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John brings more than 24 years of strategic experience in shaping legislative, budgetary and regulatory policy in the Commonwealth. He most recently served three terms as Pennsylvania State Senator for Senate District 14 in Carbon and Luzerne Counties, where he earned a reputation as a consensus-builder and accomplished notable community and economic development objectives. John was Chairman of the Senate Community and Economic Development Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Aging and Youth Committee and Minority Chairman of the Senate Environmental and Energy Resource Committee, a role he held for nearly a decade. Prior to his election to the Senate, he served the 119th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for 12 years.

Across his senatorial tenure, John managed multiple community and economic development projects in Northeastern Pennsylvania that transformed the region into one of the leading economic development areas in the country. He forged coalitions with labor groups, like the Pennsylvania State Building and Construction Trades Council, and business groups, including the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, to advance the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit, the Pennsylvania EDGE Tax Credit and the Sales and Use Tax Exemption for computer data center development.

John also worked with the Earth Conservancy to reclaim thousands of acres of mine-scarred lands and set the stage for national developers, like NorthPoint Development, who have invested \$1 billion to create 8,000 new jobs in the South Valley of Luzerne County.

Throughout his career, he worked with Republicans and Democrats to author laws to support veterans (Sgt. Sherwood Baker Act), protect seniors (Senior Citizens Full Benefits Act), support law enforcement (Officer John Wilding Law), improve our environment (Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit) and expand educational opportunities (SHINE Afterschool Program).

Recognitions

- Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries Elected State Official of the Year
- Children's Service Center Commitment to Children Award

- North Branch Land Trust Community Stewardship Award
- Pennsylvania Health Care Association Legislative Champion

John is the founder of the Yudichak Family Lighthouse Fund of the Luzerne Foundation, a charity that has donated over \$250,000 to public libraries, college scholarships and youth programs.

Affiliations

- The Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board, Member, 2011-2019
- The Luzerne Foundation, Executive Board Member, 2001-2017
- The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Executive Board Member, 2011-2015
- The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, Executive Board Member, 2009-2010
- Osterhout Free Library, Director of Development, 1995-1998
- The Earth Conservancy, Board of Directors, 2022-Present
- The Pennsylvania Tuition Account Advisory Board, 2022-Present

Education

- The Pennsylvania State University, M.A.
- The Pennsylvania State University, B.A.