



## STATE SENATOR **JOHN T. YUDICHAK**

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State Sen. John T. Yudichak – who represents the people of the 14th Senatorial District in Carbon and Luzerne Counties – has been highly regarded as an effective and independent advocate for the people of Pennsylvania for more than a decade.

From environmental protection to helping senior citizens to community safety, Sen. Yudichak has championed numerous issues throughout his tenure in the Senate and House of Representatives. Some of his legislative accomplishments include the Sgt. Sherwood Baker Act; the Senior Citizens Full Benefits Act; the Waste Tire Act; Underground Storage Tank Act and Pennsylvania’s first Anti-Gang Act.

While his work in state government has had broad, positive effects across the Commonwealth, some of Sen. Yudichak’s most important work continues to be done at home – in communities across the 14th Senatorial District.

Along with Congressman Lou Barletta, Sen. Yudichak launched Operation Gang Up, a regional, community-based initiative created to address criminal gang activity in our region. A staunch advocate for keeping communities safe, Sen. Yudichak helped write Pennsylvania first anti-gang law, secured funding for safe schools training for teachers, and fought for investments in after-school and community programs for children.

Improving education for the children of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a top priority for Sen. Yudichak. He is a proven advocate for education funding throughout the commonwealth and his passion for education has been shown through his work with the SHINE After School Program. Sen. Yudichak assisted in sustaining the Carbon SHINE program and then led the effort to expand the initiative to Luzerne County. Senator Yudichak believes that SHINE is the resource that can make a difference for better outcomes in our schools, better lives for our children and a brighter future for our region.

Sen. Yudichak was instrumental in the creation of the \$4 million Luzerne County Small Business Loan Program that helped the local small business community recover from devastating floods in 2011. The loan program continues to serve as perpetual resource for area small businesses to create jobs and expand their businesses. Sen. Yudichak also continues to lead discussions to spur economic development and create jobs for NEPA families. Some major business development projects that Sen. Yudichak helped bring to the region include the development of a Geisinger Community Practice Facility in Nanticoke; the reconstruction of Coal Street in Wilkes-Barre; the relocation of DBI Services headquarters to Hazleton; the expansion of Caremark/CVS to Hanover Township; and the expansion of both KME in Nesquehoning and Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater through opportunities in Pennsylvania’s natural gas industry.

A tireless advocate for public libraries and area youth programs, Sen. Yudichak founded the Yudichak Family Lighthouse Fund of the Luzerne Foundation through private charitable efforts. The Yudichak Family Lighthouse Fund has donated more than \$100,000 to local libraries and other important community programs like: The Luzerne County Summer Reading Program, The Sally Yudichak Expressive Arts Program at the Children Services Center, the McKeown Endowment for Senior & Youth Ministry at All Saints Parish, and the Michael Carlo Scholarship Fund for Public Safety Training at Luzerne County Community College.

The senator is a graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School, Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and Pennsylvania State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in American Studies. He resides in Plymouth Township with his wife, attorney Heather Yudichak, and their daughters, Sarah, Anna, Evelyn and Grace.