



Gillen's Broken Promises

It is time to hold State Representative Mark Gillen accountable for breaking his promises.

During his 2010 campaign Mr. Gillen repeatedly told voters that he supported term limits and that 8 years would be enough time for him to accomplish his goals. He boasted, "I will term limit myself."

Now that he is in office, though, Mr. Gillen has changed his tune. He wants another 2 years.

Mr. Gillen has good reasons for this – but those reasons have nothing to do with the hard-working people of Pennsylvania, said Doug Metcalfe, candidate for State Representative from the 128th House District. Doug is running to fight for a legislature whose members serve the people – not themselves.

If he serves another 2-year term, Mr. Gillen will get tax-payer funded health insurance for LIFE!

Mr. Gillen has already cost taxpayers more than \$1 million and now he wants taxpayers to foot the bill for his health insurance for the rest of his life on top of an exorbitant pension package.

Meanwhile, many of Mr. Gillen's constituents struggle to find decent and affordable healthcare.

Mr. Gillen touts his credentials as a thrifty legislator, telling anyone who will listen that he doesn't take the "per diem," the daily fee many legislators receive simply for going to work.

While that is true, he has managed to rack up some hefty expenses on the taxpayers' dime:

- Over \$900,000 in salary and benefits
- \$12,392 in cell phone charges
- \$69,733 in mileage, tolls and parking
- \$3,500 in meals/lodging
- Over \$65,000 in bulk mailings

“\$70,000 in mileage, tolls and parking? I never had a job that paid me to drive to work, but Mark Gillen thinks it's OK for us to pay for his commute to Harrisburg,” Doug said. When he becomes our state representative, Doug will pay his own cell phone bill and commuting costs to Harrisburg.

Mr. Gillen voted AGAINST a “no budget, no pay” amendment (Vote 913) that would block legislators from being paid if they did not pass a state budget by the June 30 deadline. Doug supports this bill. He remarked “Gillen expects to be paid even if he doesn't do his job. If our elected officials can't pass a budget on time, then they shouldn't get paid until the job is done!”

Gillen also voted AGAINST an amendment that would have prevented lobbyists from acting as political consultants (Vote 606, 2017-2018). Apparently, Gillen thinks it's a good idea for paid lobbyists to work for elected officials. So, much for the idea of representing the people's interests – and not the special interests.

Gillen has not had a primary or general election challenger since 2010.

Doug wants to work for the PEOPLE of the 128th House District. His campaign is about Putting *People* Before Politics! Doug is serious about cleaning up the corruption, cronyism and party politics in Harrisburg. Doug said, “Gillen has become the career politician he ran against in 2010! It's time to take these career politicians off the taxpayers' payroll and send them home.”

References:

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BCTV, Candidate Forum, 9/30/2010

Mr. Gillen's expenses are from the Office of the Comptroller, PA House of Representatives and includes expenses between Dec. 1, 2010 and April 9, 2018. It does not include expenses related to his staff and office operations.

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