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

Working For You: Spring at the Ohio Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Women's History Month! In March we take pride in celebrating the history and accomplishments of women in this country, while continuing to fight for women's rights by working to protect reproductive freedoms in Ohio and close the gender wage gap.

As we move forward into the year I am excited to meet with individuals and organizations from around Ohio. Over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to discuss pressing issues for the 34th district and the State. I've spoken with representatives from NEOMED about providing more educational opportunities to our young people as well as with wind and solar developers to discuss how we

can continue the fight to revolutionize Ohio's energy grid and promote cleaner energy sources within the state. I've also held meetings with PUCO Chair Jennifer French and the Alliance for the Great Lakes. Our office is excited to welcome our new intern for the semester, Julia Bowser, an Ohio State student and resident of the 34th district. I'm always excited to take on new interns, and we look forward to seeing how she can help the office move forward!

Last week I also had the pleasure of welcoming Junior Leadership Hudson to the State House! They received an official welcome and round of applause from the full House, which is fully warranted for a group of such hard working students. The community could not ask for better representatives, and I was

glad to have them sit in as the 135th GA voted in our new Transportation Budget.

More updates coming soon. And, as always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely, Casey Weinstein





Town Hall Announcement Rep. Weinstein

I hope you will join me and Congresswoman Emilia Sykes on Monday, April 3, for a combined community conversation about action being taken on the state and federal level for all Ohioans.

This conversation will take place at **6:30pm at** the Hudson Library and Historical Society.

Bring a friend and your questions! I look forward to discussing legislative priorities, redistricting, the Ohio budget process, and much more!

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Ohio Crash, Face Few Regulations

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Spotlight: Train Derailment in East Palestine

I have heard concerns from many of you over the last month related to the Norfolk Southern toxic train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Cleanup and monitoring efforts are ongoing, ensuring that East Palestine is safe for families now and in the future.

My office has been getting daily updates from the Ohio EPA and ODNR, and I will continue to share those and available resources with you. Here are a few of the most recent:

- Those living in East Palestine who have not yet requested free air sampling or private water system sampling can call 330-849-3919
- Governor DeWine and Senator Sherrod Brown have requested CDC send experts to monitor long-term health impacts
- US EPA will start testing for dioxins as well as those compounds previously known and tested for
- Experts are advising residents in the immediate vicinity to not start spring gardens this year, as we don't fully know the effects and contaminate risk on soil quality yet
- As of March 6, approximately 3.2 million gallons of liquid wastewater have been hauled out of East Palestine
- The US EPA has ordered Norfolk Southern to pay for/reimburse cleanup efforts

The transportation budget passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on March 1st also included bipartisan solutions to make our railroads and communities safer. Ohio will now require two-person crews on trains as well as wayside detector systems. These new requirements will increase train crews' ability to identify and solve an issue before it leads to an accident.

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

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Legislative Update

HB 6: Anti-Trans Sports Bill / This week we will be hearing sponsor testimony on House Bill 6 in the House Higher Education Committee, which seeks to ban transgender girls from playing on school sports teams that align with their gender. It's ironic this is House Bill 6 because this bill targets just six young girls in Ohio out of 400,000 athletes participating in middle and high school athletics.

OHSAA has been successfully regulating this arena for nearly a decade with zero complaints or issues. This is simply another attempt to distract Ohio voters by

igniting a war on an issue that barely exists. We fought extremely hard to stop this bill in the last General Assembly, and we're going to fight even harder to stop it this time.

If you would like to lend your voice, contact committee Chairman Tom Young's office at Rep37@ohiohouse.gov.

