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DEAR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,

As we enter these last few months of 2024, the weather may be changing but one thing remains constant – my passion for supporting and serving you.

It has been a very busy summer and fall thus far! While the Ohio House has been on recess, I have continued to work on important legislative priorities and also spending time within our District. I've been visiting local businesses and leaders, attending community events, and listening to residents which is very important to me.

Providing quality constituent services and representation is truly dependent on my understanding of the issues that matter to you. This is why I have consistently offered an opportunity to meet one-on-one at my monthly in-district office hours in both Marion and Marysville.

As always, if you would like to schedule an appointment during my monthly in-district hours, have any questions, or need assistance with state agencies, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at rep86@ohiohouse.gov or call 614-466-8147 and be sure to leave a call back number.

These cool mornings and warm days of fall remind me of football, family, harvest and fun too. I hope you are enjoying them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tracy



SUMMER IN REVIEW



Presenting Marion County Sheriff's Deputies Kidwell and Johnson with resolutions commending their reception of the National Sheriff's Association Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Valor.



It was a wonderful (and delicious) time exploring the offerings at the Taste of Dublin! I also had an opportunity to touch base with residents.



The Marysville Art League recently celebrated its 45th anniversary. In honor of this achievement, I presented members of the league with a commendation and viewed their current galleries. Union County has many talented artists, and the Art League does a wonderful job showcasing their works!



Marion Matters is a local non-profit providing members of our community with education and employment programs. I had the privilege of visiting their space alongside Marion City Councilman Shawn Barr and their Executive Director Natalie Longmeier.



Each September, the City of Marysville hosts a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. I attend each year on the solemn anniversary of this tragedy, to remember the lives lost and pay tribute to the many first responders who dedicated their lives to serving our communities.



I had the opportunity to support the critical mission of Wings Support and Recovery by attending their 25th Anniversary Gala this September. Wings Support and Recovery has been serving our community for over 25 years by providing support for individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders, and mental illness disorders.



Recently, I spoke at the grand opening of Connect Coworx located in downtown Marion.



Earlier this September, I was joined by close friends and family to officially retire from the U.S. Army. After decades of service, I was honored, humbled, and overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness and support given as I transitioned to the ranks of Veteran.



A highlight of each summer is attending all of the local fairs to support agriculture and the junior fair auctions.

LEGISLATION TO WATCH

House Bill 657 – Enact the Transparency in Pledge of Allegiance “T.I.P.A” Act

On August 19th, I introduced House Bill 657, which will require school districts to publicly disclose their Pledge of Allegiance policies.

House Bill 254 – Regards Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans

I introduced House Bill 254 to help keep veterans in their homes, providing an 100% property tax exemption to veterans with 100% disability ratings.

House Bill 230 – Regards Drug Trafficking, Organized Trafficking of Persons

House Bill 230 will save lives by increasing the penalties for drug and human trafficking in Ohio.

House Bill 681 – Regards the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program

This recently introduced legislation seeks to create transparency, by clarifying the scope of the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

Senate Bill 313 – Alyssa’s Law

This legislation is a critical innovation to providing students with a safer learning environment. I also support the companion legislation that is being introduced in the Ohio House.



PROUDLY SERVING YOU



As I continue my work in the state legislature, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you need assistance with a state issue or would like to share your thoughts with me. I also encourage you to follow my social media for updates on what's happening in Columbus and our community.



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