





A Legislative Update with  
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Dear Neighbor,

Happy September! I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits. As your State Representative, I am honored to share this month's legislative newsletter, highlighting our ongoing efforts to make Ohio a state that truly serves and represents all its residents.

This month, we also celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize the rich cultural contributions of the Hispanic-American community. It's an opportunity to reflect on the profound impact Hispanic and Latino culture has had on our state and nation—from vibrant traditions and arts to significant contributions in every field. Let's take this time to appreciate and celebrate the diverse cultural tapestry that strengthens our community.

In the legislature, I am actively working on several important initiatives. A few of these measures are ensuring easier access to preventive prostate cancer screenings for Ohioans, removing lead pipelines, promoting equity on college campuses, and securing funding for scholarships for youth in foster care.

Thank you to everyone who registered to vote this month! Voting is a fundamental right and a powerful way to shape the future of our community, state, and nation. Whether you're registering for the first time or updating your registration, your participation makes a difference.

Serving as your State Representative is a privilege I deeply cherish. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you need assistance or want to share your thoughts. You can contact me by email at Rep01@OhioHouse.Gov or by phone at (614) 466-5343.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Sincerely,

**Dontzavius L. Jarrells**

State Representative  
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## Bill Spotlight of the Month

Planned to Introduce

### Health Insurance Mandate for Prostate Cancer Screening Act (HIM Act)



**PROSTATE  
CANCER**  
Awareness Month

State Rep. Jarrells has announced plans to introduce the HIM Act! Co-sponsored by Rep. Johnson the HIM Act will require health insurers to cover preventative prostate cancer screenings for high-risk men. With over 8,000 cases reported annually in Ohio. The HIM Act aims to eliminate financial barriers by ensuring screenings, such as the PSA test, are fully covered without cost-sharing. Rep. Jarrells is working with fellow legislators to support this life-saving initiative.

**Register to  
Vote!**

Make your voice  
heard



# Press Tour

Rep. Dontavius Jarrells recently concluded a successful statewide tour to promote and raise awareness for Ohio's Lead Line Replacement Act (House Bill 534). During the tour, Rep. Jarrells began in Columbus then visited Youngstown, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. A few notable attendees were Cincinnati City Councilmembers Meeka Owens and Mark Jeffreys, Erin Bishop (Youngstown City Health Department Commissioner), and Robin Brown (Concerned Citizens Organized Against Lead). Together, they discussed the vital need for safe drinking water for every family in Ohio. House Bill 534, the Lead Line Replacement Act, represents a bold and uncompromising commitment to ensuring lead-free water for all Ohioans. This legislation promises a healthier, safer future across the state.



## Rep. Jarrells at the Legislative Townhall and Resource Fair

At the end of August, Rep. Jarrells hosted an Legislative Townhall and Resource Fair at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Delicious catering provided wonderful meals and local nonprofits and businesses such as Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Homeport, Humana Healthcare, and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective offered information and support to attendees. Featuring House Assistant Minority Leader Dontavius Jarrells, Senate Assistant Minority Leader Hearcel Craig, Rep. Latyna M. Humphrey, and Rep. Ismail Mohamed, attendees gained insight into the bills we've passed and supported, and we outlined our legislative plans moving forward. The event concluded with a Q&A session. We are so thankful to everyone who participated and voiced their passionate concerns, and thoughtful questions to the panel. We were humbled to hold a space where such crucial conversations could be had.

