

February 2025 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent
Ohio House District 18



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy February! The 136th General Assembly is underway; I am grateful to be serving in my 4th term and now representing the new District 18. I serve the people of East Cleveland, Highland Hills, Shaker Hts, Cleveland Hts, Warrensville Hts, Cleveland, North Randall, Woodmere Village, and Orange Village.

In this General Assembly, I'm looking forward to re-introducing several vital bills from the 135th General Assembly, including the C.R.O.W.N. Act, Black Maternal Health Week, the Ohio Equal Pay Act, the Healthy Soils Task Force, Aisha's Law, and many others. I am eager to provide updates on legislation, committee activities, and more in the upcoming weeks.

As we enter the second month of the year, I will be starting a New Business Tour throughout our district. This initiative highlights the innovative entrepreneurs making a difference in our area. Your voices, concerns, and engagement make our community vibrant and strong.

Let's work together toward building a stronger House District 18. Please contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Juanita O. Brent
House District 18



Rep. Brent in The Community



Mayor Kline
(Orange Village)



Seeds of Literacy



Cuyahoga Executive
Chris Ronayne



Judge Kira Krivosh
Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas



Lutheran
Metropolitan Ministry



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Metropolitan Ministry



The Centers For
Families & Children



Dr. David Glasner
Shaker Heights SD Superintendent

Helpful Contacts

Public Safety:

publicsafety.ohio.gov

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL

DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov

Form Requests 800-282-1782

Taxpayer Assistance

800-282-1780

Jobs and Family Services:

jfs.ohio.gov

Veteran Services 888-296-7541

Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor

Vehicles:

www.bmv.ohio.gov

Information 800-589-TAGS

House District 18 Business Tour

COMING SOON

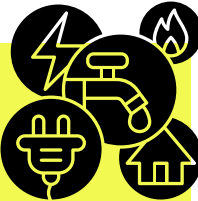


BUSINESS TOUR

Home Energy Assistance Program

- The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides assistance with their home energy bills.
- For more information call [\(800\) 282-0880](tel:8002820880)
 - For the hearing-impaired dial 711

- **Step 1:** Go to development.ohio.gov
- **Step 2:** Click For Individual Header
- **Step 3:** Click Energy Assistance Tab
- **Step 4:** Click Home Energy Assistance Program



Early Stage Focus Fund

- The Early Stage Focus Fund provides funding to investment funds to support early-stage technology companies in underserved communities.
- Eligible Applicants:
 - Ohio based organizations and investment firms.
 - Have fewer than 250 employees
 - At least 50% of company leadership and employees must be Ohio residents.

- **Step 1:** Go to development.ohio.gov
- **Step 2:** Click For Business Header
- **Step 3:** Click State Incentive Tab
- **Step 4:** Click Early Stage Focus



HOUSE SESSION DATES

February 2025

- Wednesday, February 12 @ 2:00PM
- Wednesday, February 26 @ 2:00PM

March 2025

- Wednesday, March 5 @ 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 12 @ 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 19 @ 2:00 PM

BUDGET DEADLINE 2025

- **March 31th** - Transportation Budget
- **June 30th** - Worker's Compensation
- **June 30th** - Industrial Commission
- **July 4th** - Operating Budget

TAX DAY

- Tuesday, April 15th is Tax Day, the deadline to submit tax returns for tax year 2024.
- Stay organized, check your numbers, and file confidently!
- Don't wait until the last minute!



E-file taxes for FREE

tax.ohio.gov/individual/file-now

REP. BRENT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Ranking Member
General Government Committee

Agriculture Committee

Public Safety Committee

Commerce & Labor Committee