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Democratic Jewish Outreach PA Endorses State Senator Daylin Leach for Congress in PA- 7 *Time for Compassionate and Bipartisan Leadership in Washington*

Democrats in Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District will go to the polls May 15, 2018, to choose a candidate to run against Republican incumbent Pat Meehan in the 2018 mid-term election. [Democratic Jewish Outreach PA](#) (DJOP), which supports Democratic candidates running in Pennsylvania who best reflect Jewish values, announced on July 17 that it has endorsed State Senator Daylin Leach for Congress in PA-7.

“Senator Leach champions policies and legislation that reflect the values we hold dear,” said Jill Zipin, a DJOP founder and member of its executive committee. “His tireless support for a living wage, Medicaid expansion, common-sense gun laws, reproductive freedom, LGBT rights, fighting human trafficking, environmental protection, equitable funding of public education, voting rights, and ending gerrymandering, are among the many reasons Senator Leach has earned our strong endorsement.”

Zipin also points to Senator Leach's legislative accomplishments, including:

- A [ban](#) on the shackling of pregnant prisoners;
- [New efficiency standards](#) for PA's fleet of automobiles; and
- The legalization of the use of [medical marijuana](#).

“Passage of these bills required gaining support from both sides of the aisle, a skill in short supply in Harrisburg and Washington, DC, and one that Senator Leach clearly possesses,” Zipin said.

A longtime resident of PA-7, Senator Leach won election to the PA House in 2002. In 2008, he was elected to the PA Senate representing the 17th District. During his time in office, he has earned a reputation as one of the hardest working, most accessible members of the legislature. “Senator Leach consistently seeks to improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians, and he will do the same in Washington,” Zipin stated. “His unwavering activism on behalf of people, regardless of their background or party affiliation, and his advancement of Jewish values have earned Senator Leach our enthusiastic support.”