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Auditor General DeFoor's Final 'Money \$mart Monday' Virtual Information Session Provides Budgeting Tips for Pennsylvanians

HARRISBURG, PA – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today, along with PSECU, recognized the last Monday of Financial Literacy Month with a 'Money \$mart Monday' virtual information session aimed to help all Pennsylvanians manage their money.

"Knowing how to be smart with your money is crucial for Pennsylvania's future financial success," Auditor General DeFoor said. "Today's virtual information session provides budgeting tips that everyone can use to help them not only in their personal life, but their professional life as well. It's been a pleasure to work with PSECU throughout financial literacy month, and I'm excited to continue highlighting resources that will help build the next generation of financially secure Pennsylvanians."

Auditor General DeFoor was joined by Candice Richards, Regional Membership Development Manager from PSECU.

This session is the last in a series of videos that provides financial literacy information to Pennsylvanians of all ages. These virtual information sessions were shared throughout the month of April on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn. Individuals can access these videos anytime on department's YouTube page.

DeFoor has spent nearly three years promoting financial literacy across the state as part of his 'Be Money \$mart' initiative. Since the launch in 2021, DeFoor has:

- Completed a statewide financial literacy tour to raise awareness about the need for financial literacy legislation in Pennsylvania;
- Visited all state and state related universities in Pennsylvania to talk about job and internship opportunities within the department and the importance of knowing how your money works;
- Met with students participating in the State YMCA of Pennsylvania Youth and Government program and visited several YMCAs across the state to talk about financial literacy;
- Worked with Junior Achievement to emphasize financial literacy messages to elementary school students;

- Partnered with local financial institutions to provide financial literacy resources to the public; and
- Partnered with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and Members 1st to coordinate a <u>statewide financial literacy competition</u> for high school students in Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Department of the Auditor General's financial literacy efforts, visit <u>www.PaAuditor.gov/BeMoneySmart</u>

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