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THE NUMBERS ARE IN

The PA Department of Revenue has reported the Commonwealth's February collections, recording \$2.9 billion in General Fund revenue. Last month's General Fund collections were \$44 million or 1.6% more than anticipated. Specifically, the state's Sales Tax receipts included \$1.1 billion, and the Personal Income Tax's revenue was \$1.2 billion, which both were above estimate. When compared to year to date, the General Fund collected a total of \$27 billion, which is slightly below estimate by \$104.3 million or 0.4%.

OWLS ROOST IN YORK

Temple University and WellSpan Health signed an agreement for a new campus of Temple's medical school to be located in York. Temple President **John Fry** stated, "This new campus will ultimately lead to improved health outcomes in York County and across the commonwealth, and we are delighted to partner with WellSpan to bring a Temple education to a new part of Pennsylvania." The first class is expected to be roughly 40 students who will start in August 2027. The current Katz School of Medicine enrolls around 880 medical students between its Philadelphia and Bethlehem campuses.

BUSINESS CLASS

Governor **Josh Shapiro's** use of state-operated aircraft has come under scrutiny following revelations that he has traveled on Pennsylvania State Police planes without publicly reporting it. While his use of the PennDOT-operated plane peaked in 2023 before declining in 2024, unreported flights on State Police aircraft have raised questions among lawmakers and watchdog groups. In response, the Administration has pledged to publish flight logs.

TARIFF-IC TIME

President **Donald Trump** announced that 25% tariffs on goods from Mexico and Canada will take effect today. His comments triggered a selloff in global stocks, lowered bond yields, and weakened the Mexican Peso and Canadian Dollar. He also confirmed that he is raising tariffs on all Chinese imports to 20%, accusing China of failing to curb fentanyl shipments.

CIVIC DUTY

Yesterday, a toilet exploded at the city-county building in Pittsburgh, slightly injuring a worker. This is another incident in a long line of problems with city-owned buildings in Pittsburgh. City Council continues to investigate the incident and plunge into the details as they look at all city-owned building assets. *Taxpayers deserve better.*



Happy Birthday

- **Vincent Gastgeb**, Senior VP, Corporate & Government Relations, Allegheny County Airport Authority
- **Heidi Hawkins***, Senior Manager, Western Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, Exelon
- **Kevin O'Toole**, Executive Director, PA Gaming Control Board
- **Blake Lynch**

Committee Meetings

- (S) Appropriations – 9:30AM – Budget Hearing – Department of Corrections
- (H) Appropriations – 10AM – Budget Hearing – Department of Human Services
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – 10AM - Public hearing on the Issuance of Permits in Environmental Justice Areas/ HB 109
- (H) Appropriations – 1PM – Budget Hearing - Department of Human Services
- (S) Appropriations – 1PM – Budget Hearing – Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency



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