

Profile



State Senator John Rafferty

44TH DISTRICT

Berks, Chester and Montgomery Counties

Senator John Rafferty represents the residents of Pennsylvania's 44th Senatorial District, which includes portions of Berks, Chester and Montgomery Counties. He was re-elected for a third term with the Senate in November of 2010. A former State Deputy Attorney General, the Montgomery County native has an extensive background in public service and local government. Rafferty's top legislative priorities include reducing the property tax burden, protecting our environment, expanding our transportation system, providing quality care for senior citizens, fighting prescription drug abuse and ensuring that our police and firefighters have the resources they need to do their jobs.

Prior to running for the Senate, Rafferty served as an attorney in private practice, focusing on education, real estate, zoning and business and estate law. As Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth from 1988 to 1991, he was assigned to the Criminal Law Division and conducted Grand Jury investigations.

Senator Rafferty serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and is a member of the Appropriations, Banking and Insurance, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, Judiciary, and Law and Justice Committees. He received Legislator of the Year Awards from the TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce, Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, the Association of Retarded Citizens of Montgomery County and the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society.

Senator Rafferty has been active in local government, serving on various boards, authorities and commissions. As a member of the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors, he was involved with issues relating to growth and development, environmental protection and recreation improvements. He was a member of the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals from 1996-2002.

Senator Rafferty also gained valuable knowledge of education issues as a member of the Methacton School Board from 1980-84. From 1981-84, Rafferty represented Methacton in the operation of the Vo-Tech School as a member of the North Montco Vo-Tech Joint School Authority.

Senator Rafferty earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, his master's degree from Beaver College, and his law degree from Temple University.

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