



Public Hearing: Closing the GAP - Making Pennsylvania More Affordable

This hearing is to examine the Pennsylvania Growth and Affordability Plan and how state tax policy affects the cost of living for Pennsylvania families and the Commonwealth's ability to attract businesses, create jobs, and grow its economy.

September 1, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Thomas Kutz
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers

- **Neal Leshner**, Vice President, Government Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry
- **Shelby Linton-Keddie**, Senior Director, Government, Regulatory Policy, and External Affairs, PPL Electric Utilities
- **Matt Madden**, Operating Principal, Keller Williams of Central PA

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About the Testifiers



Neal Leshner

Neal Leshner serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, where he leads advocacy efforts on key issues including tax policy, healthcare, legal reform, and economic development. He brings extensive experience in Pennsylvania state government, having held senior leadership positions in the state House of Representatives, including Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House and Director of Policy and Communications for the House Appropriations Committee Chairman. He also served as Legislative Director for the Governor's Budget Office under the Corbett Administration and as Legislative Director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). A Central Pennsylvania native, Leshner earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Susquehanna University in 2008.



Shelby Linton-Keddle

Shelby Linton-Keddle serves as Senior Director of Government, Regulatory Policy and External Affairs for PPL Electric Utilities, where she leads the company's advocacy strategy and manages relationships with key policymakers and stakeholders. She brings nearly two decades of experience in energy policy, utility regulation, and legislative affairs. Prior to joining PPL Electric, she held leadership roles with the Edison Electric Institute and Duquesne Light Company, as well as positions with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate. Linton-Keddle earned her J.D. from Penn State Dickinson School of Law, where she served as Managing Editor of the Penn State International Law Review, and holds a B.S., cum laude, and M.Ed. from Millersville University.



Matt Madden

Matt Madden serves as Operating Principal of Keller Williams of Central PA, where he provides leadership and strategic direction for the brokerage and its real estate professionals. With extensive experience in the real estate industry, Madden is focused on supporting agents, fostering business growth, and strengthening the company's presence throughout Central Pennsylvania. In his leadership role, he works to create a culture centered on professional development, collaboration, and exceptional service to clients and the community.

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