

Dear Neighbor,

With the holiday season upon us, I hope that you all can enjoy the festivities in warmth and in the company of your family and friends. The General Assembly is out of Columbus for the rest of this year. Even with a flurry of last minute legislation, the majority once again chose not to address your needs, from skyrocketing property taxes, healthcare costs, and fixing school and local government funding.

From the desk of Representative Mil

While they fail to address these issues, I will be back in the district listening from you. It does not matter what time of year it is, there are always questions to be answered and problems to be solved. These simple truths are why I chose to be a public servant, and will continue to work on these issues because you matter!

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

District Spotlights

- Grocery Outlet Bargain Market had its grand opening in Lorain
- Achieve Credit Union swept every nomination it received in the Morning Journal's "Best of Best"
- Seven new officers were sworn into the Lorain Police Department, making the department its closest to a full staff in years

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Legislative Update & Summary

I am excited to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the progression of the legislation I have introduced over the course of this General Assembly.



Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
HB 416	Designate Police Officer Phillip Wagner Memorial Highway	Referred to Committee 9/15/2025
HCR 7	American Legion Resolution Buckeye Boys and Girls State	Awaiting Full Senate Vote 10/22/2025
НВ 362	Prohibit Deepfakes during Election Seasons	Referred to Committee 6/18/2025
HB 44	Police Lateral Transfer/Cadet bill	Signed into Law 11/5/2025
НВ 79	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	Opponent Hearing 3/26/2025
НВ 191	Increase Base Teacher Salary	Sponsor Testimony 4/8/2025
HB 165	Implicit Bias Training for licensed educators	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
HB 164	Reinstate Joint Education Oversight Committee	Sponsor Testimony 4/1/2025
НВ 77	Regards Type 1 Diabetes Info	Added to HB 96, passed into law
		6/30/2025

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Ohio Hispanic Veterans Memorial Dedication



Honoring and remembering our veterans is something I have been committed to during my tenure in office. I was pleased to join the Ohio Hispanic Veterans Board in celebrating the dedication of the Ohio Hispanic Veterans Memorial. Before this monument's creation, the closest memorial for Hispanic veterans was in Buffalo, New York. With so many Hispanic veterans in our community, it was time to recognize their righteous sacrifices in the defense of our freedoms and liberties. It is a fine and worthy addition to the International City.

A Way to Give Back

The holidays are always a time to reflect and give thanks for what we have. In that spirit, it is also a time think about charity and giving back. One easy way to give back, and even save lives, is to give blood. Roughly every two seconds, an American needs blood to treat traumatic injuries, cancer, or chronic diseases. A single donation, when used to the maximum, can save up to three lives, which is why I donate blood when I can.



What Happened in the Statehouse this Month?



As many of you know, there was a flurry of activity at the Statehouse. Due to the upcoming holiday season and break, my colleagues attempted to get their bills as far as they could. In this flurry, HB 44, the bill myself and Rep. Kevin Miller sponsored to streamline the process of filling vacant police officer positions and

make training more accessible, managed to get to the governor and was signed. When the legislature reconvenes, the capital budget cycle will begin.

Happy 250th Birthday to the Marine Corp

Just ahead of the 250th Birthday of our nation, another very special anniversary just occurred. The Marine Corp turned 250 on November 10th, and I was glad to join that celebration. Their warrior spirit, adaptability, and honor have been key to defending this nation for as long as it has endured.



Shelter Information

With winter finally here, some of our more vulnerable neighbors need all the help they can get with the frigid temperatures becoming more common. Some may need food, others clothes, or a roof over their head. Regardless of the exact need, some of our neighbors need our assistance.

Below are a list of organizations who provide assistance in Lorain County and may welcome a helping hand this holiday season.

- Neighborhood Alliance
- Catholic Charities
- Generation House
- Faith House
- Blessing House
- ♦ Genesis House

Lorain County Services Contact Information

- Lorain County Jobs & Family Services: (440)-323-5726
- Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities: (440)-329-3734
- Lorain County Income Tax Department: (440)-204-1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services: (440)-284-4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
 - Crisis and Suicide Hotline: 988
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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