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September at The Ohio Statehouse!

Dear Neighbor,
Happy Fall, Ohio! As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a wonderful Autumn. This time of year brings a beautiful transition and reminds us of the importance of community and connection.

As we embrace this season of change, it's also a crucial time to ensure your voices are heard. As a reminder, you can register or update your registration at voteohio.gov. Your participation in our democracy is vital, and I encourage you to take this time to make sure you're ready for the upcoming November election.

As the House continues to be in recess and my travels to Columbus have decreased, I've taken this opportunity to immerse myself further in our community. In this newsletter, I would like to share some of this month's highlights with you.



- October 7: Voter registration deadline
- October 8: Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- October 29: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- November 5: Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Representative Weinstein in the community

This month, I had the privilege of meeting with constituents from Building Freedom Ohio, who are passionately advocating for the rights of those who have paid their debt to society, aiming to bring positive change to their families and communities. Additionally, alongside the Governor, Mayor Malik, and our County Executive, my Statehouse colleagues and I celebrated Akron's selection as an Innovation Hub for polymer research, a designation accompanied by \$31.25 million in state funding to support this vital project. Lastly, my staff and I had the opportunity to tour the United Way of Summit and Medina County facilities across Summit County. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to fostering collaboration and driving positive change, and I look forward to continuing this important work together.



One of my biggest priorities as a State Representative has been making sure our youth stays civically engaged, and as such, I have also committed this time to attending events that promote civic participation. Over the past month, I met with emerging young leaders through Junior Leadership Hudson, connected with Kent State students interning in Columbus, and spoke at a student-led civic engagement forum. These events and opportunities have been consequential in highlighting the vital importance of voting and amplifying the voices of constituents across all age groups. It's been a busy month, but the rewards of these connections and discussions make it all worthwhile.

Please remember that as your State Representative, I am here to listen to you and help you in any way I can. Hearing from all of you is incredibly important to me and my staff.

Legislative Update: Fighting to Lower Property Taxes for Ohioans

As we all know, the rising cost of property taxes is a critical economic issue for Ohioans. Homeowners are searching for answers and are rightfully frustrated feeling the squeeze of higher property tax bills. My Democratic colleagues and I have solutions.

No one wants to pay more than their fair share in taxes. That's why tax-shifting is unfair. It funds giveaways for the wealthiest few, and cuts to local communities, shifting taxes away from the state onto local homeowners. It doesn't have to be this way! Together, we can support policies to unrig Ohio's tax system, so the state stops shifting the tax responsibility onto homeowners and local communities.

Below, you will find a brief summary of some of the bills my colleagues and I have worked on to help lower your tax bill and address this issue:

- **HB 60 (Troy)** - Increases the homestead exemption for elderly or disabled homeowners and certain surviving spouses
- **HB 263 (Isaacsohn/Hall)** - Freezes property taxes for qualified homeowners
- **HB 274 (Dell 'Aquila/Matthews)** - For individuals who qualify and have owned their homes for more than 20 years, this bill increases the exemption from \$26,200 to \$50,000.
- **Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform** - This committee, proposed by Rep. Troy, is examining and identifying solutions to address some of the concerns with Ohio's property tax laws.
- **HB 645 (Isaacsohn)** - Legislation authorizing a property tax circuit breaker benefit for eligible homeowners and renters whose property taxes, or portion of rent attributable to property taxes, exceeds 5% of their income.

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