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Dear Secretary Brown

October 12, 2023

I am writing to request a comprehensive status update of the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program. Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians apply to this program annually and this year it seems like most of them have not been receiving their rebate check in a timely manner. My staff has been inundated with status requests from applicants that applied months ago, wanting to know where their checks are and if their applications have even been approved.

Staff has been told repeatedly by your office that applications are being processed in some cases in as few as seven days. However, the delays that my office, and many other across the state are seeing seem to contradict this information. The individuals applying for the Property Tax Rent Rebate program count on these checks coming in a timely manner, and after months of waiting would like a detailed response as to why they have had to wait so long to receive their checks.

I am requesting that you and your staff take a hard look at what is going on and what can be done to improve this process in light of the passage of HB 1100 which will increase the number of eligible applicants by a projected 150,000 individuals next year. I would also like for your office to provide me with the following information:

- 1) What is the oldest application your staff has.
- 2) How many applications have been submitted and approved.
- 3) The average amount of time it takes to approve an application.

I look forward to hearing from you what can be done to help my constituents receive their rebate checks as soon as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doyle Heffley'.

Doyle Heffley, 122nd Legislative District
PA State Representative