### January | 2023 — Statehouse & Legislative Update

## State Rep. Casey Weinstein

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From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

#### Working For You: Here's to 2023!

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful, healthy holiday season with family, friends, and new cherished memories. The new General Assembly opened last Monday, and it has already been an eventful month. As we begin 2023, I could not be more excited to serve our community in the Ohio House of Representatives. This year is filled with opportunity to work together and deliver results for the People of Ohio.

On January 3, I was proud to be sworn in as State Representative for the new Ohio House District 34. Due to redistricting last year, District 34 now includes Hudson, Stow, and Cuyahoga Falls. If you are unsure if you are still in my district

or who your Representative is, you can check HERE.

As your voice in the state legislature, I promise to work hard for you and your family every single day. With a new Speaker of the Ohio House and new colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I am more optimistic than ever about the future of our state. Moderate Republicans and every Democrat united to elect Jason Stephens as the new Speaker of the House. With this new leadership, I am confident that we will be able to work side by side to deliver bipartisan solutions for ALL Ohioans.

While committee assignments have not yet been finalized, we are already hard at work drafting priority legislation for the 135th General Assembly. Last week, Representative Joe Miller and I reintroduced our bill to redefine hybrid vehicles as only those cars that run on both plug-in electricity and gasoline. This would lower registration fees to \$100 for those vehicles and eliminate them for traditional hybrids (think Toyota Prius). We had

two committee hearings last year, and we will be pushing hard to get this done this GA.

Last month I also gave testimony on my bill to legalize adult-use cannabis in Ohio. My bill would have allowed for the expungement of conviction records as well as levy an excise tax on sales, bringing hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue to our state. I look forward to reintroducing a bipartisan version of the bill soon!







Last year was busy, and I am proud of the outreach and casework my team did for our constituents in 2022! I am honored to be your state representative, and I want to hear from you. My office is happy and ready to help you with any state related issue or just to listen to your thoughts about state government. Take a look below to see a few of the ways my office may be able to assist you or your family. Please note that with a change in district number also comes a change in email address, so we are now at Rep34@ohiohouse.gov. My office phone number and social media handles have not changed.

I am excited to share additional updates on legislation, committee work, upcoming town halls, and more in the weeks to come, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or

Happy New Year, and here's to 2023!

Sincerely, **Casey Weinstein OH-37** 

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# Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Propose bill ideas and law changes
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

# **Contact Methods:**



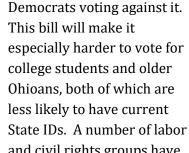
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and civil rights groups have already filed a lawsuit against





HB 458: Governor DeWine signed HB 458 into law last week. This new bill makes an Ohio driver's license, state ID card, military ID, US passport, or passport card the only permissible forms of ID when voting in person. The bill also eliminates the Monday before Election Day as a day to vote early, limits absentee ballot drop boxes to one per county, and shrinks the period for requesting and returning mailin ballots.

