerated powers to address and abate the declared emergency. However, a declaration by the Governor of an emergency could not last longer than 21 days unless extended by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly approving the continuation of the declaration. Upon the expiration of the Governor's emergency declaration, the Governor could not declare a new state of emergency based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances without the passage of a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly expressly approving the new emergency declaration.

([SB 1166](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Amend The State Constitution To Provide A Crucial Check On The Authority Of The Executive Branch To Impose Executive Orders During Emergencies Without Legislative Oversight Or Approval.”** “This bill would amend the state constitution to provide a crucial check on the authority of the executive branch to impose executive orders during emergencies without legislative oversight or approval. The bill is in response to Governor Wolf’s sweeping emergency declaration issued during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill would require approval from both legislative bodies in order to impose or extend emergency declarations longer than 21 days. ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Crucial Checks And Balances Between The Coequal Branches Of Government, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Business Closures And Shutdowns**

**In May 2020, Williams Accused Republicans Of “Grandstanding” After They Subpoenaed Documents Relating To Business Closure Waivers Relating To The Wolf Administration’s COVID-19 Response.** “The subpoenas, signed by Regan to be sent to Davin and Wolf, ask for a response by Friday, May 8, the same day that Wolf has said some areas of Pennsylvania will be allowed to partially re-open. Senate Republicans could take Wolf to court for violating their legal subpoena power if the deadline is not met, Corman said. Democratic Senator Lindsey Williams, the minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, said

Republicans are "grandstanding for clips that will be used in future campaign advertisements," and questioned why the committee was not working on legislation to address the spread of the novel coronavirus in the state's veterans' homes. The Southeastern Veterans' Center in Chester County has seen 26 residents die of COVID-19, according to a report this week from the Philadelphia Inquirer. "But we aren't talking about that today in the veterans' affairs committee," Williams said. Wolf has defended his pandemic lockdown strategy as offering more flexibility and direct oversight than other states." (*The Sentinel*, 5/1/20)

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 327, Which Amends The Administrative Code By Adding New Articles Regarding Emergency COVID-19 Provisions And Amends Article XXIV Requiring The Department Of General Services (DGS) To Conduct An Annual Survey Of State Facility Usage.** ([SB 327](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: "This Bill Helps To Reopen Pennsylvania's Economy By Placing A Check On The Power Governor Wolf Has Seized Through The Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic."** "This bill helps to reopen Pennsylvania's economy by placing a check on the power Governor Wolf has seized through the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Specifically, the bill provides the legislature a voice in carrying out COVID-19 regulations and empowers counties to develop their own plans to reopen industries that have been shuttered down by the Governor. ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill as a step in the right direction." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**"Specifically, The Bill Provides The Legislature A Voice In Carrying Out COVID-19 Regulations And Empowers Counties To Develop Their Own Plans To Reopen Industries That Have Been Shuttered Down By The Governor."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union "Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government's Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction."** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Reopening Of Certain Businesses**

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 2388, Which "Amends The Administrative Code To Add A New Article Relating To Emergency COVID-19 Provisions Regarding Extension Of Waiver Provisions To Several Business Types And Service Operators."** ([HB 2388](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: "This Bill Combats Governor Tom Wolf's Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Car Dealerships, Barber Shops, Animal Groomers, Manufacturing Operations And Garden Centers Can Safely Reopen."** "This bill combats Governor Tom Wolf's abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring car dealerships, barber shops, animal groomers, manufacturing operations and garden centers can safely reopen. At the time of



this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials. The bill sets requirements on the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting Constitutional Rights, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Reopening Real Estate Industry**

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 2412, Which “Amends The Administrative Code To Add A New Article Relating To Emergency COVID-19 Provisions Regarding Issuance Of Waiver To The Governor’s Business Closure Order For Legal Services, Residential And Commercial Real Estate Related Activities.”** ([HB 2412](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-15), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Nay)

#### **DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 2412 amends the Administrative Code to add a new article relating to Emergency COVID-19 provisions regarding issuance of waiver to the Governor’s Business Closure Order for legal services, residential and commercial real estate related activities.

The legislation requires the Secretary of Community and Economic Development to immediately issue a waiver to the Governor’s Business Closure Order to all providers of legal services, and residential and commercial real estate services, including settlement services.

Until the Governor’s March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster emergency, and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency, is terminated or expires:

- A municipality or municipal authority that requires a use and occupancy certificate, or any other similar certificate or certification as a condition of a property transfer, shall be presumed to have issued a full and unconditional permit without requiring an inspection of the property. If a certificate is presumed to be issued, the municipality or municipal authority shall be enjoined from conducting a property transfer inspection after the proclamation has terminated or expired; and
- Taxing authorities and public utilities shall provide alternative means for residential home buyers or title insurers to ascertain the current status of tax payments or overdue utility obligations.

All businesses issued a waiver must comply with social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and the order issued by the Secretary of Health directing public health safety measures for businesses permitted to maintain in-person operations.

([HB 2412](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Tom Wolf’s Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring The Real Estate Industry Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Tom Wolf’s abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring the real estate



industry can safely reopen. Pennsylvania was the only state in the entire country to deem real estate as “nonessential” during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19), thereby prohibiting home purchases or sales and shuttering the industry. This bill sets specific social distancing requirements and requires the industry to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in order to reopen. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting Constitutional Rights, Supports The Ability Of Americans To Manage Their Own Risk Related To Illnesses, Believes That Many Of Government’s Reactions To COVID-19 Have Done More Harm Than Good And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Reopening Lawsuit Abuse**

**Williams Introduced Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388, Which Sought To Insert Language Concerning “Protection From Retaliation.”** ([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#))

**Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388, Which Sought To Insert Language Concerning “Protection From Retaliation.”** ([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (20-28), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/13/20, Williams Voted Yea)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2388

Sponsor: SENATOR L. WILLIAMS

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1 Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 20 and 21  
2 Section 110-A. Protection from retaliation.  
3 (a) General rule.--It shall be unlawful for a business  
4 operating under a waiver to the order to discharge, threaten or  
5 otherwise retaliate or discriminate against an  
6 individual employed by the business regarding compensation or  
7 other terms or conditions of employment because the individual:

([Amdt. A-5600 To HB 2388](#))

**ACU: This Amendment “To A Bill Reopening Certain Businesses Would Subject Businesses To Lawsuit Abuse If They Take Any Retaliatory Action Against An Employee Who Refuses To Return To Work Due To COVID-19.”** “The Williams (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment to a bill reopening certain businesses would subject businesses to lawsuit abuse if they take any retaliatory action against an employee who refuses to return to work due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). The amendment also guarantees employees remain eligible for all state and federal unemployment assistance until their employer adopts every guideline issued by the state and federal government. ACU opposes subjecting employers battling COVID-19 to frivolous litigation and abusing the unemployment trust fund at the expense of other employees and employers and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Subjecting Employers Battling COVID-19 To Frivolous Litigation And Abusing The Unemployment Trust Fund At The Expense Of Other Employees And Employers And Opposed This Amendment.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Restaurant And Bar Regulations**

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 2513, Which “Establishes A New Article I-A (Establishment Operation) In The Administrative Code To Allow Food And Beverage Establishment Indoor Operations Within Certain Guidelines...”** ([HB 2513](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-6), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/22/20, Williams Voted Yea)

### **Nursing Homes**

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1189, Which Amends The Disease Prevention And Control Law Of 1955, Further Providing For Definitions And For Control Measures.** ([SB 1189](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-16), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/22/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Commonsense Bill Ensures That Highrisk Individuals Are Less Likely To Be Exposed To ... COVID-19 By Prohibiting Patients With COVID-19 From Being Transferred From Other Facilities Into Nursing Homes Unless The Nursing Home Has A Separate Dedicated Isolation Space ...”** “This commonsense bill ensures that highrisk individuals are less likely to be exposed to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) by prohibiting patients with COVID-19 from being transferred from other facilities into nursing homes unless the nursing home has a separate dedicated isolation space for COVID-19 patients. This bill is necessary due to dismal and deadly failed leadership from Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Rachel Levine (now President Biden’s Assistant Secretary of Health) who hypocritically removed her mother from a long-term care facility while sending COVID positive patients into those same facilities. ACU recognizes that more than 50% of Pennsylvania’s reported deaths due to COVID-19 occurred in long-term care facilities. ACU supports protecting high-risk individuals from exposure to the virus through adaptive policies and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Protecting High-Risk Individuals From Exposure To The Virus Through Adaptive Policies And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### **Business Lawsuit Protections**

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 1737, Which Amends The Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, In Particular For COVID-19-Related Liability, Among Other Measures.** ([HB 1737](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/19/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Ensures That Businesses And Schools Are Protected From Lawsuit Abuse Related To The Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak.”** “This bill ensures that businesses and schools are protected from lawsuit abuse related to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The bill includes an exemption from the protection if a claimant proves by “clear and convincing evidence” that the person caused the injury by “gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or intentional infliction of harm.” ACU supports reopening the

economy by protecting businesses from lawsuit abuse related to COVID-19 and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reopening The Economy By Protecting Businesses From Lawsuit Abuse Related To COVID-19 And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## EDUCATION

### *Overview*

**“Ms. Williams Said She Entered The Fray For The 38th Because The Incumbent, Republican Randy Vulakovich, Wasn't Doing Enough To Help Grow And Protect Public Education.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

- **“She Pointed To A Bill He Co-Sponsored To Eliminate The State Mandate On Teacher Sick Time And Another Allowing Teachers To Be Armed.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

**In May 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Legislators To Call For Additional Education Funding And Opposition To Legislation Weakening School District Oversight Of Charter Schools.** “Allegheny Traditional Academy, a K-5 school on the North Side that was built in 1904, needs about \$10 million worth of "significant" capital improvements just so it can remain functional and safe for teachers and students, educators say. Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Anthony Hamlet highlighted the building during a news conference at the school Thursday in which he and several other local educators and advocates called on the Pennsylvania Legislature to provide better funding for public schools. "To do what is right for our kids, we must acknowledge the financial stressors that our district is under," Mr. Hamlet said. "I look forward to working with members of the Legislature, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and to ensure students in Pittsburgh Public Schools receive the valuable resources they deserve." He was joined by state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-West View; PPS board member Sylvia Wilson; Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers President Nina Esposito-Visgitis; and Angel Gober, an education organizer with ONE Pennsylvania. During brief remarks, they called on the state to invest more in its public schools, particularly in programs like PlanCon for capital improvement and building projects. They want lawmakers to reject proposed legislation they believe will weaken school district oversight on charter schools, and they want to prevent the expansion of the Education Improvement Tax Credit program.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/23/19)

### *School Choice And Charter Schools*

#### Overall

**In May 2019, Williams Was Among A Group Of Democratic Legislators Who “Decried Proposed Legislation Regarding Facilities That Charter Schools Can Use And Creating A Uniform Application Process For New Charter Schools; A \$100 Million Expansion Of The EITC Private School Scholarship Program, Which Ms. Williams Called A "Back Door Voucher Program"; The Makeup Of The Charter Appeals Board, Whose Members Were Appointed Years Ago By Former Gov. Tom Corbett; And Funding For Cybercharter**

**Schools, Which They Argue Should Be Lower Because They Have Lower Overhead Costs Than Brick-And-Mortar Schools.”** “She noted that Pennsylvania ranks in the bottom of all states for educational funding. “Though Gov. [Tom] Wolf has supported education by increasing funding each year since he was elected - and we do appreciate that - it's unacceptable for a state that leads in so many ways.” During the news conference, the group decried proposed legislation regarding facilities that charter schools can use and creating a uniform application process for new charter schools; a \$100 million expansion of the EITC private school scholarship program, which Ms. Williams called a “back door voucher program”; the makeup of the Charter Appeals Board, whose members were appointed years ago by former Gov. Tom Corbett; and funding for cybercharter schools, which they argue should be lower because they have lower overhead costs than brick-and-mortar schools. Public school districts pay charter schools “tuition” for students who live within the district's borders and attend a charter school. Some of the speakers argued that the charter schools and the EITC program siphon money from school districts and students who need the most resources. “We all know that one of the best investments we can make as a commonwealth is in education,” Ms. Williams said. “Our collective future depends on making sure that everyone has access to a quality education, from early childhood, to K through 12, to career and technical education to postsecondary. Thankfully, Pennsylvania may be right near the bottom, but we have a governor who has made strategic investments over the past four years to move that line. But we have a lot of work to do; we need to continue to increase those investments all the way along the board.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/23/19)

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 800, Which Amends Article XX-B (Educational Tax Credits) Of The Public School Code To Make Changes To The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program.** ([HB 800](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28-21), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/11/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “House Bill 800 amends Article XX-B (Educational Tax Credits) of the Public School Code to make changes to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. The legislation increases the total amount of tax credits available for contributions to scholarship organizations by \$100 million from the current \$110 million to \$210 million. Beginning July 1, 2019, the legislation provides for the amount of tax credits available for contributions to scholarship organizations to increase by 10% annually if more than 90% of the total aggregate amount of tax credits are used by taxpayers during the prior fiscal year and the General Assembly has not otherwise enacted an increase to the dollar amount provided for scholarship organizations.” ([HB 800](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Provide More Students The Opportunity To Attend The School Of Their Choice By Expanding The State’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC).”**

“This bill would provide more students the opportunity to attend the school of their choice by expanding the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). This tax credit (90% of a contribution amount) is provided to individuals or businesses who make contributions to certain scholarship granting organizations. The organization then provides the funds as vouchers to parents so they can enroll their child in a private or charter school. Under the bill, the cap on the amount of tax credits that may be issued each year would be increased from \$100 million to \$210 million, thus allowing more funding to be redirected to school choice. Furthermore,

families earning up to \$95,000 (previously \$85,000) would now be eligible to receive vouchers.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes And Reducing Taxpayer Costs Through The Responsible Expansion Of School Choice And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**In February 2020, Gov. Tom Wolf Backed Legislation To Reform Charter School Funding – A Measure That Could Reduce Funding For Charter Schools Millions Of Dollars.** “Gov. Tom Wolf is pushing significant changes to Pennsylvania’s charter school law that his office says could save school districts statewide \$280 million a year but would leave the existing charters less funding each year. The changes are outlined in a bill, sponsored by several Democratic House and Senate lawmakers and released Monday by the governor’s office, that would change the way district payments to charters are calculated. It follows Wolf’s call last year to overhaul Pennsylvania’s rules for charter school funding and accountability, as districts statewide complained about how their budgets are affected by schools that they say they have insufficient ability to regulate. “Every student deserves a great education, whether in a traditional public school or a charter school, but the state’s flawed and outdated charter school law is failing children, parents, and taxpayers,” Wolf said in a statement Monday. “Pennsylvania has a history of school choice, which I support, but there is widespread agreement that we must change the law to prioritize quality and align funding to actual costs.” Pa. superintendents join to demand charter school reform ahead of Wolf’s budget proposal Republicans who control the Legislature did not immediately comment on the bill, which had not yet been formally filed. Ana Meyers, executive director of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, called it a “slash-and-burn proposal” that would mean “punitive and discriminatory” funding cuts for charter-school students.” ([Philly.com](#), 2/3/20)

- **Williams Sponsored The Legislation.** “Mike Straub, a spokesperson for House Republicans, said it was “too early to tell” how much support the charter law changes may have going forward because the sponsoring lawmakers -- Sens. Lindsey Williams and James Brewster of Allegheny County, and Rep. Joe Ciresi of Montgomery County -- were still collecting cosponsors.” ([Philly.com](#), 2/3/20)
- **“The Legislation Backed By Wolf Would Set A Statewide Rate For What School Districts Pay Cyber Charter Schools, Which Are Authorized By The State Education Department And Enroll Students From Across Pennsylvania.”** “Gov. Wolf proposed more money for public schools, but districts say math just doesn’t add up More than 70% of school districts surveyed this year by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association identified charter school tuition as one of their biggest budget pressures, surpassing pension contributions as the most commonly identified factor. Districts pay charter schools based on enrollment and what districts spend on their students -- a rate that varies widely across the state. The legislation backed by Wolf would set a statewide rate for what school districts pay cyber charter schools, which are authorized by the state education department and enroll students from across Pennsylvania. Cyber charter costs have been a growing concern for traditional public school advocates, as well as lawmakers -- including some Republicans. The House Education Committee last month held a hearing on a bill sponsored by Rep. Curt Sonney

(R., Erie), that would dissolve cyber charters but require that every school district offer three full-time cyber school options. The bill backed by Wolf would prohibit enrollment increases at cyber charters with poor academic performance, an issue that has plagued the state's cyber charter sector.” (Philly.com, 2/3/20)

- **The Legislation Would Also Tighten Funding And Oversight Of Brick And Mortar Charter Schools.** “It would also change how districts fund charters for special education students, setting different rates based on the severity of the student’s needs. Among other provisions, the legislation would create a standard statewide framework for new charter applications. Brick-and-mortar charter schools are evaluated and approved by individual school districts. It would also tighten regulations for charter management companies, making the private companies that contract with charters subject to the state Right-to-Know law. It would bar charter schools from advertising themselves to parents as “free,” requiring they indicate costs are paid by taxpayers.” (Philly.com, 2/3/20)

**In December 2020, Williams Was Among The Sponsors Of The Wolf-Backed SB 27, Which Tightened Charter School Oversight.** “Governor Wolf helped establish a charter school in York County and is a longtime supporter of school choice, but real choice means quality learning. While some charter schools provide a great education, many charters, especially cyber charter schools, have poor educational outcomes. The plan ensures charter schools are providing students with a quality education. Despite costing taxpayers more than \$2 billion a year, charter schools have little public oversight and no publicly elected school board. For-profit companies that manage many charter schools are not required to have independent financial audits. The governor's plan increases transparency to restore the public's trust in charter schools by holding the for-profit companies that manage many of the schools to the same financial and ethical standards as school districts. The governor was joined for a press conference by Sen. Lindsey Williams and Rep. Joe Ciresi, State College Area School District Superintendent Dr. Robert O'Donnell and Bellefonte Area School District Board member Donna Smith. Sens. Williams and Jim Brewster are the prime sponsors of SB 27, and Rep. Ciresi is the prime sponsor of HB 272.” (Press Release, “Gov. Wolf Unveils Bipartisan Charter School Accountability Plan To Protect All Students And Taxpayers,” PA Governor, 12/27/20)

**In March 2021, “The Governor Joined Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-Royersford, And Educational Leaders From Across The State To Stump For A Forthcoming Bill That Standardizes Charter School Tuition Rates And Adds Accountability Provisions To Give Local Districts A Clearer View Of How The Funding Gets Spent.”** “Gov. Tom Wolf said recently that cutting funding and increasing accountability for underperforming charter schools makes better use of taxpayer dollars than the current system. “If we don't fix the problems in our charter schools now, we are setting our children up for failure and that's unacceptable,” Wolf said during a news conference. “We are also charging our taxpayers too much and that's unacceptable. Both of these are unacceptable.” But school choice groups say the repackaged messaging doesn't change the fact that districts don't undergo the same level of scrutiny or face funding cuts for poor student performance. “Pennsylvania families across the Commonwealth are enjoying their lawful rights to enrolling their children in public charter schools,” said Lenny McAllister, CEO of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools. “The General Assembly created charter schools 24 years ago to be a public alternative



to school districts for families who couldn't afford the educational choices available to those with the resources to pay for it. The governor wants to slash funding and limit these options for our state's neediest families to benefit his political allies." The governor joined Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Pittsburgh, Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-Royersford, and educational leaders from across the state to stump for a forthcoming bill that standardizes charter school tuition rates and adds accountability provisions to give local districts a clearer view of how the funding gets spent.”  
*(The Daily American, 3/2/21)*

**In June 2021, Williams Was Vocally Opposed To SB 1, Which Proposed To Dramatically Increase The Tax Credits Available To Corporations That Donated To Scholarship Funds For Private Schools.** “It also boosts the cap available for tax credits to fund innovative public education programs from \$37.5 million to \$50 million and for pre-kindergarten scholarship organizations from \$12.5 million to \$15 million. Further, it provides for an automatic 25% increase in the amount of tax credits available if 90% or more of the tax credits are claimed in the prior year, which would begin in 2022-23. Could property taxes rise? Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, said with that automatic escalator included, it means these tax credits could swell to a maximum of \$1 billion in five years, \$3 billion in 10 years, and \$8.5 billion in 15 years. "Senate Bill 1 is entitled Excellence in Education for All but I'm struggling with how this bill accomplishes that," Williams said. "Senate Bill 1 is a massive tax break for corporations which ultimately leads to incredible increases to property taxes for average Pennsylvanians." She also was critical of the bill's failure to reform how cyber charter schools are funded as well as to apply the special education funding formula that the state uses to distribute money to school districts to charter schools. Martin said both were areas that he was open to discussing further.”  
*(The Patriot News, 6/7/21)*

### **Catalyst Academy**

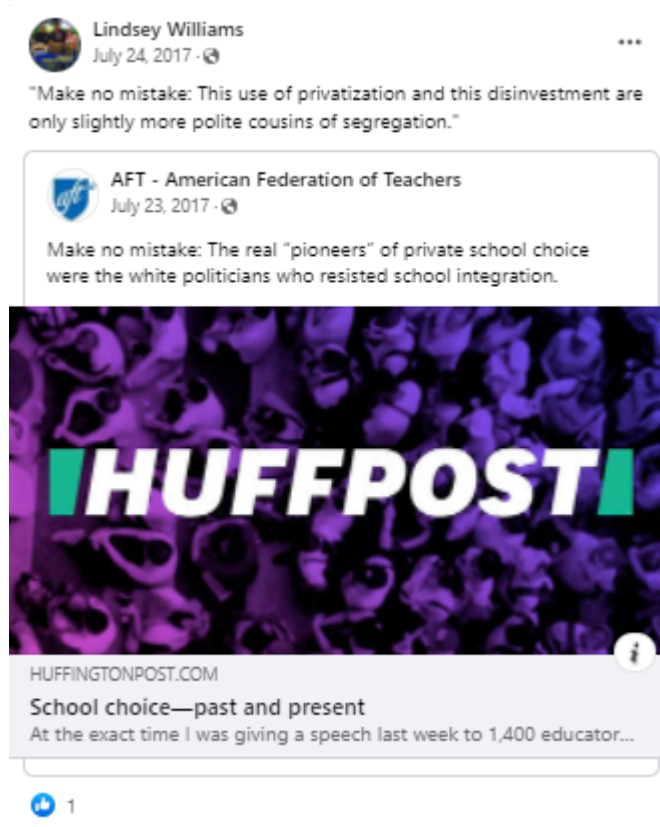
**In January 2019, Williams Urged The PA Charter School Appeal Board To Reject Catalyst Academy’s Appeal Of Their Denied Charter Application By The Pittsburgh Public School Board.** “The Pennsylvania Senate Democrats issued the following news release: Senator Lindsey Williams joined education advocates and representatives of One Pennsylvania, Education Rights Network, Pennsylvania Interface Impact Network, and the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers today to urge the Pennsylvania Charter School Appeal Board to reject Catalyst Academy's efforts to challenge the denial of their charter application. "I listened to the Catalyst Academy presentation and read their materials with an open mind during their application," said Senator Williams, "but what I found was that Catalyst's proposed charter school didn't offer anything that Pittsburgh Public Schools doesn't already offer to its students." Pittsburgh Public School board members unanimously rejected the Catalyst Academy charter application in February 2018, citing concerns including the school's overbroad, aggressive proposed disciplinary policies and lack of plans to meet the needs of special education students. "We're here today asking the Charter School Appeal Board to look at the mountain of evidence that the Pittsburgh Public School Board has presented about the deficiencies in Catalyst Academy's application and to follow existing charter school law and deny the application.” (Press Release, “Senator Lindsey Williams Urges PA Charter School Appeal Board To Deny Catalyst Academy Appeal,” PA Senate Democrats, 1/23/19)



**In February 2019, “Catalyst Academy, A Proposed Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade Charter School, Won Its Appeal To The State By A 3-2 Vote, After The Board Of Pittsburgh Public Schools Denied The School’s Charter Application In A Unanimous Vote In February 2018.”** “The Pennsylvania Charter Appeals Board voted Tuesday to overturn a decision of the Pittsburgh school board and approve a new charter school in the city. Catalyst Academy, a proposed kindergarten through eighth grade charter school, won its appeal to the state by a 3-2 vote, after the board of Pittsburgh Public Schools denied the school’s charter application in a unanimous vote in February 2018. In a news release, leaders for Catalyst Academy argued that it had the strongest charter application of any considered in recent years by the city school board. “We developed a detailed, innovative school plan that has now been recognized by both Pittsburgh school district experts and the (Pennsylvania) Charter Appeals Board as having met the rigorous criteria,” said Brian Smith, Catalyst’s founder and CEO, in a statement. “We are excited that today’s decision enables us to put our plan into action and provide a high-quality school that prepares our future students for college, career and life.””  
*(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2/26/19)*

**Rhetoric**

**In July 2017, Williams Promoted An Article That Contended That The Same People Who Promoted School Choice “Were The White Politicians Who Resisted School Integration.”**  
[\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 7/24/17\)](#)



[\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 7/24/17\)](#)

## *Curriculum*

### Transparency

**In October 2021, Williams Was Critical Of A Measure Requiring Schools To Post Their Curriculums Online, Deeming It An Onerous Unfunded Mandate.** “A bill that would require school districts to post curriculum online received approval from a key Senate panel on Monday. The Senate Education Committee voted along party lines to advance House Bill 1332[1] to the chamber floor for consideration. '[The bill] allows parents to play a greater and more active role in the oversight of what their children are being taught,' said Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Gettysburg, before noting that giving online access to the course information will help 'restore trust.' But Democrats on the committee warned that unfunded mandate will further burden school staff and invite unwarranted criticism. 'I'm all for transparency and accountability but right here we have an unfunded mandate on school districts who are already under a lot of pressure,' said Democratic Chairwoman Lindsey Williams. 'And this is also part of a larger movement to pit the public against teachers and politicize education while undermining the teaching of accurate history and racial and cultural confidence.' The sentiments echo concerns relayed[2] by Democrats on the House floor when the lower chamber approved the bill last week.” (The Center Square, 10/28/21)

## *Higher Education*

### Student Debt

**In 2019, Williams Was Among The Democratic Senators To Propose A \$1 Billion Program, Funded By Bonds, To Help Borrowers Pay Down Student Loan Debt.** “The following information was released by the Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent J. Hughes: A bold and innovative plan to help students and their families save thousands of dollars, pay down crushing student loan debt and better deal with the high cost of borrowing was unveiled by Sens. Vincent J. Hughes (D-Philadelphia/Montgomery), Katie Muth (D-Montgomery/Chester) and Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny) today. The plan, called the PA Student HELP (Higher Education Lending Protection) Act, is a multi-pronged effort which allows students to refinance high-interest debt and provide tax credits for those who have outstanding student loans. The plan also includes incentives for employers to help pay down student loan debt of their employees. The refinancing program aimed at curbing excessive student debt would be funded by up to \$1 billion in bond financing. "It's plain and simple: students face crushing loan obligations once they complete years of higher education," Hughes said. "Not only is the expense of postsecondary education sky high, but the cost of borrowing to meet tuition and living expenses financially cripples graduates for years.” (Press Release, “Senate Democrats Present Bold Plan To Tackle Crushing Student Loan Debt,” PA Senate Democrats, 3/20/19)

**Williams And Muth: “PA Student HELP Calls For Refinancing High-Interest Student Debt Using Up To \$1 Billion In Bond Financing. Early Estimates Indicate That More Than 28,000 Students Would Benefit From It.”** “PA Student HELP calls for refinancing high-interest student debt using up to \$1 billion in bond financing. Early estimates indicate that more than 28,000 students would benefit from it. In Pennsylvania today, there is \$68 billion in

outstanding student loan debt — the highest student loan debt per capita in the United States. Nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians carry student loan debt. The average college student in Pennsylvania carries \$36,000 in debt. Under PA Student HELP, a student could refinance his or her debt and save \$10,000 over a 20-year loan repayment. This would be achieved by slicing more than 2% off the blended federal loan repayment rate of 6.25%. The savings would be more pronounced for students who financed their education through private lenders. These students, who carry an average of \$50,000 in debt and a 10% interest rate (the current average private lending rate), would save more than \$43,000 from refinancing under the bill. There are other features. The plan includes a potential \$500 per year tax credit against personal income tax liability. The program would make up to \$10 million in tax credits available. Employers also have a role to play. To retain valuable, educated staff, employers could make contributions into a 529 account and have these contributions credited toward reducing student debt. The program would also open the possibility for employees to deploy the cash equivalent of unused carryover days to retire student debt. A final feature would boost transparency and open additional tracts of financial data to students to better understand the cost of higher education. The plan would mandate that colleges provide students with an upfront estimated cost of a four-year degree. It also would require that an ombudsman be appointed to guide students and parents through the loan application process.” (Lindsey Williams, Katie Muth, et. al., Op-Ed, “Pa. Bill Would Help Students With Crushing Debt Burden,” *Eastern Express Times*, 6/20/19)

### **Medical Education Loan Assistance**

**Williams Introduced Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462, Which Sought To Remove Repeal Of Provisions Relating To The Medical Education Loan Assistance.** ([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#))

**Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462, Which Sought To Remove Repeal Of Provisions Relating To The Medical Education Loan Assistance.** ([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (22-28), Pennsylvania State Senate, 4/20/20, Williams Voted Yea)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 462

Sponsor: SENATOR L. WILLIAMS

Printer's No. 858

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 13 and 14, by striking out  
2 "repealing provisions relating to medical education loan  
3 assistance;"

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out the comma after  
5 "XV-B" and inserting  
6 and

7 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "AND" and  
8 inserting a comma

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 31, by striking out ", ARTICLE XXII-  
10 A AND SECTION" and inserting  
11 and

12 Amend Bill, page 23, lines 8 through 30; pages 24 through 32,  
13 lines 1 through 30; page 33, lines 1 through 11; by striking out  
14 all of said lines on said pages

([Amdt. A-4837 To SB 462](#))

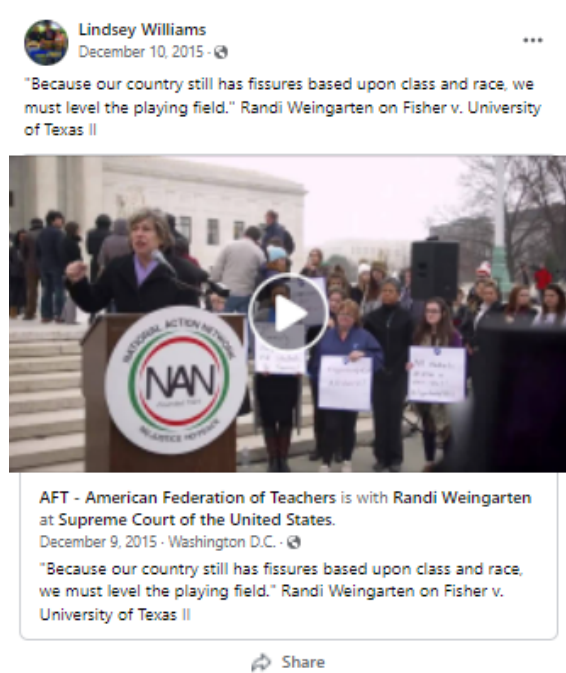
**ACU: This Amendment “Would Extend A Program Which Socializes The Student Loan Debt Of Select Individuals Employed In The Medical Industry.”** “The Williams (ACUF Lifetime 16%) amendment #4837 to an education bill would extend a program which socializes the student loan debt of select individuals employed in the medical industry. Under the original version of the bill the “Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program” is repealed, and this amendment keeps the program, thus forcing taxpayers to continue to cover up to \$50,000 in student loan debt for select physicians and nurses. ACU opposes this interference in the marketplace and the further socialization of higher education costs for select individuals and industries favored by government and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

- **“Under The Original Version Of The Bill The ‘Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program’ Is Repealed, And This Amendment Keeps The Program, Thus Forcing Taxpayers To Continue To Cover Up To \$50,000 In Student Loan Debt For Select Physicians And Nurses.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Interference In The Marketplace And The Further Socialization Of Higher Education Costs For Select Individuals And Industries Favored By Government And Opposed This Amendment.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### *Affirmative Action*

**In December 2015, Williams Posted Remarks From AFT Leader Randi Weingarten Calling For The Continuation Of Affirmative Action Policies In Education.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 12/10/15)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 12/10/15)

## IMMIGRATION

### *Overall*

**VIDEO: Williams Attended A Rally In January 2017 Against Trump’s Proposed Muslim Ban And Wall; She Marched Alongside People Calling For “Full Rights For All Immigrants.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 1/28/17)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 1/28/17)

### *Border Security*

**In 2018, Williams Attended A Rally Protesting The Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policies.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 6/30/18)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 6/30/18)



## LAW AND ORDER

### *School Safety*

#### SROs

**In 2019, The PA Legislature Passed Legislation Allowing For SROs To Have Their Arrest Powers Restored.** “Legislation aimed at restoring arrest powers for school police that was inadvertently taken away in a school safety law enacted last summer won passage in the Senate on Wednesday. The bill, which passed by a 28-20 vote, now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration. The House could consider voting on it as soon as next week, according to a House Republican leadership spokesman. A spokesman for Gov. Tom Wolf said he will make a determination as to whether he will sign it if or when it reaches his desk. The provision to return arrest powers was added to a noncontroversial school code bill that allows for students to receive course credit upon the successful completion of a personal financial literacy course during grades nine through 12. Sen. Mike Regan, R-York County, who advocated the legislative fix to the earlier enacted school safety law, said, “I am pleased that the Legislature acted quickly to reinstate arrest powers for school police officers so they can continue to do their jobs protecting our children.” (Patriot News, 10/24/19)

- **“Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, Didn’t Object To Restoring Arrest Powers To School Police. However, She Said In Her Floor Remarks She Remains Disturbed By A Provision In The Law Enacted This Summer That Allows School Security Guards Hired Through Third-Party Vendors To Be Armed.”** “Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, didn’t object to restoring arrest powers to school police. However, she said in her floor remarks she remains disturbed by a provision in the law enacted this summer that allows school security guards hired through third-party vendors to be armed. “I was and still am deeply concerned about security guards who have been hired by third-party vendors with no law enforcement training and no law enforcement experience brandishing a live firearm around our kids,” she said. Senate Education Committee Chairman Wayne Langerholc, R-Cambria County, argued against her attempt to strike that provision from the law, saying school security guards must clear criminal history and child abuse clearance checks and be trained in how to handle a lethal weapon.” (Patriot News, 10/24/19)

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 621, Which Amends Provisions Relating To School Police Officers, School Resource Officers And School Security Guards; And Imposing Powers And Duties On The Pennsylvania Commission On Crime And Delinquency.** ([SB 621](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/11/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Improves School Security By Strengthening Last Year’s School Safety And Security Law And Clarifying Policy Regarding Armed Security.”** “This bill improves school security by strengthening last year’s School Safety and Security Law and clarifying policy regarding armed security. Under the bill, an oversight is corrected to clarify that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs may serve as school resource officers. Furthermore, the bill ensures that local schools may authorize their security guards to carry firearms. The bill also establishes a baseline of training for all school security personnel, whether armed or not, to ensure students and

educators are properly protected. ACU supports efforts to strengthen school safety, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Under The Bill, An Oversight Is Corrected To Clarify That Sheriffs And Deputy Sheriffs May Serve As School Resource Officers.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)
- **“Furthermore, The Bill Ensures That Local Schools May Authorize Their Security Guards To Carry Firearms.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)
- **“The Bill Also Establishes A Baseline Of Training For All School Security Personnel, Whether Armed Or Not, To Ensure Students And Educators Are Properly Protected.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen School Safety, Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## ***Law Enforcement***

### **Stop And Frisk**

**In October 2016, Williams Described Trump’s Promotion Of A National Stop And Frisk Policy As “Racist.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 10/31/16)



Lindsey Williams  
October 31, 2016 · 🌐



This article is kind of where I'm at with the email thing. Yes, it is an issue that deserves coverage. Yes, she deserves to be questioned about it. Where I have trouble is why people cannot seem to get past the email thing, but they can get past Trump bragging about sexually assaulting women, encouraging the use of nuclear weapons, committing fraud with his charity and university, advocating for racist national stop and frisk, not releasing tax returns that could reveal massive conflicts of interest, calling for an unconstitutional ban on Muslims entering the country, being successfully sued for racial discrimination, having an embarrassingly deficient understanding of foreign policy, trashing the sacrifices of veterans like John McCain and Captain Kahn, calling Mexicans rapists, saying a judge can't do his job because he is Mexican, repeatedly degrading women, saying that women should be punished for having abortions, mocking a disabled reporter and then lying about it, advocating the use of torture and going after the families of suspected terrorists, cheating workers and subcontractors, denying that climate change exists, and wanting to end freedom of the press.

I just don't get how the emails out weighs all of that. Clinton is not perfect. No one is. But Trump is a serious threat to our democracy.

([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 10/31/16)



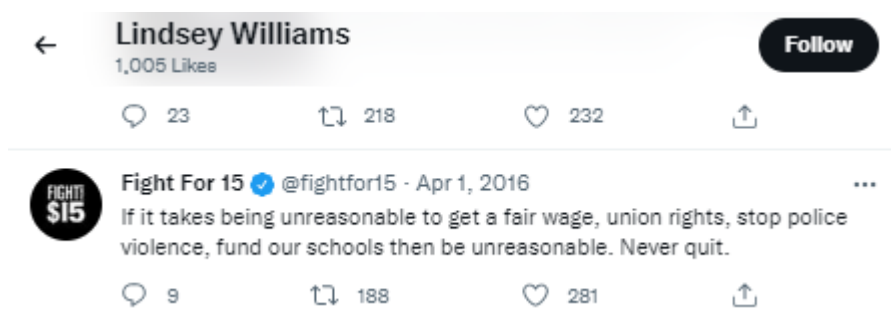
## Anti-Police Sentiments

**Williams Liked A Tweet Claiming “Are Any Cops Planning To Publicly Renounce Police Brutality Or Do Only Muslims Have To Do That After Every Terrorist Attack?”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

**Williams Liked A Tweet Noting “If It Takes Being Unreasonable To Get A Fair Wage, Union Rights, Stop Police Violence, Fund Our Schools Then Be Unreasonable. Never Quit.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

**Williams Retweeted A Post Noting “This Victory Is Bittersweet While Our Neighbors Are Suffering-While COVID-19 Continues To Widen Existing Inequities & Police Brutality Against Our Black And Brown Neighbors Goes Unchecked.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 6/3/20)

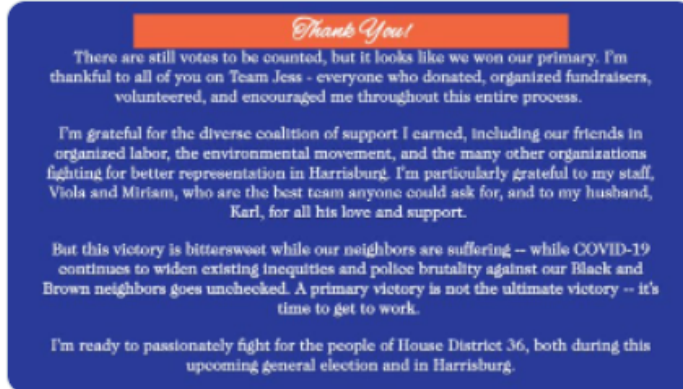
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Jessica Benham  
@jessicalbenham

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This victory is bittersweet while our neighbors are suffering-while COVID-19 continues to widen existing inequities & police brutality against our Black and Brown neighbors goes unchecked. It's time to get to work. I'm ready to passionately fight for the people of HD 36.



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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 6/3/20)

**Williams Retweeted A Post Noting “I’d Rather Stand In The Street And Die For Something Than Be Shot By A Racist Cop. I’d Rather He See Me Stand.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Posted 7/7/16)

Lindsey Williams Retweeted



take care of yourself  
@anamariecox

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"I'd rather stand in the street and die for something than be shot by a racist cop. I'd rather he see me stand."



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([Williams Twitter](#), Posted 7/7/16)

## *Civil Unrest/ Rioting*

### Justification For Rioting


**In September 2016, Williams Promoted A Message From Radical Activist Rev. William Barber Who Argued That Civil Unrest And Violent Protests In Charlotte Should Not Be Condemned Noting “The Riots In Charlotte Are The Predictable Response Of Human Beings Who Are Drowning In Systemic Injustice.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/23/16)

 Lindsey Williams  
September 23, 2016 · 🌐

Powerful message from Reverend Barber: "As a pastor and as an organizer, I do not condone violence....But to condemn the uprising in Charlotte would be to condemn a man for thrashing when someone is trying to drown him.

Whatever righteous indignation the public can muster ought to be directed toward the systems that created a situation where a man can drive to the bus stop to pick up his son and end up dead before he gets there.

I am a pastor. I will not condemn grief. But I was trained as a lifeguard, and I learned a long time ago that when people are drowning, their instincts can kill them and anyone who tries to help them....The riots in Charlotte are the predictable response of human beings who are drowning in systemic injustice."



NBCNEWS.COM  
OpEd: Riots are the response of human beings drowning in systemic injustice

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([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/23/16)

### *Special Status For “Media”*

**Williams Voted Yea On Amdt. A-3153 To SB 351, Which Adds “Media Professional” To Special Status Relate To Victims Of Crime.** ([Amdt. A-3153 To SB 398](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (22-27), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/28/19, Williams Voted Yea)

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "a paragraph" and  
 2 inserting  
 3 paragraphs  
 4 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 15 and 16  
 5 (40) A media professional.  
 6 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17  
 7 "Media professional." An officer, agent, employee or  
 8 purveyor of a news media organization engaged in news gathering  
 9 or the dissemination of information in a daily or weekly  
 10 newspaper, magazine, periodical, book, digital publication or  
 11 radio or television news broadcast.

([Amdt. A-3153 To SB 398](#))

**ACU: This Amendment “To A Bill Pertaining To Aggravated Assault Would Provide Prosecutors Further Inappropriate Authority To Enhance Charges Due To The Identity Of The Victim Rather Than The Facts Of The Crime.”** “The Farnese (ACUF Lifetime 14%) amendment to a bill pertaining to aggravated assault would provide prosecutors further inappropriate authority to enhance charges due to the identity of the victim rather than the facts of the crime. Specifically, the amendment would add “media professional” as a protected class in the event of an assault. As a result, a “simple assault” against a member of the media, which is currently graded as a misdemeanor, would be treated as an “aggravated assault” which is graded as a felony. An aggravated assault felony is punishable by up to 10 years’ imprisonment and a fine up to \$25,000.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Providing Prosecutors With Inappropriate Authority To Enhance Charges, Opposes Assessing Enhanced Penalties Based On Identity Of The Victim Which Runs Afoul Of The Concept Of Equal Application Of Justice And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### ***Utilization Of Public Resources***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 501, Which Amends Title 42 (Judiciary And Judicial Procedure) And Title 61 (Prisons And Parole).** ([SB 501](#), Bill Passed - Senate (38-11), Pennsylvania State Senate, 12/18/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Makes Numerous Reforms To The Criminal Justice System In Order To Better Ensure Taxpayer Resources Are Best Utilized To Fight Crime And Improve Public Safety.”** “This bill makes numerous reforms to the criminal justice system in order to better ensure taxpayer resources are best utilized to fight crime and improve public safety. Under the bill, numerous reforms are made to the probation and parole system and the Sentencing Commission is provided greater ability to make risk related adjustments to sentencing guidelines. Furthermore, the bill seeks to reduce recidivism by strengthening the state’s drug treatment program.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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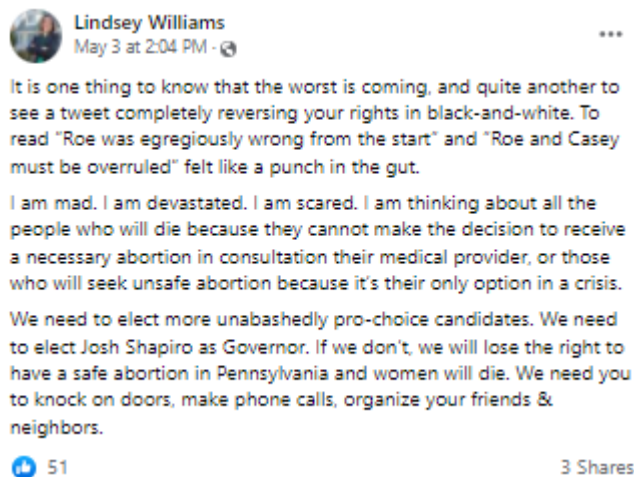
**The American Conservative Union “Supports This Measure To Reduce Unnecessary Incarceration And Instead Redirect Scarce Taxpayer Resources To Initiatives That Reduce Recidivism And Improve Public Safety And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## SOCIAL ISSUES

### *Abortion And Reproductive Issues*

#### Overall

**Williams: “We Need To Elect More Unabashedly Pro-Choice Candidates. We Need To Elect Josh Shapiro As Governor. If We Don’t, We Will Lose The Right To Have A Safe Abortion In Pennsylvania And Women Will Die.”** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 5/3/22)



([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 5/3/22)

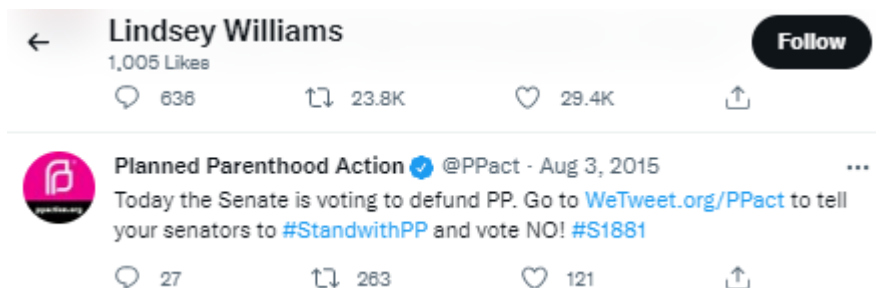
#### Pro-Choice/ Pro-Abortion Groups (Representative)

**In September 2015, Williams Changed Her Facebook Profile Picture To Note She Supported Planned Parenthood.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/28/15)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 9/28/15)

- **Williams Liked A Tweet Opposing The Defunding Of Planned Parenthood.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

**December 2018: “In Response To Ongoing Republican Efforts To Refuse To Seat Pennsylvania Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams (SD-38), EMILY’s List, The Nation’s Largest Resource For Women In Politics, Reiterated Their Strong Support Of Lindsey And Slammed Republicans For Attempting To Reverse The Will Of Voters.”** “The following information was released by EMILY’s List: In response to ongoing Republican efforts to refuse to seat Pennsylvania Senator-elect Lindsey Williams (SD-38), EMILY’s List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, reiterated their strong support of Lindsey and slammed Republicans for attempting to reverse the will of voters. Christina Reynolds, vice president of communications at EMILY’s List, released the following statement: "EMILY’s List is proud to continue to fully stand behind Senator-elect Lindsey Williams, who won her campaign fairly by building a grassroots movement and earning the support of hardworking families in her district.



This is yet another desperate and baseless attempt by Republicans to accomplish what they couldn't at the ballot box or in court and back special interests instead of respecting the will of voters. We look forward to Senator-elect Williams being rightfully sworn into office this January.” (Press Release, “Emily's List Stands With Senator-Elect Lindsey Williams,” Emily’s List, 12/7/18)

**In April 2022, Williams Was Endorsed By Emily’s List.** “Today, EMILYs List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, endorsed 19 women for election to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Laphonza Butler, president of EMILYs List, released the following statement: EMILYs List is thrilled to announce that we are endorsing 19 candidates for election to the Pennsylvania legislature. These candidates are dedicated to pursuing policies promoting reproductive justice, LGBTQ+ equality, affordable health care, and a stronger, fairer economy. These pro-choice champions are critical to protecting abortion access in the state, and we are eager to see them continue advancing justice across Pennsylvania and in the General Assembly.” (Press Release, “Emily's List Endorses Slate Of Candidates For The Pennsylvania General Assembly,” Emily’s List, 4/28/22)

- **NOTE:** *Williams is listed among the endorsed candidates later in the press release.*

### Down Syndrome

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 321, Which Amends The Abortion Control Act Of The Crimes Code, To Further Provide For The Definition Of ‘Down Syndrome.’** ([HB 321](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-22), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/20/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**MEMO: “Under Current Law, A Woman Can Obtain An Abortion Prior To 24 Weeks Gestational Age For Any Reason If A Physician Deems It Is Necessary, Except If The Woman’s Sole Reason Is To Select The Sex Of The Child. This Bill Will Expand That Exception To Prohibit Aborting The Child Solely Due To A Prenatal Diagnosis That The Unborn Child Has Down Syndrome.”** ([Down Syndrome Protection Legislation](#))

#### MEMORANDUM

Posted: February 13, 2019 12:59 PM  
From: [Representative Kate A. Klunk](#) and [Rep. Mike Turzai](#)  
To: All House members  
Subject: Down Syndrome Protection Legislation

We plan to re-introduce legislation amending the Abortion Control Act to prohibit the abortion of any child solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down Syndrome. Last session, this legislation passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 139-56.

Under current law, a woman can obtain an abortion prior to 24 weeks gestational age for any reason if a physician deems it is necessary, except if the woman's sole reason is to select the sex of the child. This bill will expand that exception to prohibit aborting the child solely due to a prenatal diagnosis that the unborn child has Down Syndrome. Nothing in this proposal would interfere with the existing ability of a woman to obtain an abortion in cases of rape, incest or endangerment to the mother, which are contained in different sections of the Abortion Control Act.

([Down Syndrome Protection Legislation](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Protect Life By Prohibiting An Individual From Performing An Abortion If It Is Sought Because The Unborn Child Receives A Prenatal Diagnosis Of Down Syndrome.”** “This bill would protect life by prohibiting an individual from performing an abortion if it is sought because the unborn child receives a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. ACU believes every human life is endowed with inherent dignity and deserves protection, believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)



The American Conservative Union “Believes Every Human Life Is Endowed With Inherent Dignity And Deserves Protection, Believes Abortion Is A Human Tragedy, Supports Restrictions On The Practice And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## *Race*

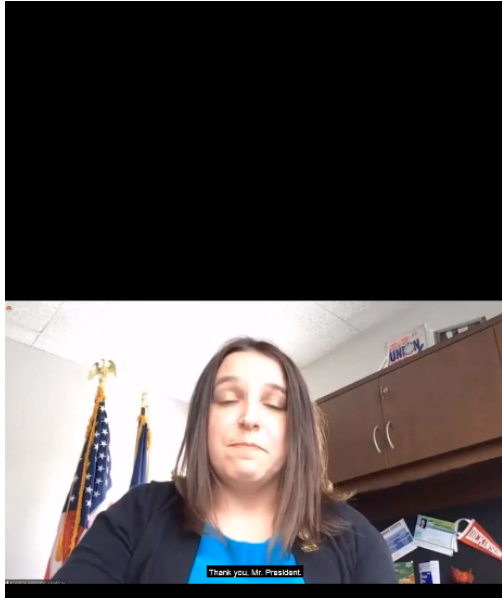
### Structural/ Systemic Racism

**Williams: “Black Lives Matter. We Have To Deal With The Racism, Structural Racism, And Implicit Bias That Keeps Leading To The Murder Of Our Neighbors.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/30/20)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 5/30/20)

**VIDEO: In 2020, Williams Noted “The Future Of Our Commonwealth Depends On Us Having Difficult Conversations About Structural Racism And Working Towards Solutions That Will Finally Address These Inequities And Change Those Numbers.** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 6/25/20; Minute 2:00)



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Yesterday, the Senate passed SR 336, officially recognizing Friday, June 19, 2020 as #Juneteenth, National Freedom Day in Pennsylvania. I was fortunate enough to hear Toi Gentlicore, a nurse, speak at a Juneteenth event outside of AGH last week. Her words moved me and thankfully, Toi was generous enough to allow me to share a few of her words with the Senate yesterday. Please take a moment to really listen to her words and to what 8:46 will mean to her forever.

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 6/25/20; Minute 2:00)

**Williams: “I Hope That We Continue To Take Large, Meaningful, And Quick Steps Towards Justice And Breaking Down All Of Our Racist Systems.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/20/21)

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senwilliamspa • We took a small step towards justice today. It would not have been possible without the brave actions of then 17-year-old Darnella Frazier recording those 9 minutes and 29 seconds. The verdict does not bring back George Floyd, but I hope it brings his family and friends some solace. I hope that we continue to take large, meaningful, and quick steps towards justice and breaking down all of our racist systems. #BlackLivesMatter

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([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/20/21)

**Williams: “Systemic Racism Absolutely Exists Within The Entire Criminal Justice System And The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office Is No Exception.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), 6/4/21)



senwilliamspa In light of District Attorney Stephen Zappala's retaliatory actions against clients of attorney Milton Raiford, a Black attorney who called out the systemic racism of the Allegheny County DA's office, I am joining my House colleagues in asking for Mr. Zappala to do the following:

1. Immediately rescind this policy and publicly commit to enacting policies in the DA's office that seek justice fairly and impartially;
2. Formally apologize to Attorney Raiford and to the residents of Allegheny County for using the position that they entrusted to him to pursue vengeance and not justice; and
3. Open his office to a review by a special prosecutor of cases of Raiford and other attorneys, like Frank Walker, who may have agreed with Raiford's statements regarding how defendants were treated.

DA Zappala decided not to offer plea deals to attorney Milton Raiford's clients after Raiford spoke out against systemic racism in the DA's office. Systemic racism absolutely exists within the entire criminal justice system and the Allegheny County District Attorney's office is no exception. These actions are a betrayal of the public's trust in their ability to receive equal justice and treatment under the law. Elected officials and our offices are not above criticism-- it is our job to be pushed to make this world better for everyone. The actions taken by DA Zappala are discriminatory and only make worse the divide in our criminal justice system that treats Black individuals more harshly than others.

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[\(Williams Instagram, 6/4/21\)](#)

**In 2016, Williams Posted A Piece Contending “Peace Without Justice Is No Peace At All For Those Who Live Under The Boot Of Structural Racism.”** [\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 7/6/16\)](#)



Lindsey Williams  
July 6, 2016 · 🌐



Kate Daher posted this article yesterday morning... "These so-called friends and allies were not openly racist, but they clearly ignored the ways in which they benefited from the structure of racism that allowed them to maintain peace and peace of mind. But peace without justice is no peace at all for those who live under the boot of structural racism."



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[\(Williams Facebook Profile, Posted 7/6/16\)](#)

## ***Second Amendment***

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 1747, Which “Amends The Crimes Code By Removing The Current Prohibition Of Carrying A Firearm In Public During An Emergency Proclamation From The State Or A Municipal Government.”** ([HB 1747](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 11/18/20, Williams Voted Nay)

### **ANALYSIS:**

HB 1747 amends the Crimes Code by removing the current prohibition of carrying a firearm in public during an emergency proclamation from the State or a municipal government.

In addition, HB 1747 further amends the Health and Safety Code by removing the gubernatorial authority to limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of firearms during a disaster emergency declaration.

([HB 1747](#))

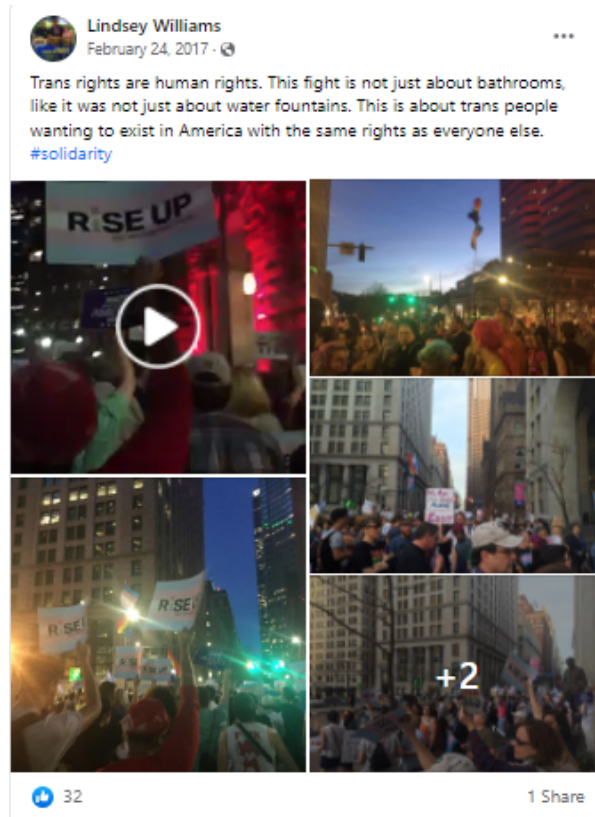
**ACU: “This Bill Provides A Crucial Check On ‘Emergency’ Powers By Prohibiting Any Governmental Entity Or Official From Infringing Second Amendment Rights Under The Guise Of An Emergency.”** “This bill provides a crucial check on “emergency” powers by prohibiting any governmental entity or official from infringing Second Amendment rights under the guise of an emergency. Specifically, the bill bars government from suspending or limiting the lawful sale of firearms, preventing the transportation of firearms, or restricting open carry rights during a government-declared emergency. The bill is partly in response to the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) which has prompted certain officials to shut down firearm dealers and servicers due to their alleged status as “non-essential businesses,” (a vague and arbitrary term) therefore restricting the ability of law-abiding individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported The Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## ***LGBTQ***

### **Transgender Issues**

**In 2017, Williams Attended A Protest In Support Of Transgender Bathroom Access And Noted “Trans Rights Are Human Rights. This Fight Is Not Just About Bathrooms, Like It Was Not Just About Water Fountains. This Is About Trans People Wanting To Exist In America With The Same Rights As Everyone Else.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/24/17)



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/24/17)

**In January 2022, Williams And Muth Were Among The Senators To Back A Proposed Reform To Remove Sex From Birth Certificates In Order To Better Accommodate Transgender Individuals.** "State Senate Democrats want to remove sex from Pennsylvania birth certificates among a series of policy changes they say will make life in the commonwealth easier for transgender individuals. In a joint memo seeking support for legislation they're about to propose, Sens. Tim Kearney, Amanda Cappelletti, Katie Muth and Lindsey Williams told their colleagues they were motivated to introduce a package of bills after a Senate Democratic Policy Hearing in June taught them more about the challenges facing transgender Pennsylvanians. The senators said they want to "remove some of the legal barriers the LGBTQ community faces when living as their authentic selves." "Soon, we intend to introduce legislation to protect individual privacy and prevent discrimination by removing sex designations on PA birth certificates," the memo said. As of Wednesday, the proposed legislation from Senate Democrats was little more than a wish list and likely to stay that way in the Republican-controlled Legislature." (*The Herald-Mail*, 1/24/22)

**In April 2022, Williams Was Critical Of Measures Intended To Ban Transgender Athletes From Competing In Women's Sports.** "The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is poised to vote as early as Tuesday on legislation banning transgender athletes from competing in women's sports in a move supporters say is necessary to protect athletic opportunities for young women in the commonwealth. A similar bill moved out of the Senate Education Committee on Monday by a 7-4 party-line vote. Neither stand to win Gov. Tom Wolf's signature. He regards

them as discriminatory, saying they would deny opportunities to certain children. "Trans youth should know that they belong, that they are valued, and that their participation in school activities is welcomed," a spokeswoman for Wolf has said. Both the House and Senate bills are characterized as efforts to preserve Title IX, a law that forbids sex-based discrimination in federally funded education programs including athletics. "It's essential to protect the opportunities for our female athletes to compete on the athletic field," said Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair County, who is Senate bill's sponsor along with Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York County, during the Senate Education Committee discussion of the bill. "Allowing biological males to compete in women's sports threatens to undo the progress that we've witnessed since the enactment of Title IX," Ward said. But Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, listed a number of school counselors, social workers, psychologists and administrator organizations that oppose the bill. Those groups maintain it will cause harm to students. She read from a letter the groups sent that states there is no empirical evidence that cisgender females have been negatively impacted by the inclusion of trans females on athletic teams. It goes on to point out the high rates of violence, depression, substance abuse and suicidality of trans youth and concludes with a plea not to marginalize this group of people any further. "I'm disappointed that we're voting this bill," Williams said. "This bill will cause significant harm to the mental health of our transgender students.'" (*The Patriot News*, 4/11/22)

- **Williams: “Republicans On The Senate Education Committee Voted SB1191, Legislation That Would Ban Transgender Student Athletes From Participating On Sports Teams Consistent With Their Gender Identity, Out Of Committee On A Party Line Vote. I'm Disappointed That We Ran This Bill, Which Will Hurt Our Transgender Students, Their Families, And The Entire Community.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/12/22)





([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 4/12/22)

### **Endorsements (Representative)**

**Williams Was Endorsed By The Human Rights Campaign In August 2018.** “Washington: The Department of Human Rights Campaign has issued the following news release: Today, HRC announced its endorsement of a record 19 pro-equality candidates in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. “In the face of a federal administration hellbent on turning back the clock and a state legislature that has refused to take action to protect the thousands of LGBTQ Pennsylvanians, endorsing pro-equality candidates in races up and down the ballot has never been more important,” said HRC Pennsylvania State Director Allison VanKuiken. “HRC is on the ground working harder than ever to turn out the vote for state level candidates who will champion equality and defend the rights of every Pennsylvanian.” In the Pennsylvania State Senate, HRC has endorsed Maria Collett for Senate District 12; Lindsey Williams for Senate District 38; Tarah Probst for Senate District 40; and Kate Muth for Senate District 44. In the Pennsylvania State House, HRC has endorsed Daniel Smith Jr.” (Press Release, “HRC Announces Historic Slate Of Pro-Equality Endorsements In Pennsylvania State Legislative Races,” Human Rights Campaign, 8/15/18)

### ***Miscellaneous***

#### **Hunting**

**In June 2021, Williams Was Among The Legislators To Vote In Committee Against A Measure Adding Sunday Hunting Days.** “The Senate Game and Fisheries Committee have voted to approve legislation that would allow the Game Commission to determine how many

Sundays should be open to hunting. Current law limits Sunday hunting to three weekends and until last year, Sunday hunting was prohibited. Act 107 of 2019, which was introduced as Senate Bill 147, allowed the Pennsylvania Game Commission to designate three Sundays for hunting. Last year, Sunday hunting debuted in Pennsylvania with hunting allowed on Sunday, Nov. 15 for archery deer hunting and the following two Sundays for firearms bear season and firearms deer season. Senate Bill 607, sponsored by state Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-Erie County, the chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee, would completely repeal the Sunday hunting ban and allow the Game Commission to determine how many hunting seasons should include Sunday hunting. The measure was approved by the Game and Fisheries committee by a 7-4 vote with three Republicans — Senate President Pro Tem Jake Corman, R-Centre County, Sen. Cris Dush, R-Indiana County and Sen. Scott Hutchison, R-Venango County — and state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, opposed.” (*The Danville News*, 6/16/21)

## REGULATORY

### *Executive Authority*

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 398, Which Amends The Regulatory Review Act.** ([SB 398](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-22), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/22/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review, for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations.” ([SB 398](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Improve Oversight Of The Regulatory Process And Strengthen A Crucial Check On Executive Branch Power.”** “This bill is designed to improve oversight of the regulatory process and strengthen a crucial check on executive branch power. Firstly, the bill would ensure that lawmakers and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) have adequate time to review regulations proposed by state agencies, thus limiting a scheme in which state agencies propose regulations when the legislature is in recess and prevent lawmakers from having time to review the policies. Secondly, the bill would improve oversight by ensuring committee chairs within the General Assembly are able to properly review proposed legislation, hold hearings and submit comments. Finally, the bill would eliminate the requirement that “statements of purpose” (SOPs) drafted by agencies be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, a weekly journal produced by the state detailing agency rules and regulations.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Oversight And Transparency Over The Regulatory Process, Supports Strengthening Checks And Balanced To Curb Any Inappropriate Power Of Unelected Bureaucrats Within The Executive Branch And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## *Oil And Gas*

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 790, Which Establishes The Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Act.** ([SB 790](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-23), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/21/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This bill establishes the Conventional Oil and Gas Wells Act, specifically to restore regulatory provisions of the Oil and Gas Act of 1984 and provide a framework specific to conventional wells and well sites. The reason for this is because both unconventional and conventional wells are currently permitted activities with the same regulatory requirements under Act 13 of 2012.” ([SB 790](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Excessive Regulatory Barriers Imposed On Conventional Oil And Gas Operations.”** “This bill would reduce excessive regulatory barriers imposed on conventional oil and gas operations. Under the bill, a regulatory framework would be established to govern conventional oil and gas wells which would balance environmental protection, the energy needs of consumers and the uniqueness of the industry. The bill is in response to regulations passed in 2012 designed to address the Marcellus Shale boom and the unconventional oil and gas industry (i.e., hydraulic fracturing), but have placed significant burdens on smaller conventional producers and brought the industry to near collapse. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, supports this measure to expand energy production and strengthen property rights and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Under The Bill, A Regulatory Framework Would Be Established To Govern Conventional Oil And Gas Wells Which Would Balance Environmental Protection, The Energy Needs Of Consumers And The Uniqueness Of The Industry.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports All Sources Of Energy, Believes Government Should Not Favor One Source Of Energy Over Another, Supports This Measure To Expand Energy Production And Strengthen Property Rights And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## *Vehicle Emissions*

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 742, Which Establishes The New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act.** ([SB 742](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-24), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “This legislation establishes the New Vehicle Emissions Modeling Act. The legislation requires the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in consultation with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to conduct vehicle emissions modeling to determine an exemption period that is in compliance with performance standards under the Clean Air Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Inspection/Maintenance Program regulations. The modeling must include scenarios up to and including the newest eight vehicle model years. The purpose is to determine the impacts of exempting newer model year vehicles from the program.” ([SB 742](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Regulatory Burdens And Commuter Costs By Exempting Vehicles Made Eight Years Ago Or Less From The Requirement To Be Tested Under The State’s Vehicle Emissions Program.”** “This bill would reduce regulatory burdens and commuter costs by exempting vehicles made eight years ago or less from the requirement to be tested under the state’s vehicle emissions program. ACU supports reducing car ownership costs by reducing regulatory burdens and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reducing Car Ownership Costs By Reducing Regulatory Burdens And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### ***Motorized Scooters***

**Williams Voted Nay On Amdt. A-6509 To HB 632, Which Amends Regulations Concerning Motorized Scooters.** ([Amdt. A-6509 To HB 632](#), Amendment Failed - Senate (20-30), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/30/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: This Amendment “Would Reform Outdated And Excessive Regulations To Allow The Operation Of Motorized Scooters...”** “The Laughlin (ACUF Lifetime 71%) amendment #6509 to the vehicle titling bill would reform outdated and excessive regulations to allow the operation of motorized scooters from companies such as Bird and Lime. Under existing law, all motorized devices on the road must be registered and certified like cars and motorcycles. This amendment exempts motorized scooters from this mandate, and instead lays a basic framework to allow scooter use with oversight from local governments. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which prohibits environmentally friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and supported this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Excessive Statewide Mandates Which Prohibits Environmentally Friendly Travel And Limit Mobility Options For Commuters, Tourists And Families And Supported This Amendment.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### ***Agricultural Buildings***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 453, Which Reduces Regulations Surrounding The Use Of Agricultural Buildings For Events.** ([SB 453](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27-20), Pennsylvania State Senate, 5/7/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Would Reduce Excessive Regulations That Have Prevented Individuals From Utilizing Agricultural Buildings Such As Barns For Weddings And Other Special Events.”** “This bill would reduce excessive regulations that have prevented individuals from utilizing agricultural buildings such as barns for weddings and other special events. Specifically, the bill would exempt certain agricultural buildings used for special events from stringent requirements under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). For example, agricultural buildings would be required to meet basic safety standards such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and proper egress (i.e., exit), but would not have to meet other stringent regulations designed for new

commercial buildings. ACU supports strengthening individual liberties and property rights by reducing excessive regulations and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“Specifically, The Bill Would Exempt Certain Agricultural Buildings Used For Special Events From Stringent Requirements Under The Uniform Construction Code (UCC).”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Strengthening Individual Liberties And Property Rights By Reducing Excessive Regulations And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### ***Telecommunications***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 1112, Which “Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities) To Provide For Telecommunication Carrier Regulatory Relief.”** ([SB 1112](#), Bill Passed - Senate (33-16), Pennsylvania State Senate, 10/21/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Expands Consumer Access To Broadband And Other Telecommunication Services By Repealing Costly Regulations And Requiring Regular Review Of Regulatory Impact.”** “This bill expands consumer access to broadband and other telecommunication services by repealing costly regulations and requiring regular review of regulatory impact. Specifically, this bill requires the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to waive several regulations that are outdated, costly, or unnecessary and may stifle broadband expansion. The bill also requires the PUC to undertake a review of all regulations applicable to telecommunications every three years. ACU supports expanding consumer access and reducing costs by limiting excessive regulations and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Expanding Consumer Access And Reducing Costs By Limiting Excessive Regulations And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### ***Price Controls***

**Williams Voted Nay On SB 139, Which Amends The Price Gouging Act Definitions And Prohibitions In The Case Of A Declaration Of A State Of Disaster Emergency.** ([SB 139](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/4/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Would Make A Series Of Amendments To The State’s Price Gouging Act To Limit The Application Of The Law To Actual Disasters And Emergencies.”** “This bill would make a series of amendments to the state’s Price Gouging Act to limit the application of the law to actual disasters and emergencies. Under current law, any time the governor declares a state of emergency (including non-disaster declarations), price restrictions are automatically imposed for 30 days with extensions up to 90 days. This bill would provide the governor with flexibility to determine in which disasters to impose price restrictions. Additionally, the bill would limit the duration of the restrictions to 15 days with extensions up to 60 days. The bill does, however, contain one negative provision that would prevent prices from rising greater than

10% during an emergency (previously 20%). ACU opposes price controls that aggravate disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and supported this bill as a step in the right direction.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes Price Controls That Aggravate Disasters By Preventing The Market From Allocating Scarce Resources And Incentivizing The Flow Of Additional Goods And Supported This Bill As A Step In The Right Direction.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## *Licensure*

### Pharmacy Technicians

**Williams Voted Yea On HB 770, Amends The Pharmacy Act To Provide For Pharmacy Technicians And Pharmacy Technician Trainees.** ([HB 770](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31-17), Pennsylvania State Senate, 6/4/19, Williams Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The legislation requires a pharmacy technician to register with the Board of Pharmacy (board) biennially and pay a registration fee, possess an unrestricted registration from the board to practice, and be responsible to and under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a board-licensed pharmacist.” ([HB 770](#))

**ACU: “This Bill Restricts Competition And Drives Up Pharmaceutical Costs By Imposing New Barriers For Pharmacy Technicians To Enter The Workforce.”** “This bill restricts competition and drives up pharmaceutical costs by imposing new barriers for pharmacy technicians to enter the workforce. Under the bill, no individual may be employed as a pharmacy technician unless they are certified by the State Board of Pharmacy, satisfy a near endless number of requirements, and pay various fees. ACU recognizes that pharmacy technicians work under the supervision of pharmacists who are already licensed, opposes the proliferation of licensing regimes which drive up consumer costs and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Regimes Which Drive Up Consumer Costs And Are Primarily Designed To Restrict Competition And Opposed This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

## *Judicial*

### Judges Elections

**Williams Voted Nay On HB 196, A Joint Resolution Proposing Integrated Amendments To The Constitution Of The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania, Organizing The Judiciary Into Representative Districts And Further Providing For Residency Requirements.** ([HB 196](#), Bill Passed - Senate (26-24), Pennsylvania State Senate, 7/15/20, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Ensure That All Pennsylvanians Have A Voice In Selecting Judges For The Commonwealth’s Three Appellate Courts.”** “This bill is designed to ensure



that all Pennsylvanians have a voice in selecting judges for the commonwealth's three appellate courts: The Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, and the Supreme Court. Specifically, the bill proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow voters to elect appellate judges by districts rather than statewide elections. Under the bill, the state would be divided into nine Commonwealth Court districts, 15 Superior Court districts and seven Supreme Court districts. As a result, voters would be able to elect a judge who resides in the district to serve on the respective statewide court. ACU recognizes that under the current system, 60% of appellate court judges reside in two of the most liberal counties while the other 65 counties have 80% of the state's population but only 40% representation on the courts. ACU supports this measure to help achieve more equal representation on the courts, supports efforts to ensure strict constructionists dedicated to the U.S. Constitution have a voice on the courts and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

- **“Specifically, The Bill Proposes To Amend The Pennsylvania Constitution To Allow Voters To Elect Appellate Judges By Districts Rather Than Statewide Elections. Under The Bill, The State Would Be Divided Into Nine Commonwealth Court Districts, 15 Superior Court Districts And Seven Supreme Court Districts.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

**The American Conservative Union Supports This Measure To Help Achieve More Equal Representation On The Courts, Supports Efforts To Ensure Strict Constructionists Dedicated To The U.S. Constitution Have A Voice On The Courts And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2020)

### ***Tort Reform***

**William Voted Nay On SR 20, A Resolution Concerning The Impact Of Venue For Medical Professional Liability Actions On Access To Medical Care And Maintenance Of Health Care Systems.** ([SR 20](#), Resolution Passed 32-17, 2/5/19, William Voted Nay)

- NOTE: “A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in this Commonwealth and requesting that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1006.” ([SR 20](#))

**ACU: “This Resolution Urges The Pennsylvania Supreme Court To Uphold The Positive Reforms Implemented In 2002 To Reduce Lawsuit Abuse In Medical Malpractice Cases.”** “This resolution urges the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to uphold the positive reforms implemented in 2002 to reduce lawsuit abuse in medical malpractice cases. The reforms were designed to reduce “forum shopping” schemes by personal injury lawyers which sent medical malpractice insurance rates skyrocketing and contributed to the loss of medical practitioners and facilities. Under the resolution, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is encouraged to delay action on an amendment proposed by the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. The proposed amendment would repeal the 2002 forum shopping reforms. ACU recognizes that prior to 2002, 10% of the nation's medical malpractice claims were filed in Philadelphia County (most of any county in the



nation) and that the repeal of the reforms would increase medical costs and reduce access and quality of care. ACU further recognizes that our rights under the U.S. Constitution guarantee all who have been genuinely harmed the opportunity to seek remedies through the courts. Unfortunately, this is not possible when the courts are clogged with frivolous litigation. ACU supports reasonable tort reform to reduce frivolous litigation and lawsuit abuse and supported this resolution.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

**The American Conservative Union “Supports Reasonable Tort Reform To Reduce Frivolous Litigation And Lawsuit Abuse And Supported This Resolution.”** ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

### *Civil Liberties*

#### Smoking Age

**Williams Voted Yea On SB 473, Which Amends The Definition Of “Minor” To Be An Individual Under 21 Years Of Age And Increases The Legal Age To Purchase Or Attempt To Purchase A Tobacco Product From 18 Years Of Age To 21 Years Of Age.** ([SB 473](#), Bill Passed - Senate (43-6), Pennsylvania State Senate, 9/25/19, Williams Voted Nay)

**ACU: “This Bill Infringes Individual Liberties By Raising The Smoking Age From 18 To 21.”** “This bill infringes individual liberties by raising the smoking age from 18 to 21. Furthermore, the bill subjects nicotine and e-cigarette products such as Juul to the 21 and up restriction. ACU believes the usage of both cigarettes and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue, that those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to purchase tobacco or nicotine products and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

## POLITICAL

### *Ideology*

#### Socialist

**“Williams Said She Joined The Democratic Socialists Of America As She Sought Their Local Chapter's Endorsement In The Democratic Primary. She Didn't Receive It.”**

“Williams, a licensed attorney, said she is an advocate for workers' rights and public education is a top priority. "There's a lot of work to be done in terms of investing more in our public education and addressing issues with unaccountable charter schools draining money from the system," she said. "There's a lot of work to be done in that area to improve what our kids see every day." Williams said she joined the Democratic Socialists of America as she sought their local chapter's endorsement in the Democratic primary. She didn't receive it. "I'm a Democrat. I've been a registered Democrat since I turned 18. I've voted in every primary, special and general election," Williams said regarding claims that she's a socialist. "I identify as a workers' rights advocate. That's what I want to do in Harrisburg.” (*The Valley News-Dispatch*, 11/5/18)

**“Ms. Williams Did Seek The Endorsement Of The Democratic Socialists Of America In December 2017.”** “Even before the lawsuit, the race was heating up - Republicans recently

began an intensive effort to label Ms. Williams as a "socialist." Ms. Williams did seek the endorsement of the Democratic Socialists of America in December 2017. This past weekend, campaign signs that looked like hers - but weren't authorized by her campaign - popped up around the North Hills and featured the word "Socialist" in large red and white letters beneath her name. Mr. Shaffer's campaign did not respond directly to a question about who was responsible for the signs, but the candidate said he "supports the efforts of the various groups trying to make her political positions known." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

**“Republicans Have Pointed To A Clip Of Ms. Williams Speaking At An Endorsement Meeting For The Democratic Socialists Of America Last Year, In Which She Said She Would Be "Honored To Be Seeking The DSA Endorsement.”** “The signs underscore a line of attack from Republicans that has spanned to the highest level of politics: that Democrats have strayed too far left and want to "impose socialism" if they regain political power in November. Republicans have pointed to a clip of Ms. Williams speaking at an endorsement meeting for the Democratic Socialists of America last year, in which she said she would be "honored to be seeking the DSA endorsement." The DSA did not endorse her and chose to stay out of the Democratic primary at the time.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)

- **“Asked About This, Ms. Williams Said She Identified Herself As A "Workers Rights Advocate" Who Would Advocate For Raising The Minimum Wage, Invest In Public Schools And Increase Access To Affordable Health Care.”** “Asked about this, Ms. Williams said she identified herself as a "workers rights advocate" who would advocate for raising the minimum wage, invest in public schools and increase access to affordable health care. A drive through the North Hills district on Monday found only one of the "Socialist" signs, tucked behind a real Lindsey Williams campaign sign. Rock Kernick, chair of the Hampton Township Democratic Committee, said most had been removed. "I think it's amazing," Mr. Kernick said. "I actually feel really proud of my community for not allowing that filth on our streets.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)
- **VIDEO: Williams Was Recorded Speaking At The 2017 DSA Endorsement Meeting As Well As Acknowledging She Did Join The DSA To Seek Their Endorsement.** ([YouTube](#), Posted 10/30/18)



([YouTube](#), Posted 10/30/18)

**Williams Liked A Tweet Claiming “Capitalism Didn't Build The Greatest Middle Class In The World. Unions Did.”** ([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

### **Progressivism**

**In February 2019, “State Sen. Lindsey Williams, Who Flipped The 38th District To Democratic In November, Said The Success Of The Progressive Agenda Will Rely On Help From Advocacy Groups To Ensure That Legislators Do "The Right Thing.”** “But beyond elections, progressives spoke of the need to put pressure on legislators who don't back their agenda. State Sen. Lindsey Williams, who flipped the 38th district to Democratic in November, said the success of the progressive agenda will rely on help from advocacy groups to ensure that legislators do "the right thing." Kadida Kenner, director of campaigns for the Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center, encouraged the audience to visit offices of representatives in the area, and to call the leadership of the state Legislature. The session cited Ms. Williams' swearing-in as a result of grassroots pressure, referring to when activist groups mobilized after Senate Republicans floated the idea of not seating her because of a residency dispute. "Just six to eight of you showing up at a district office makes a huge impact," Ms. Kenner told the crowd, most of whom indicated they were politically active in the 2018 cycle. Ms. Williams said she is "cautiously optimistic" that because the Democrats have flipped seats in both the state House and Senate, the excitement over progressive priorities like raising the minimum wage is high.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 2/3/19)

**Williams Was Endorsed By The Progressive Organization Keystone Progress In April 2018.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 4/29/18)



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### Anti-Trump Supporters

**Williams, In December 2016: “If You Don't Think The Hateful Things Trump Says Or The Hateful Things Others Say In His Name That He Refuses To Denounce Are Affecting Our Country, You Are Not Paying Attention. Tear Yourself Away From Fox News And Open Your Eyes And Ears. Look And Listen To How People Are Responding To The Man You Voted For. Hate Of Others Is Promoted And Encouraged By The President-Elect. For The Next Four Years Children Will Have Him As A Role Model.”** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 12/8/16)



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If you don't think the hateful things Trump says or the hateful things others say in his name that he refuses to denounce are affecting our country, you are not paying attention. Tear yourself away from Fox News and open your eyes and ears. Look and listen to how people are responding to the man you voted for. Hate of others is promoted and encouraged by the president-elect. For the next four years children will have him as a role model.

"Half an hour after Trump tweeted about Jones on Wednesday, the union leader's phone began to ring and kept ringing, he said. One voice asked: What kind of car do you drive? Another said: We're coming for you."

This is what I voted against. This is what I will continue to fight.  
[#ImWithChuck](#)



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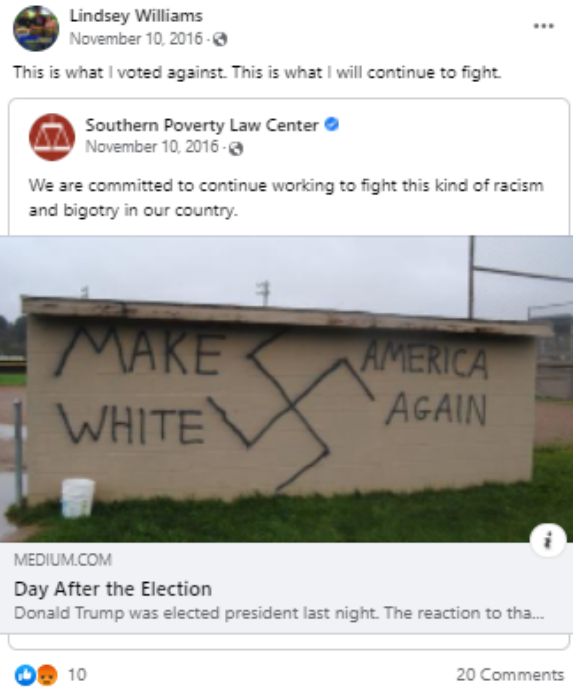
Donald Trump just insulted a union leader on Twitter. Then the phone started to ring.

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**In November 2016, Williams Claimed She Voted Against The Racism And Bigotry Embodied By Donald Trump. ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/10/16)**



([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 11/10/16)

**Williams Retweeted A Post Contending “Fight On The Front Lines. Strangle Fascists With The Chains They Would Have You Wear. Be A Motherfuckin' General.”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 12/27/16)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 12/27/16)

### ***Residency***

#### **2018 Complaint**

**In October 2018, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Filed A Lawsuit Contending That Williams Was Ineligible To Run Due To Not Having Lived In Pennsylvania For 4 Consecutive Years.** “The following information was released by the Pennsylvania Republican Party: Monday, a lawsuit was filed to declare SD-38 Democrat nominee Lindsey Williams ineligible to hold the seat she aspires to due to failing to meet the constitutionally-required residency requirements. Williams falls several weeks short of meeting the four-year



Pennsylvania residency requirement in order to run for a seat and serve in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. In response, Republican Party of Pennsylvania Chairman Val DiGiorgio , made the following statement: "The Republican Party of Pennsylvania stands by our legal analysis that shows Lindsey Williams fails the constitutionally-required residency requirements and is ineligible to hold a seat in the Pennsylvania General Assembly at this time. "Lindsey Williams running while ineligible to serve as a state legislator is, at best, demonstrating her ignorance of the PA Constitution and Pennsylvania law at worst, it is lying to the voters of Pennsylvania about her eligibility to run office. "Lindsey Williams is unfit to take the oath to defend the state constitution when she has already violated its provisions.'" (Press Release, "PA GOP Statement On Lawsuit To Remove Lindsey Williams From General Election Ballot," PA GOP, 10/15/18)

**Williams Claims To Have Started The Process Of Moving Back To Pennsylvania To Begin Her Work With The Pittsburgh Federation Of Teachers On The Weekend Of Friday, October 31, 2014.**

"The following timeline is based on public records, a prior interview with Ms. Williams or materials provided by her campaign: Ms. Williams said she attended Dickinson College and the Duquesne University School of Law, both in Pennsylvania. She later lived in Maryland, registering to vote in Anne Arundel County in January 2014. Ms. Williams said she received an employment offer from the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers on Oct. 28, 2014, and gave notice to her prior employer on Oct. 29, 2014. The Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers dated a formal offer letter Oct. 30, 2014, and Ms. Williams signed it on Nov. 2, 2014. Ms. Williams said she "drove to Pennsylvania the weekend of Friday, Oct. 31, to Sunday, Nov. 2 to begin the process of moving back. I began moving my belongings and searching for apartments."

*(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)*

- **"On Nov. 2, 2014, A State Trooper Spotted Ms. Williams Speeding In York County, Pa., And Listed Her Address On A Citation In Anne Arundel County, Md."**  
*(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)*
- **"Ms. Williams Voted In Anne Arundel County In The Nov. 4, 2014, Election. County Records Indicate That She Voted Early But Do Not Specify On Which Date; Officials There Say Early Voting Occurs During An Eight-Day Period."** "Ms. Williams voted in Anne Arundel County in the Nov. 4, 2014, election. County records indicate that she voted early but do not specify on which date; officials there say early voting occurs during an eight-day period. Ms. Williams told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette she voted in Maryland because it was too late to change her registration and, "I didn't want to miss voting.'" *(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)*
- **"On Nov. 10, 2014, Ms. Williams Paid The Fine Associated With The Speeding Ticket. Court Workers Said They Did Not Have Any Record Of A Change Of Address On File For Her."** *(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/16/18)*
- **"Records Show That On Dec. 25, 2014, Ms. Williams Registered To Vote In Allegheny County. She Said She Switched Her Voter Registration When She Switched Her Driver's License."** "Records show that on Dec. 25, 2014, Ms. Williams registered to vote in Allegheny County. She said she switched her voter registration when she switched her driver's license. Residency issues in prior cases have considered a variety of factors, ranging from where someone registered to vote, where they got their

driver's license, addresses for their utility bills and the candidate's stated intention, among other factors.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/16/18)

**“Williams Previously Said She Believes Case Law Shows That Having The Intent To Move To Pennsylvania And Physical Presence In The State Support Her Argument That She Meets The Requirements.”** “Ms. Williams previously said she believes case law shows that having the intent to move to Pennsylvania and physical presence in the state support her argument that she meets the requirements. "My intent happened in October when I gave notice to my former employer that I was quitting my job and taking a job with the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers," she said.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/16/18)

**Williams Asked Commonwealth Court To Dismiss The Case Against Her.** ‘Democratic state Senate candidate Lindsey Williams on Friday asked Commonwealth Court to dismiss a case challenging her residency. Her attorney, Charles Pascal, argued the case should be dismissed on technical grounds. He wrote that the deadline for challenging Ms. Williams' nominating petitions, on which she declared her residency, had long passed and that they were therefore considered valid. Removing her from the ballot this close to the Nov. 6 election "would promote uncertainty and instability in the election process," he wrote. He also wrote that Commonwealth Court was not the proper venue to bring such challenges. Two residents in the 38th state Senate district, with support from the Republican Party, filed a measure in Commonwealth Court earlier this week seeking to have her removed from the ballot on the grounds that she does not meet the four-year residency requirement outlined in the state constitution. Ms. Williams disputes that. Further filings in the case are due next week. Ms. Williams is running against Republican candidate Jeremy Shaffer, who ousted current state Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the GOP primary earlier this year.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/20/18)

**In Late October 2018, Commonwealth Court Dismissed The Lawsuit Against Williams.** ‘A Commonwealth Court judge on Wednesday dismissed a case challenging the residency of a Democratic state Senate candidate and allowed her name to remain on the November ballot. Democrat Lindsey Williams, who is running in the 38th District north of Pittsburgh, said she was happy "that this distraction is over" and she could return to focusing on policy issues, such as public education and health care. But state Republicans, who supported the legal challenge, indicated Wednesday evening that they might not be ready to drop the fight. Republicans are still not convinced that Ms. Williams meets the four-year residency requirement outlined in the state constitution and are weighing whether to appeal the issue to the state Supreme Court, Jason Gottesman, a spokesman for the state party, said in a statement. Whether they would succeed is unclear. Commonwealth Court Judge Michael Wojcik, who ran as a Democrat, wrote in his 10-page opinion issued Wednesday that the challenge to Ms. Williams' residency was "a barely colorable claim." Ms. Williams is running against Republican Jeremy Shaffer in a fierce fight to replace current state Sen. Randy Vulakovich, who lost the GOP primary in May.” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 10/25/18)

**In November 2018, PA Senate Republicans Called On Williams To Show That She Met The Residency Requirement Following Her Campaign Victory.** “Republicans who control Pennsylvania's Senate want a Democrat who is the apparent winner in the race for an open suburban Pittsburgh seat to prove she meets the residency requirement to serve in the chamber,

senators said Wednesday. Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman, R-Centre, said Republicans plan to ask Democrat Lindsey Williams to show how she meets a constitutional requirement that newly elected senators must have lived in Pennsylvania for the prior four years. "She needs to have the ability to come in and lay out that she does meet the requirements and, if she does, that'll be the end of it," Corman said. "If she doesn't, then we've got an issue that we need to deal with." Corman would not say how Republicans will handle it if they decide that Williams doesn't meet the requirement. Republican senators discussed the matter for the first time Wednesday during a closed-door caucus meeting. A judge threw out a Republican-backed lawsuit last month challenging Williams' eligibility, saying the plaintiffs had missed a seven-day period in March to challenge her nomination petition for the primary ballot." (*The Associated Press*, 11/15/18)

- **In December 2018, "State Senate President Pro-Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, Has Asked Democratic Sen.-Elect Lindsey Williams To Provide More Documentation About Her Residency As Republicans Decide Whether To Block Her From Taking Her Seat Next Year."** "State Senate President Pro-Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, has asked Democratic Sen.-elect Lindsey Williams to provide more documentation about her residency as Republicans decide whether to block her from taking her seat next year. In the weeks before the November election, Republicans backed an unsuccessful legal effort to get her kicked off the ballot on the grounds that she did not meet the residency requirements outlined in the state constitution, which says that lawmakers must live in the state for at least four years. A judge dismissed the case. Ms. Williams, who has repeatedly said she does meet the requirements, won election in the 38th Senatorial District, which includes parts of Pittsburgh and its northern suburbs. In a letter dated Thursday, Mr. Scarnati said he questions "your qualification to be sworn in to serve in accordance with the Constitutional requirements." He gave her seven days to provide copies of her driver's license, employment history, tax withholdings, home purchase or rental agreements, and any other information she deems relevant. He said she may request a hearing before a panel of senators. He said she may receive pay, hire employees and do other administrative duties during December, but if the Senate decides not to seat her in January, she will have to repay her salary." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 12/1/18)

**"Lawyers For Democrat Lindsey Williams On Monday Submitted Legal Arguments And Affidavits That They Say Should Satisfy Any Concerns That She Doesn't Meet Residency Requirements."** (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)

- **"On Nov. 6, 2014, She Had Moved In With Friends In The Pittsburgh Area While She Looked For An Apartment And Finished Her Final Assignments At Her Previous Job With The International Brotherhood Of Teamsters In Washington, D.C., The Paperwork Said."** (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)
- **"Republicans Have Pointed To The Post-Nov. 6, 2014, Dates On Her Pennsylvania Driver's License, Apartment Lease Agreement And Voter Registration As Reasons Why She Does Not Meet The Four-Year Requirement. But Williams' Lawyers Cited Case Law That Suggests Such Matters Are Not Expected To Be Completed The Day Someone Moves From One State To Another."** "Republicans have pointed to the post-Nov. 6, 2014, dates on her Pennsylvania driver's license, apartment lease agreement and voter registration as reasons why she does not meet the four-year requirement. But

Williams' lawyers cited case law that suggests such matters are not expected to be completed the day someone moves from one state to another. Scarnati has retained an outside lawyer to review Williams' legal arguments and, after that, "we will make known our next step in a few days," his office said." (*The Associated Press*, 12/11/18)

**In January 2019, GOP Senate Leader Joe Scarnati Relented And Agreed That Williams Should Be Sworn In.** "In the Senate, Scarnati ended weeks of uncertainty on Friday by announcing he supported the seating of Democrat Lindsey Williams in an Allegheny County district. Republicans had raised questions about whether Williams had lived in the state for four years to the day before being elected, a state constitutional requirement. She was sworn in. Williams' win was one of five Republican seats in the Senate that Democrats flipped in November, including four in the Philadelphia suburbs. The two new Republican senators are Judy Ward of Blair County and Kristin Phillips-Hill of York County, both filling vacancies created when an incumbent sought higher office. Sen. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Allegheny, is scheduled to be sworn in to Congress on Thursday." (*The Associated Press*, 1/2/19)

## ***Electoral Reforms***

### **Overview**

**Williams, In 2018: "There Are Obvious Policy Changes To Improve The Ability For People To Vote, Including Early Voting, No Excuse Absentee Requests, Pre-Registration For 17-Yr Olds, And Same Day Registration. Automatic Voter Registration For All Those Who Use Government Services Should Be The Standard."** "Q: Which voting modernization reforms (such as no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, same day voter registration, additional funding for voting technology upgrades) would you support to ensure that our elections are accessible, efficient, and secure? A: Voting should be easy. There are obvious policy changes to improve the ability for people to vote, including early voting, no excuse absentee requests, pre-registration for 17-yr olds, and same day registration. Automatic voter registration for all those who use government services should be the standard. We also need to inform those who served time in prison and have a criminal record that they are eligible to vote and ensure that they are registered. Absentee ballot reform must be undertaken to reduce the opportunity of fraud. Other broader reforms, such as vote-by-mail should also be made available. DRE touchscreen machines used in most counties do not allow for meaningful recounts, are nearly impossible to audit, and are subject to being hacked fairly easily. Additional funding should be allocated to update these machines with paper ballots which are counted by an optical scan system. These paper ballots could be manually recounted and audited to verify the count accuracy." (*New Pittsburgh Courier*, 10/24/18)

## ***Notable Democratic Associations***

### **Joe Biden**

**In November 2020, Williams Was Among The Speakers At A Campaign Rally Featuring Jill Biden.** "Biden held a campaign event in Allison Park, Pa. - about 20 minutes north of Pitt's campus - geared at energizing suburban women to vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Pennsylvania's suburbs helped Trump win the presidency in 2016. Current polling shows Biden

leading among suburban women by about 23%. The event also featured a number of down ballot Democratic candidates such as Sen. Lindsey Williams (D-38), Emily Skopov (running for the state House 28th District), Michele Knoll (running for the state House 44th District) and Lissa Geiger Shulman (running for the state House 30th District). Biden focused on her husband's education policies such as investing in public schools and universal pre-kindergarten for all children. She also mentioned Biden's stance on providing affordable health care and his plan to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Biden added that her husband of 43 years "couldn't be more different" than President Donald Trump." (*The Pitt News*, 11/3/20)

**In 2020, Williams Reposted Kamala Harris' Post Celebrating Their 2020 Electoral Victory.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 11/7/20)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 11/7/20)

**In 2016, Williams Posted A Picture Of Herself Cozied Next To Joe Biden And Noted “I Shook @Joe Biden's Hand & Said I'm From Scranton. He Said You Didn't Say The T. Yes, You Are. And Kissed My Cheek!!”** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 9/5/16)

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I shook @JoeBiden's hand & said I'm from Scranton. He said you didn't say the T. Yes, you are. And kissed my cheek!!



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([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 9/5/16)

### **Barack Obama**

**In 2008, Williams Is Known To Have Canvassed On Behalf Of Barack Obama.** “For both national and local elections, Williams said it's important to continue campaigning until the last possible minute to ensure a Democratic victory. She referenced her canvassing experience in 2008 knocking doors for President Barack Obama, and said she was able to take a woman who had just become a citizen to vote for the first time. "We ran into a voter who planned on voting, but was left without a car. And so we put her in the car and drove her to the polls," Williams said. "I got the privilege of driving someone to the polls to vote for the very first time on the afternoon of Election Day." Biden said Pennsylvania - and its female voters, in particular - are critical leading into tomorrow's presidential election.” (*The Pitt News*, 11/3/20)

**In 2018, Williams Noted That She Had Been Endorsed By Obama.** ([Williams Facebook Page](#), Posted 10/1/18)





Lindsey Williams  
October 1, 2018 · 🌐



President Obama encourages us all to fight for something, not against something, which is why I am beyond humbled and honored to announce that I have been endorsed by President Barack Obama in my #fightforthe38th.



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### Hillary Clinton

**In October 2016, Williams Appears To Have Been Interviewed During A CNN Piece Featuring Pennsylvania Voters; She Noted She Backed Clinton And Found Trump’s Access Hollywood Remarks To Be Disqualifying.** “SCHNEIDER (voice-over): Colleen Moses has 17-year-old triplets. Two boys and a girl. National Security is her number one priority since her two sons plan to enlist at age 18. She says Hillary Clinton's role in Benghazi is worse than Trump's words saying the lewd language doesn't faze her. (on camera): What do you think when it comes to your children when they hear something like this? MOSES: It's nothing. My boys are 17 and there is really not much I have not heard said. LINDSEY WILLIAMS, HILLARY CLINTON SUPPORTER: I don't get it. SCHNEIDER (voice-over): Lindsey Williams stood across the street from these supporters aghast. She backs Hillary Clinton and says Trump's words are disqualifying. WILLIAMS: It is sexual assault. It's not acceptable, it's not okay, and it's not just locker room talk. SCHNEIDER: Desiree Conrad brought her four young boys to see the man she says is not a canned politician.” (CNN, 10/10/16)

### Elizabeth Warren

**In 2017, Williams Changed Her Profile Picture Of One With Her Posing And Smiling Next To Elizabeth Warren.** ([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/8/17)



Lindsey Williams updated her profile picture.  
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([Williams Facebook Profile](#), Posted 2/8/17)

### **Bernie Sanders**

**Williams Was Originally A Bernie Sanders Supporter During The 2016 Democratic Primary And Called On The Labor Movement To Back Sanders In July 2015.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Posted 7/13/15)



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Bernie backs working people, we ask the labor movement to [#BackBernie #1u thndr.it/1lvnvZg](#)

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### ***Miscellaneous***

#### **2020 Election Aftermath**

**In January 2021, Williams Contended “Republicans Have Been Playing A Dangerous Game At The State And Federal Level. It Is Not A Surprise That This Has Led To The Subversion Of The Will Of The Voters And Violence.”** ([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/21)



([Williams Instagram](#), Posted 1/6/21)

## Russian Propaganda

**Williams Liked A 2014 Tweet From The Russian Propaganda Site RT Criticizing McDonald’s Corporate Record.** ([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)



([Williams Twitter Profile](#), Accessed 5/12/22)

## PERSONAL

### *Career Notes*

**“Before Joining The Teachers Federation In 2014, She Had Served Stints With A Downtown Workers' Compensation Firm, The United Steelworkers And The National Whistleblower Center, Where She Was Fired The Night Before The 2012 Election For Trying To Unionize The Small Workforce.”** (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)

- **“Instead Of Accepting A Severance Package With A Required Gag Order, She Pursued A Wrongful Termination Charge And Settled.”** “Instead of accepting a severance package with a required gag order, she pursued a wrongful termination charge and settled. "My rights were violated. I had the privilege of having a family that helped support me while I was fighting my case, where a lot of other people don't have that," Ms. Williams said. "If my rights are getting violated, what is happening to workers every day who don't have that same support system?"” (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/11/18)