
FIX THE BROKEN, BLOATED POLITICAL SYSTEM



We can't fix the state's problems until we fix state government. Pennsylvania is home to the most expensive, wasteful and lavish legislature in the country. Instead of having a system that encourages citizen legislators, we have a system that has bred a generation of career politicians. It shouldn't be profitable to go into public service. In order to restore the public's trust we need to reform the system so the elected officials are working for taxpayers, not themselves.

It starts with abolishing lawmakers' per diems, pensions and lifetime health insurance plans. Scott Wagner leads by example by rejecting these lavish perks and will seek to make sure others now follow suit. Then we need to limit to 12 years the total time someone can spend in one body in the legislature in order to break this culture of careerism, which leads to corruption in most cases.

And we must end Harrisburg's notorious "revolving door" lobbying culture **by banning** former lawmakers from lobbying in addition to prohibiting lobbying firms from engaging in campaign work on behalf of politicians. This political cesspool of conflicts of interest needs to end