



# STATE SENATOR CHRISTINE M. TARTAGLIONE

*Serving the 2nd Senatorial District*

## ■ PERSONAL

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.

She answered the call to public service at an early age by serving as an assistant to Philadelphia City Councilwoman Joan Krajewski from 1986-1989. She later worked as a Senior Executive Assistant to State Treasurer Catherine Baker Knoll from 1989-1992. Her commitment to working families led to the position of Business Representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1776 in 1992.

## ■ LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 1994, Senator Tartaglione became only the fifth woman in state history to win election to the State Senate and in 2010 she became the first woman elected to Senate Democratic Leadership when she was chosen Caucus Secretary. Now in her fifth term, she is Democratic Chair of the Labor and Industry Committee, and serves on the Law and Justice, Democratic Policy and Rules committees.

Senator Tartaglione authored Pennsylvania’s landmark 2006 minimum wage increase and was instrumental in the establishment of the state Office for People with Disabilities.

Widely known as the Senate’s leading advocate for workers and their families, she has written and ushered through the legislature laws protecting health-care employees from the dangerous practice of mandatory overtime, preventing attacks on public transit workers and establishing the “Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers.”

In the 2009-10 legislative session, the Senator’s bill to provide a focused direction for the development of strategies to address the Commonwealth’s short-term and long-term health care workforce challenges to ensure the quality and adequate supply of that workforce was enacted.

During the 2011-12 legislative session, the Senator’s legislation that increased funding for the Pennsylvania State Police was enacted enabling them to increase their dwindling compliment. Two other pieces of legislation — extending benefits for individuals receiving unemployment compensation and providing a shared work option in lieu of terminating positions — were amended into another proposal that was signed into law.

Continuing her focus on issues important to senior citizens, children and working families, Senator Tartaglione has proudly supported legislation that provides for:

- providing family sustaining jobs
- stability of workers’ jobs
- equality in education
- improved access to health care
- mental health and retardation programs
- law enforcement and emergency personnel
- affordable long-term care
- quality childcare

Senator Tartaglione has served as a member of Pennsylvania’s Public Television Network Commission, Intra-Governmental Council on Long Term Care, Task Force for the Protection of Older Pennsylvanians, Joint Select Committee to Investigate the Financial Integrity and Stability of the State Workmen’s Insurance Fund, Children’s Trust Fund Board, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

As a member of both the Joint Select Committee on Election Issues and the Governor’s Task Force on Voting Modernization, the Senator has been at the forefront of efforts to reform Pennsylvania’s voting system. She is also a member of the Firefighters and Emergency Services and the Port Legislative caucuses, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Accessibility Advisory Board, the State Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and the Training America’s Teachers Commission.

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■ **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AWARDS**

Locally, Senator Tartaglione has served as a member of various boards and committees such as the 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.

Senator Tartaglione was elected Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Party in June 1995 and served as Chair from June 1998 to June 2002 where she continued to advance the Democratic agenda in the state. As Chair, she led the Pennsylvania Delegation at the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles and served as President of the 54th Electoral College in December of 2000.

She has been awarded the prestigious “John F. Kennedy Memorial Award” by the Kennedy Foundation for her tireless support of Mental Health/Mental Disability Programs. In 2012, she was named Legislator of the Year by Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (PIBH). Both the Retired Police, Firemen and Prison Guard Association of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health (PHILAPOSH) named her “Woman of the Year,” and she was awarded the Firefighters Friend Award by the Philadelphia Firefighters Union Local No. 22.

The Philadelphia lawmaker is the recipient of the “Jo Cooper Foundation for Family Unity” award from Congregation Beth Solomon Synagogue and Community Center, the First Annual “Profile In Courage” award from the Women Making a Difference, Inc., the “Rosa Parks” award presented by the Honorable Louise Bishop, the “Tuttleman Award for Excellence in Healthcare,” the “Magee Leadership” award, the United Food and Commercial Workers Minority Coalition’s “Legislator of the Year Award,” the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center and Organized Labor Supports America’s Veteran’s “2005 Public Service Award,” the Service Employees International Union’s “Thomas F. Zuber Award for Patient Safety,” the “John O’Donnell Friend of Frankford Boys Club Award,” the “Columbus Civic Association Achievement Award,” the “Working Woman of the Year Award” by the Coalition of Labor Union Women, and the “Achievement Award” from the Concerned Black Leaders of Lower Tioga-Hunting Park. She has also been recognized for her outstanding and continuing support by the 2nd Police District Advisory Council and the Juniata Boys and Girls Club.

She is cited in the “Italian Americans of the Twentieth Century” and is a member of the Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of St. John Knights of Malta for her work as a political and community leader.

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