

Governor Tom Corbett

A life-long Pennsylvania resident, Governor Tom Corbett has a long and distinguished career fighting for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Upon becoming Governor in January 2011, Corbett immediately dedicated himself to fulfilling the promises he made to Pennsylvanians during his campaign; growing Pennsylvania's job market, keeping taxes low and bringing true change and progress to Harrisburg.

For 3 years in a row, Corbett refused to raise taxes on Pennsylvania working families. Instead, he has passed 3 on-time budgets that have encouraged private-sector job growth, put Pennsylvanians back to work and protected taxpayer dollars with controlled government spending.

These policies have helped to create a stable, predictable economic environment, encouraging job-creating business to move here, grow here and stay here in Pennsylvania. Since Corbett became Governor, Pennsylvania employers have created more than 150,000 private sector jobs and the number of people working is at its highest since the recession. Under Governor Corbett's leadership, Pennsylvania has also recovered over 99 percent of jobs lost during the recession.

Putting students first, Corbett is investing the most state dollars for basic education in the history of Pennsylvania. Corbett also increased funding for early childhood development programs, PA Charter Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). His administration has been a champion for Pennsylvania's youth by giving students in failing schools the opportunity to succeed by expanding the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program and significantly improving Pennsylvania's teacher evaluation system.

Standing up for Pennsylvanians, Corbett fought for a \$40 million increase in funding for programs that help people with intellectual and physical disabilities and is investing \$4 million in the creation of the Community-Based Health Care Program to bring health care to people who live in areas without easy access to hospitals and clinics. Corbett is also helping combat violence against women with an increase in funding to Pennsylvania's Rape Crisis Program and Pennsylvania's Domestic Violence Program.

Corbett was successful in the passage of a comprehensive solution to the state's transportation funding problem to preserve public safety and protect Pennsylvania's economy and has promised to continue the fight to end the state's 75-year-old state monopoly on liquor sales and get government out of the business of selling alcohol. Corbett has also vowed to continue the fight for meaningful pension reform that does not place a burden on Pennsylvania's taxpayers. He is encouraged by the General Assembly's willingness to work together and will continue his efforts to bring long-term strength and stability to benefits for the next generation of teachers and state employees.

Corbett served his country as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard 28th Infantry Division from 1971 until 1984, rising from private to captain. He received his undergraduate degree from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, and taught civics and history in Pine Grove Area High School in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. In 1975, he received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

Before being elected as Governor, Corbett served as Pennsylvania's Attorney General, where his accomplishments brought him national recognition. Most notable are his efforts to protect our children from internet predators, our seniors from fraud and abuse and our communities from gangs and the violence associated with illegal drugs.



As Attorney General, Corbett worked hard to protect taxpayers' hard earned money by going after predatory lenders, pharmaceutical companies and big oil companies that took advantage of consumers. In less than six years, the Office of Attorney General returned and saved Pennsylvania taxpayers over half a billion dollars.

Governor Corbett and his wife Susan currently reside at the Governor's Residence in Harrisburg, but live permanently in Shaler Township, near Pittsburgh, in the home where the Governor grew up. They are the proud parents of two adult children and have one grandchild named Liam. The Corbett family also includes two Airedale Terriers named by the children of Pennsylvania – Harry and Penny.