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## NEW AG

On Tuesday evening, the U.S Senate confirmed **Pam Bondi** as U.S. Attorney General, positioning the longtime **Donald Trump** ally as the head of the United States Justice Department. The vote was nearly party-line at 54-46, with Pennsylvania Democrat **John Fetterman** breaking ranks to join all Republicans in approving her confirmation.

## 50 FOR 50

If you were in and around the Capitol yesterday, you most likely saw the large protest taking place on the Capitol steps. The protestors were part of the nationwide effort, 50 Protests in 50 States - One Day, decrying President **Donald Trump**, **Elon Musk**, and Project 2025.

## TAX FIGHT

Just a few days after Governor **Josh Shapiro's** budget address, opposition is forming to one of his key proposals. The Governor proposed a 52% tax on skill game terminals, which could raise an estimated \$360 million to help pay for his spending priorities. State Senator **Gene Yaw** is pushing back on the plan, stating that a 52% tax rate would make skill games unprofitable for operators. Instead, the senator is proposing a 16% tax rate.

## A HOWLING GOOD TIME

The annual Puppy Bowl, which takes place on Super Bowl Sunday at 2 pm, will have some local dogs in it for the first time. **Ginger**, a terrier mix from Harrisburg Area Humane Society, will be playing for Team Fluff in this year's bowl. The Puppy Bowl will feature over 100 puppies from 40 states, 80 of which are rescues. *Tune in to find out which team will win the Lombarky trophy.*

Congratulations to **Ezra Thrush**, who recently joined the team at Ridge Policy Group as a Senior Associate. Prior to joining Ridge, Ezra was a team member at both Penn Future and the PA Department of Environmental Protection. *Cheers Ezra!*



## *Happy Birthday*

- U.S Congressman **Brendan F. Boyle**
- Former State Senator **Roy Afflerbach**
- **Andrew Lewis**, President and CEO, Commonwealth Foundation
- **Luke Ravenstahl**, Former Mayor of Pittsburgh



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