

## **Request a Consumer Fireworks Hearing**

As the General Assembly returns to Harrisburg next week, we must keep the pressure on when it comes to consumer fireworks. Your advocacy is needed to keep the dangerous and often illegal use of consumer fireworks at the forefront of legislators' minds as we move into the fall and further away from the peak fireworks season.

Consumer fireworks were authorized for general use and sale under Act 43 of 2017. Unfortunately, since the law's enactment, the use of consumer fireworks has deteriorated the quality of life in communities across the Commonwealth and has disproportionately affected animals, the elderly and veterans. Additionally, despite their best efforts, local governments have struggled to enforce the law. Lastly, the law created an unfunded mandate on local governments. Precious public safety resources should not be spent responding to complaints and cleaning up after irresponsible users.

The General Assembly passed an unenforceable and expensive law that has negatively impacted Pennsylvania's residents. The best step toward changing the law is for the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to hold a hearing to vet the issues.

Please [contact](#) your Senate and House Members to ask them to request the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to hold a joint hearing on the impacts of consumer fireworks. Please use the reasons stated above to make your case for a hearing.