



## Marino's 1st Bill Would Freeze Federal Hiring

U.S. Rep. Tom Marino, PA-10, introduced legislation on May 5, 2011, that would freeze most federal hiring until the federal deficit is eliminated.

HR 1779, The Federal Hiring Freeze Act of 2011, is the first bill introduced by Marino since he took office on Jan. 5.

Marino said the bill calls for a "responsible" freeze

on the federal workforce, allowing for what he calls "common-sense exceptions" during times of war or for law enforcement, and national security concerns.

The proposed freeze would affect all federal agencies except for: the U.S. Postal Service and Postal Regulatory Commission; federal law-enforcement positions; the reassign-

ment of personnel within the same agency; short-term, seasonal hiring; or transitional positions involving a new presidential administration.

Marino cited the nation's record \$14 trillion debt and estimated \$1.6 trillion deficit.

"The time for talk is over; now is the time for action," Marino said. "We must stick to the trifecta of downsizing Washing-

ton, cutting spending, and keeping taxes low. If we do, we will see extraordinary results."

According to the Fiscal Year 2011 federal budget, the price tag for all federal employees was nearly \$590 billion.

The current federal workforce is 2.8 million, according to the Office of Personnel & Management with 2.7 million employed by the executive branch.



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### Marino Honored

Congressman Marino was honored by the 60 Plus organization for his vote in favor of "The Path to Prosperity" which if enacted, will help protect Medicare and strengthen it for the next generation. Jim Martin, president of 60 Plus, is at left.

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## Congressmen oppose making I-80 toll road

U.S. Reps. Tom Marino and Lou Barletta are among several Pennsylvania congressmen who are urging the state Department of Transportation to disregard any consideration of transforming Interstate 80 into a toll road.

"Tolling Interstate 80 is never a good idea but it's especially bad at this time when we need to focus on spurring the economy and creating jobs," Marino said. "Businesses that use I-80 regularly have already said that this would cause a huge financial burden. We should not consider any option that would clearly make it even more costly for businesses to exist in Pennsylvania."

In a letter to Transportation Secretary Barry J. Schoch dated May 3, 2011, the four legislators said they "remain staunchly opposed to revisiting the tolling" of the highway in an effort to deal with PennDOT's \$3.5 billion annual funding deficit.



### Triangle Tech

Congressman Marino recently visited Triangle Tech near Sunbury. The school offers post-secondary trade programs that allow students to earn associate's degrees while mastering a trade.

## Pike, Wayne Office Hours Scheduled for May 27

A representative of Rep. Tom Marino will hold office hours in Pike and Wayne counties twice a month.

The outreach service will be provided on the second and fourth Fridays through the end of the year. Appointments are recommended but not required.

Office locations are:

Pike County Administration Building, 506 Broad St., Milford, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. To make an appointment, call 570-836-8020.

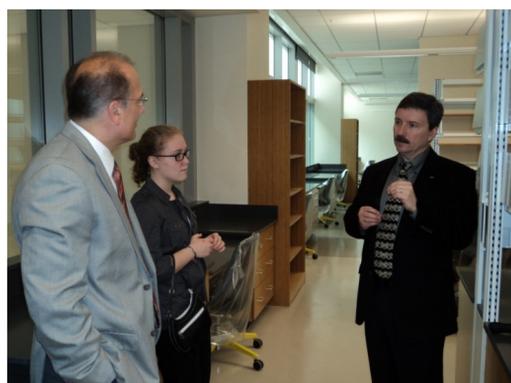
Wayne County Commissioners Office, 925 Court St., Third Floor, Honesdale, 1:30-4 p.m. To make an appointment, call 570-836-8020 or 570-253-5970, extension 1314.



### 3 District Sites Host Open Houses

Staff at the Williamsport, Sunbury and Tunkhannock Constituent Service Centers hosted an open house. The events allowed residents to visit with staff and Rep. Marino. Above, students from Red Rock Job Corps Center visit the Tunkhannock office. Rep. Marino visited Red Rock on April 21. Their artwork is on display at the Tunkhannock office.

## GETTING AROUND THE 10TH DISTRICT..



Rep. Marino recently visited the Commonwealth Medical College, at left, where he toured the new facility and spoke with officials. At right, the congressman speaks with guests at the annual Wayne County Economic Development Corp. dinner at the Bryn Mawr Conference Center, Dyberry Township. Marino was the keynote speaker.











