

## **Senate Democratic Priority Checklist – Senate Passed Initiatives**

### **Transportation Equals Jobs**

Senate Democrats had a vision to repair, improve and maintain Pennsylvania's failing transportation infrastructure. Our proposed comprehensive transportation plan focused on investing in roads, bridges, transit, rails and ports. This plan not only addressed the enormity of the current transportation crisis in Pennsylvania, it provided for the future through job growth and continued investments to further protect those traveling throughout the state.

Senate Democrats were instrumental in the passage of a \$2.5 billion bipartisan plan that would fund roads, bridges and mass transit. SB 1 is still pending approval in the House

### **Halt Job Losses**

Prevent liquor privatization – Reject Corbett effort to eliminate 5,000 jobs through privatizing wine and spirits.

### **Stopped Costly Corbett Pension Changes**

Hold tightly to Act 120 which provides long-term financial solution unfunded liability.

### **Protecting the Social Safety Net**

Senate Democrats remain focused on the need for Pennsylvania to finally pass Medicaid Expansion – bipartisan effort that would provide health care access to 500,000, plus hundreds of millions in budget savings, create 35,000 to 40,000 jobs and draw down \$3 billion in federal dollars.

Social safety net programs – modest increases in this year's budget for most programs – domestic violence prevention and rape crisis lines increased.

### **Providing for Public Safety**

Attorney General -- \$8 million increase in funds for Attorney General Kane that can be used to combat sexual predators, illegal gangs, etc.

Mobile Street Crimes Unit – \$2.5 million to develop a new initiative to combat street crime.

New Troopers – new funds to pay for three new state police cadet classes – totaling 290 individuals.

### **Investing in the Future of Our Children**

Fund basic education at a level higher than last year and more than requested by the governor (\$90 million requested –\$130 million in budget) to back-fill \$1 billion in Corbett education cuts.

### **Modernization of Government**

Auditor General -- \$1.75 million for technology upgrades.

### **Tax Changes**

Close corporate tax loop holes (Delaware Loophole issue) -- add back provisions help close the Corporate Net Income Tax loophole – estimated to add \$50 million in revenue.

Aircraft repair – Sales and Use Tax exemption for purchase of parts, maintenance and repairs on fixed wing aircraft.

Capital Stock and Franchise freeze– freeze the phase-out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax for two years at 0.89 which generates \$54 million that can used to meet critical budget needs.

Innovate in PA – new technology and economic development assistance program is funded at the \$100 million level. House Republicans stripped significant amounts of the credits in their Tax Code changes.