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PA House of Representatives  
Republican Policy Committee

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**Rep. Joshua D. Kail**  
Chairman

**PA House Republican Policy Committee Hearing**

**“Pathways to Prosperity: Igniting Growth Through Pro-Family Policies”**

**September 24, 2024, at 1 p.m.**

**Allenberry**  
**1559 Boiling Springs Rd.**  
**Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance   |
| 1:10 p.m. | David Samella<br><i>Plant Manager, Vitro Glass Industries</i>                                  |
| 1:15 p.m. | Ryan Heishman<br><i>CEO, Allen Distribution</i>  |
| 1:20 p.m. | Aaron Riggleman<br><i>Manager of Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business &amp; Industry</i> |
| 1:25 p.m. | Dr. Mark Blanchard<br><i>Superintendent, Cumberland Valley School District</i>                 |
| 1:30 p.m. | Questions for the Testifiers   |
| 2:00 p.m. | Closing Comments   |



## Testifier Biographies

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### David Samella Plant Manager, Vitro Glass Industries

Vitro Glass Industries, a leading global glass manufacturer, specializes in producing high-performance architectural glass for commercial and residential applications.

Headquartered in Mexico, Vitro has a strong presence across North America and can be found in more than 45 countries around the world. The company is renowned for its innovative, sustainable solutions, such as energy-efficient glass, and its commitment to pushing the boundaries of design and technology in the glass industry. With a rich history dating back

over a century, Vitro continues to set industry standards in quality, service, and environmental responsibility.

David Samella currently serves as a plant manager for Vitro.

### Ryan Heishman CEO, Allen Distribution

Ryan is Chief Executive Officer of Allen Distribution, a provider of integrated logistics solutions and management throughout the United States. He believes long-term partner relationships are built on performance and trust.

Ryan joined Allen Distribution in 2001 as the Business Manager and was promoted to Vice President in 2006 before becoming the President & CEO in 2019. He has also been involved in the community by participating in multiple community-focused projects and serving on boards of the United Way and the YMCA.

Ryan received his Master’s Degree in Finance from Drexel University and holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College.



### Aaron Riggelman Manager of Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business & Industry

Aaron Riggelman joined the PA Chamber’s Government Affairs team in April of 2023. His responsibilities include grassroots coordination with local and regional chambers, as well as tackling education policy and policies aimed at improving the Commonwealth’s workforce.

A recent graduate of Grove City College, where he earned his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science in 2022, Riggelman is a proud son of western Pennsylvania where he was born and raised.

**Dr. Mark Blanchard**  
**Superintendent, Cumberland Valley School District**

Mark Blanchard has served as the Superintendent for the Cumberland Valley School District since December 2023. During his career in public education, which spans more than two decades, Dr. Blanchard has served as an English teacher and baseball coach at Central Dauphin High School, as high school principal both at Gettysburg Area High School and Cumberland Valley High School, and as assistant superintendent with Cumberland Valley.

Mark earned his bachelor's degree from Clarks Summit University before earning his teaching certificate, Master's degree, and administrative certificates from Penn State University. His academic work is in the area of education policy, earning a doctorate in Education Policy Studies from The George Washington University in 2019. His dissertation explored how black students access and experience Advanced Placement coursework and the role that school districts have in shaping that experience.

Outside of his work, Mark volunteers with the Gettysburg Foundation, working as a docent at the George and Elizabeth Spangler Farm among other activities. He is currently the vice-president of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table and regularly travels the country touring and giving tours of significant Civil War sites. In addition, Mark and his wife Renee are involved in their local church and are currently cheering their four children through high school, college, and adulthood.

