

John Boyle Announces Candidacy For State Representative in the 57th District

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John Boyle today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the April 22 Primary Election to succeed retiring State Representative Tom Tangretti.

Boyle, 43, of Greensburg believes fundamental change is needed in the way Harrisburg does the people's business. "Leadership in the State House, on both sides of the aisle, has failed the citizens of our Commonwealth," Boyle stated. "As the next State Representative for the 57th District, I will lead the fight for reform in Harrisburg. I will not rest until we see real progress in the areas of tax relief, health care, education and economic development."

Boyle cited reducing the size and cost of the Legislature, in addition to enacting a sweeping open-records law, as needed reforms. "Every citizen should be able to hold state government, and their representative, accountable. State government should be as transparent as possible. Period." "Reform of state government has many fans, but we need someone to carry the ball, take the hard knocks and reach that goal," Boyle declared. "I am ready to fight for reform and be a champion for change."

John Boyle will also push Harrisburg to deliver on promised property tax relief, with state taxpayers still waiting for tax rebate checks. In a stalled economy, Boyle wants rapid action on small business and high technology incentives, and expanded workforce investment strategies to train and re-train local residents for 21st century jobs. "We must also protect working families, and attract new family-sustaining jobs to the communities of the 57th District," said Boyle.

"Health care reform is a critical part of a healthy economy. We must have health care reform – either the Governor's initiatives or similar measures – to make health care affordable for working families and available to those without coverage," Boyle stated. "And any plan must protect small business owners, and the self-employed from skyrocketing health care premiums."

Boyle commended Representative Tangretti for twenty years of distinguished service as the District's State Representative. "During my years of service on Congressman Murtha's staff, I saw first-hand how hard Tom works for the 57th District. His example will constantly motivate me to give 110% to all the residents of the 57th District," said Boyle.

John Boyle is a lifelong resident of Greensburg, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and an honors graduate of Duquesne University Law School. He served for seven years as

Westmoreland County Field Representative for Congressman Jack Murtha. John is a practicing attorney who has volunteered to represent women in crisis, abused and neglected children, and seniors. John and his wife Sheri live with their four children in Greensburg.

The 57th District includes the communities of Delmont, Greensburg, portions of Hempfield and Unity Townships, Hunker, New Stanton, Salem Township, and South Greensburg, Southwest Greensburg and Youngwood.

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