



July 2024 Legislative Update from **STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT**

From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent House District 22

Dear Neighbor,

July is here, the year is half gone. July brings much to celebrate such as Independence Day (July 4th) and National Black Women's Pay Day (July 27th).

With summer in full swing, the statehouse will be winding down for summer break. This means I will be increasing my time and effort working within the district.

I toured Central Outreach Wellness Center, Open Doors Academy and attended the SiX Midwestern Reproductive Health Convening. I enjoyed speaking, and working with my community leaders, groups, and constituents. I can not wait to do even more.

This Month HB 178, the CR.O.W.N. act passed on the House Floor. HB 178 creates protections against hair discrimination in public schools. It now heads to the Senate for further consideration

The Capital Budget , which is used for brick and mortar projects, is an unprecedented \$6.2 Billion, with Cuyahoga County receiving over \$100 million . This is a huge increase compared to past Capital Budget funding, where Cuyahoga County only received \$20-\$30 million. On the second page is a brief list of projects.

As always, please reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Juanita O. Brent
House District 22



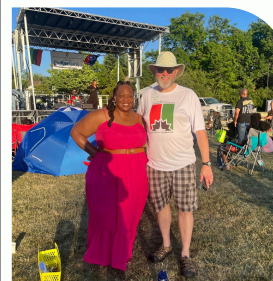
Rep. Brent in The Community



Rep. Brent received Paula Mizsak Public Servant Award



2nd Anniversary of the Dobbs Decision



University Hts Juneteenth celebration with Mayor Brennan



Woodmere Senior Citizen Brunch



Open Door Academy

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

Summer HEAP program

- HEAP is providing an one-time benefit to 60+ year old Ohioans with cooling assistance during July 1 to Sept. 30.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Trying to establish new electric service

Have a disconnect notice
Have been shut off

Enrolling for PIPP or have a PIPP default.



Rep. Brent's Bills

Teacher Paid Leave

- Requires school to allow employees to use up to 60 days of paid sick leave for a parental leave
- Hours are for:
 - parenting of a new born child
 - birthing a stillborn child
 - becoming a guardian of an adopted child



Soil Health Task Force

Creates the Healthy Soils Task Force to:

- Develop a healthy soils initiative
- Identify goals, timeline, and suggestions to improve Ohio's soil



Capital Budget & OTSCIF

Cuyahoga County Capital Budget

\$100,499,500

\$1.5M - Park Synagogue

\$800K - Birthing Beautiful

\$750K - Bellefaire Child and Youth Services Center

\$1M - Shaker Heights Doan Brook Park

\$700K - University Heights Municipal Sewer Project

\$500K - Karamu House

\$480K - Maltz Museum

\$250K - Jennings's Center for Older Adults

\$20M - Cuyahoga County Northcoast Connector

This is not a complete list of Cuyahoga Counties Community projects

Increase Local Government Fund

- Increase the Local Government Fund from 1.7% to 3.68% starting July 1, 2026.



CALL TO ACTION

Action 1: Senate Bill 104

Problems with the SB104:

- Bans transgender students from using gendered restrooms and locker rooms.
- Unfunded mandate on school districts to build additional bathrooms.



Call & Email All State Senators to VOTE NO on SB 104 Concurrence

Ohio Opportunity Zones Tax Credit

- Taxpayers can invest in the Ohio Qualified Opportunity Fund and receive a 10% tax credit of the funds invested.

Start Application:
July 10, 2024



C.R.O.W.N Act Passes Ohio House

- House Bill 178, the C.R.O.W.N. Act passed on the House floor with a (83-7) vote and now moves to the Senate.
- This is the 6th consecutive year the C.R.O.W.N. act is moving through Ohio's General Assembly.

The CROWN Act



Call & Email all Senate Education Committee Members to VOTE YES on HB178

Action 2: Senate Bill 83

Problems with the SB 83:

- Removes job protections for educators
- Attacks academic freedom
- Bans most DEI programs and training in colleges

**DIVERSITY
EQUITY
INCLUSION**

Call & Email all State Reps. to VOTE NO on SB 83