

# Profile



## State Senator Lisa Baker

### 20TH DISTRICT

*Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties*

Senator Lisa Baker is serving her second term representing the 20th Senatorial District, which includes parts of Luzerne, Monroe and Susquehanna counties and all of Pike, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

She chairs the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee and is a member of the following committees: Aging and Youth, Appropriations, Communications and Technology, Environmental Resources and Energy, and Public Health and Welfare.

Active in community and civic organizations, Senator Baker serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, WVIA Public Broadcasting, and the advisory board of Penn State Wilkes-Barre. She was East Stroudsburg University's 2007-08 legislative fellow.

Her dedication to Pennsylvania's veterans is evidenced by her work to secure funding for veterans' outreach and support programs. Her commitment to emergency services personnel led to the creation of a state tax credit for volunteer firefighters and EMS workers.

Senator Baker is leading the push for changes to the laws and procedures governing the juvenile justice system, in the wake of widespread corruption in Luzerne County. She is sponsoring a comprehensive flood relief package to extend state grants to those hardest-hit by flooding and other natural disasters and to offer low-interest loans to flood-ravaged small businesses, as well as legislation to improve pipeline safety through increased inspections, investigations and enforcement.

Honors and awards include the 2009 and 2010 Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, the 2008 ATHENA Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, and the 2010 Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association of the United States.

Senator Baker previously held top-level positions under Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker, including serving as deputy chief of staff and directing their Northeast Regional Office. She was chief of staff to state Senator Charles Lemmond. She also served as executive director of The Blue Ribbon Foundation, established to support health and wellness initiatives in northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania.

She is a graduate of Dallas High School and Shippensburg University where she received a B.A. in Government Administration. She resides in Lehman Township, Luzerne County, with her husband Gary, and their son Carson.

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