

# WHEN THEY GO LOW, WE GO LOCAL

Refocusing for 2026: State House and Senate Races in PA

## TOP 5 REASONS **GOING LOCAL** WILL HELP PENNSYLVANIANS THRIVE – NOT JUST SURVIVE.

### 📌 MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT FEDERAL THREATS

- You can't always stop a harmful federal policy in Washington — but you can elect state legislators who will fight to block or mitigate its impact here in Pennsylvania.
- Real protection for our communities starts at the state level. Whether it's safeguarding reproductive rights, protecting LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians, or ensuring fair elections, the State House and Senate shape what freedom looks like in our daily lives.

### 📌 ALL YOUR POWER IS LOCAL

- Change doesn't just happen in D.C. It happens in Harrisburg. And it starts with who we send there.
- Congress may be out of reach, but your state representatives aren't.
- A handful of calls or conversations can shift how a legislator votes on critical issues — from education funding to environmental protection to gun safety.

### 📌 OPPORTUNITY RICH ENVIRONMENT

- In 2026, all 203 State House seats and half of the State Senate seats will be on the ballot. That's hundreds of opportunities to elect leaders who actually represent Pennsylvania's values.

### 📌 BUILDS YEAR-ROUND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Christian Right has expertly used institutions like megachurches, the NRA, and social clubs to organize since the 80s. They've been building local power for decades.
- At RWB, we organize locally all year long — recruiting candidates, mobilizing volunteers, and creating lasting civic infrastructure that doesn't disappear after Election Day.

### 📌 REDUCES POLARIZATION

- State and local politics bring people together around shared interests — fixing roads, funding schools,
- keeping health care accessible.

We have an opportunity this year to end the gridlock in Harrisburg. Start educating your networks on how the PA state legislature impacts us when it comes to wages, funding, and protecting basic rights.

