



PA STATE SENATOR Christine M. Tartaglione

*Serving 2nd Senatorial District,
D–Philadelphia County*

Senator **Christine M. Tartaglione** was born September 21, 1960 in Philadelphia. She is the daughter of the late Eugene and Margaret Tartaglione. The Senator is a lifetime Philadelphia resident. She attended St. Martin of Tours, St. Basil Academy and Peirce Junior College where she graduated Maxima Cum Laude.

In 1994, Senator Tartaglione became only the fifth woman in state history to win election to the State Senate and in 2010 became the first woman elected to Senate Democratic Leadership when she was chosen Caucus Secretary. Now in her seventh term, she is Democratic Chairwoman of the Labor and Industry Committee, and serves on the Law and Justice, Aging and Youth, Banking and Insurance, Legislative Budget and Finance Committees and the Senate Committee on Ethics. She also serves as chairwoman of the Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania Senate delegations.

Senator Tartaglione is widely known as the Senate's leading advocate for workers and their families, as well as people with disabilities. She authored Pennsylvania's landmark 2006 minimum wage increase and was instrumental in the establishment of the state Office for People with Disabilities.

She was the principal sponsor of successful legislation protecting healthcare employees from the dangerous practice of mandatory overtime, as well as legislation that created the Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers. The Senator also authored legislation to provide the Commonwealth with a focus for developing strategies to ensure an ample complement of quality healthcare workers for the short-term and long-term. She continues to be a leading advocate for safe nurse staffing levels.

Today, Senator Tartaglione continues to work diligently to reform Pennsylvania's minimum wage, gender-wage equality, and wage payment and collection laws, and to draft new legislation advocating for workers and military veterans with disabilities. She is the principal sponsor of legislation that protects public transit workers from physical assaults.

Senator Tartaglione is the primary sponsor of new bills that would establish a state civil service hiring preference for people with disabilities and would provide real estate tax relief for disabled veterans. She is authoring legislation to require contractors to demonstrate to the Attorney General of carrying worker's **compensation insurance coverage**.

Locally, Senator Tartaglione has served as a member of many boards and committees. She is a member of the Temple University Board of Trustees and has served on the boards of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Temple University Health System Episcopal Hospital, PATH (People Acting to Help), Empowerment Zone Board, Impact Services Corporation, the President's Advisory Council of the American Street Corridor Business Association, the PenJerDel "Rebuild the Delaware Valley" Steering Committee and the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, Inc.