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News From Around PA

Five PA Congressmen - Brendan Boyle, Robert Brady, Matt Cartwright, Michael Evans and Dwight Evans signed onto a letter asking **President-elect Trump** to rescind his appointment of Stephen Bannon as White House chief strategist.

Republicans hold the **largest majority** in the State House in decades at 122 members compared to 81 Democrat members.

News from National Scene

The FBI has released **Hate Crimes Statistics 2015**. The report showed 59.2 percent of hate crimes victims were targeted because of the offenders' race /ethnicity/ ancestry bias, 19.7 percent were targeted because of the offenders' religious bias, and 17.7 percent were victimized because of the offenders' sexual-orientation bias.

US House Democrats are delaying a vote on new leaders until November 30th.

Under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, Vanita Gupta, the acting head of the **U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division**, has been working in violation of the law for more than a year and a half. That may render all of the official actions she has taken during that period—lawsuits, demand letters, hires, you name it—"void" and of no effect.

Regarding the **Clinton Foundation**, former US Attorney Joseph DeGenova notes, "there is a mountain of credible evidence that the foundation was being improperly run, had not filed appropriate filings with the IRS and state agencies. It's clearly involved in a bribery conspiracy scandal with the Department of State."

After the **November 8th election**, Republicans retain control of the Senate and House. It also grew its margins in state legislatures and now holds a record number of governorships.

The House Committee on Administration voted to approve an additional \$800,000 for the **Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives** investigating Planned Parenthood and the sale of baby body parts.

MN Congressman Keith Ellison will run for **DNC Chair**. He has the support of Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. Ellison is the co-chair of the House Progressive Caucus and the first Muslim elected to Congress.

Maine's Governor Paul LePage has announced that state will withdraw from the federal **Refugee Resettlement Program** citing security concerns. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here <http://afaofpa.org/donate/>

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