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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM***

PROMOTION

Pennsylvania Attorney General **Dave Sunday** has nominated **Darryl Lawrence** as the state's next Consumer Advocate, following the resignation of **Patrick Cicero**. Lawrence, who has spent nearly 20 years in the Office of Consumer Advocate, currently serves as the Interim Consumer Advocate. Sunday emphasized Lawrence's dedication to protecting consumers in utility matters and expressed confidence in his leadership. Lawrence called the nomination an honor and pledged to continue advocating for Pennsylvania consumers. Lawrence's nomination will now need to be confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate.

FT-CYA

President **Donald Trump** has dismissed Democratic FTC Commissioners **Alvaro Bedoya** and **Rebecca Kelly Slaughter**. Both commissioners condemned their removal as illegal, citing Supreme Court precedent that limits presidential authority over independent agencies. Bedoya accused Trump of trying to weaken the FTC's ability to challenge corporate power, while Slaughter warned that silencing opposition voices threatens accountability.

DODGED DOGE

Yesterday, a federal judge ruled that the decision by the Trump Administration to dismantle USAID likely violated the Constitution. **Theodore Chuang**, U.S. District

Judge in Maryland, ordered that the emails and computer access to these employees be reinstated, including those placed on leave. The order also blocks DOGE from making any further cuts. According to the lawsuit, **Elon Musk** was singled out as a defendant.

WELCOME HOME

NASA astronauts **Butch Wilmore** and **Suni Williams** finally put their feet back on Earth yesterday after nine months in space. The two astronauts were supposed to travel in space for about a week, but their trip was significantly extended because of unexpected problems with their capsule. The two were onboard the International Space Station since June 2024.

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE send our condolences to the friends and family of **Deborah "Debbie" Keys**, who passed away earlier this week. A lifetime resident of the Harrisburg area, she is known for her longstanding flower business, Pealer's Flowers. In addition to her business, Debbie served as the vice-chair of the Cumberland County Republican Committee, was a member of the Cumberland County Council of Republican Women, a former state committee woman, Camp Hill borough council member, RNC delegate, and treasurer for former State Senator **Pat Vance**. Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm tomorrow (Myers-Baker Funeral Home) with a mass on Friday at 2 pm (St. Patrick's Cathedral).



Happy Birthday

- Former State Senator **Patricia H. Vance**
- Former State Representative **David J. Steil**
- **Laura Cullison***
- **Shirley Black**
- **Meredith Buettner Schneider**, Executive Director, PA Cannabis Coalition

Committee Meetings

- (H) Game and Fisheries – 9AM - Informational meeting on the presentation of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Annual Report for 2024
- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 9AM - Meeting for the following: election of officers, Act 90 (2013) - tavern games, and Senate Resolution 178 (2023) - school safety
- (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 9:30AM - Voting meeting on HB 575, HB 865, HR 89, SB 173 and Honoring the Wives of Vietnam Veterans
- (H) Children and Youth – 10AM - Voting meeting on HB 156, HB 524, HR 41, HR 6

- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – 10AM - Voting meeting on HB 635, HR 50, HR 61
- (H) Local Government – 10AM - Voting meeting on HB 438, HB 620, HB 754, HB 797, HB 822, HB 858, HR 118
- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 10AM - Meeting for the following: Adopt: HR 2024-318 (Rep. Matzie), Adopt: HR 2024-481 (Rep. Abney), and Executive Session
- (S) Republican Policy – 1PM - Public hearing on improving access to quality healthcare through technological innovation
- (H) Democratic Policy – 3:30PM - Public hearing on Sustainable Long-Term Care
- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced



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