



Dear Neighbor,

The 136th General Assembly is well underway in Columbus! Last month, we received our committee assignments, allowing us to work on improving our state and communities. Work has already begun on various bills that will be debated and voted on in committee as well as on the floor of the House.

House Democrats put people first despite the distraction of culture wars like limiting individual freedoms, attacks on our LGBTQ+ neighbors, restricting higher education institutions, and banning DEI. We remain committed to working together to improve the lives of all Ohioans by fighting for affordable healthcare, increased wages, and lowered property taxes.

March is Women's History Month! Women history is American history and as Women voices, and experiences, have shaped our state and country. Democrats in Ohio are fighting hard every day, building a state that supports and uplifts all Women. House Democrats are committed to creating a more perfect union that provides freedom, liberty, and equality to us all. Building a state that supports and welcomes everyone has been a long and difficult process, but I am committed to creating lasting and impactful change.

Finally, House districts changed between the 135th and 136th General Assemblies. Please ensure you still reside in my district by going to <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map> to confirm your House district!

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

State Representative Terrence Upchurch
Ohio House District 20



House and Senate Democrats Respond to Governor DeWine's State of the State Address

House and Senate Democrats joined together to hear Governor DeWine discuss his current budget priorities but there was a lack of consideration for the Black community. As I stated “While we recognize the Governor's efforts in attracting new businesses and private-sector jobs, these economic gains must be felt by all Ohioans .”

The governor did discuss some critical issues however he did not discuss problems that are plaguing my community enduring including the cost of child care, property taxes and a skyrocketing economy. “Too many Black communities continue to struggle with high property taxes, lack of access to good-paying jobs, and an education system that does not serve all students equitably. We hope Governor DeWine will stand with us in ensuring real workforce development, including vetoing SB 1 if

it reaches his desk, as it threatens equitable access to education for all Ohioans. .”




Office Updates

Happy March! February was an intriguing month as our President has applied several executive orders that I know cause concern for my community, however I am continuously working to advocate for those who are often unheard. These past couple weeks I:

- have been incredibly focused on the upcoming fiscal budget for years 2026-2027. This budget is **crucial** as it effects various agencies, schools, institutions as well as varies organization that my citizens rely on.
- Have been planning a People First– Town Hall where people can come out and get updates on the office and the current State of our district
- Committee and Session are well underway and we have been debating the extremely detrimental bill– Senate Bill 1
- I appreciate all your outreach and voicing your concerns , as my office and I are always fighting to end the systematic barriers we face.



PEOPLE FIRST TOWN HALL

Receive updates and ask questions about what is currently happening in the Statehouse:

- Senate Bill 1
- Property taxes
- Public Education
- Browns Stadium



THURSDAY
27 March, 2025



6:00PM
COLLINWOOD REC CENTER
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This town hall meeting is intended to be informational as well as conversational as I want to hear from YOU. Come out and hear what is currently going on in the legislature and voice your concerns; let us know what you want to see more of! This meeting will take place, **Thursday March 27th at 6pm** at the **Collinwood Recreation Center**, we hope you see you there!