

# Teplitz Begins With Negative Attacks

## *Senator Teplitz Doesn't Want To Talk About His Record, Instead Lies About DiSanto*

Yesterday Senator Rob Teplitz launched his reelection advertising campaign with negative and false attacks about businessman John DiSanto.

“Our campaign should be about the issues. Instead Teplitz released negative attacks that lie about and distort my positions. Rob Teplitz proved yesterday what we’ve always known – he’s just another career politician willing to say anything to get elected,” John DiSanto said.

Senator Teplitz has consistently defended the special interests and Governor Wolf. Teplitz voted with Governor Wolf 96% of the time.<sup>1</sup> Teplitz has opposed every reform brought before the Senate including pension reform, liquor reform, and education reforms that decrease costs and increase accountability.<sup>2</sup>

“Rob Teplitz has ranked as one of the most liberal, big-spending senators every year,” DiSanto campaign manager Chuck Erdman said. “Teplitz was the deciding vote to keep the existing school property tax system and is joined at the hip with Governor Wolf and the special interests.”<sup>3</sup>

“I’m working to be elected because our state is headed toward bankruptcy and our citizens are tired of career politicians who are all talk but produce no results, or really bad results, except for themselves.” John DiSanto said. “All Rob Teplitz has are negative and false political attacks. It’s clear, based on his record, he’s working for the special interests. As our Senator, I’ll stand up for us every day.”

Below is a fact check on the Teplitz Ad.

### **Fact Check**

*“I’m Rob Teplitz. I’ve introduced dozens of bills to change business as usual in the capitol.*

**THE TRUTH: Rob Teplitz hasn’t passed a single bill into law, and only one bill Teplitz sponsored has even passed the Senate. He’s completely ineffective – all talk, no results.**

*“For example, if there isn’t a state budget I shouldn’t get paid and you should be able to recall every elected official, including the Governor.”*

**THE TRUTH: Teplitz’ bill, like all his others, has no chance of passing. It is a public relations gimmick designed to divert attention from balancing the budget and putting a break on runaway spending.**

*“I refused my own paycheck when there wasn’t a budget and I’ve never voted to raise your taxes.”*

**THE TRUTH: Teplitz actually voted for the budget that forced the tax increase. In a typical “political” fashion, Teplitz voted for a budget that increased spending by \$1.4 billion THEN**

**VOTED AGAINST the tax and revenue package to pay for it.<sup>4</sup> On July 14<sup>th</sup> John DiSanto asked Teplitz which taxes he would have voted for to pay for his spending, and he's still waiting for Teplitz' answer. After he voted to spend another \$1.4 billion, Teplitz quickly accepted his held paychecks and wasn't out a dime, unlike taxpayers who'll be paying for years.**

*"My opponent's got different ideas."*

**THE TRUTH: THAT IS THE TRUTH! John DiSanto would put the citizens of the district first rather than play partisan political games. Rob Teplitz has voted against pension reform, liquor reform, hundreds of millions of dollars in additional education funding, money to help Harrisburg, and countless other priorities for the residents of our community.<sup>2,5</sup> He has consistently sided with the special interests and Governor Wolf, with whom he has voted 96% of the time.**

*"He wants to slash funding for education and veterans and raise the sales tax."*

**THE TRUTH: None of this is true. DiSanto has said from the beginning of this campaign that he supports more funding for our schools. The difference between DiSanto and Teplitz is that John also wants reforms to help students in districts like Harrisburg by ensuring we have the best teachers, while Teplitz votes to protect the bureaucracy of the teachers' unions rather than hardworking educators, students, parents and taxpayers.**

**DiSanto has never supported cutting veterans funding. As a matter of fact, Teplitz is the only candidate to vote against budgets that funded veterans' programs.<sup>5</sup>**

**DiSanto doesn't support raising the sales tax unless it is part of a package that leads to the total elimination of property taxes. Teplitz was the deciding vote against eliminating property taxes once and for all.<sup>3</sup>**

*"I'm Senator Rob Teplitz, I'm fighting to make our government work for us again."*

**THE TRUTH: Rob Teplitz as the chairman of the Reform Caucus has not passed any reform legislation, let alone combat bribery, corruption or pay to play contracts, yet he continues to take all the perks that come with the office. Rob Teplitz has fought against real reform at every turn so that the status quo prevails and government continues to work only for the powerful special interests, not taxpayers.**

Sources: 1) Teplitz Voting Record: Jan. 2015 – Aug. 2016; 2) SB1, 2015R; HB 466, 2015R; HB 805, 2015R; 3) HB 683, 2015R; 4) SB 1073, 2015R; HB 1198, 2015R; 5) Budget Votes