

A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

Happy Holidays! December is full of celebrations and valued time spent with family and friends. As we gather to reflect on the year and look ahead to what's to come, I wish you a warm and safe season of joy.

I'm proud of the work we've done together this year at the Statehouse from securing state funds for the district to advocating for legislation that helps our communities. House Democrats fought back against anti-voter legislation, higher taxes, anti-gun safety laws, all while fighting for lower costs, increased wages, and safer communities.

Looking ahead to the new year, I'm optimistic for the future of our state. I am looking forward to working for you and your family every day in the halls of the Statehouse and in our community. When the 135th General Assembly begins, I will be working on legislation to strengthen our communities, provide mental health supports to individuals, empower our students and educators, and provide financial relief to families.

With that, I hope you have a healthy, happy holiday season. Enjoy your time with loved ones, and make sure to stay up to date on your flu and Covid-19 boosters/shots.

I am proud to be your state representative. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns. My goal is to be accessible to those that I represent, so please reach out to my office so that I can continue to represent you to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

Willis E. Blakshear Jr.
State Representative
Ohio House District 39

YEAR IN REVIEW

This was a busy year working for you and the people of House District 39. I'm proud of the work my staff and I did in 2022. Here are some of the numbers:

- Over 80 constituents helped through casework
- 10 office hours and town halls hosted
- Over \$10 million in funds brought back to the district

Happy New Year!

I hope you have a happy and healthy 2023!

Happy New Year! All across our state, families and friends are celebrating the possibility and hope of new beginnings. I wish you and our entire community a wonderful 2023.



District Updates

Community Outreach



Rep. Blackshear recently spoke to members of the Montgomery County Student Delegation at the Montgomery County Educational Service Center about Money and Education. Rep. Blackshear touched on ways that students can better their futures, and make the most of the opportunities presented to them.

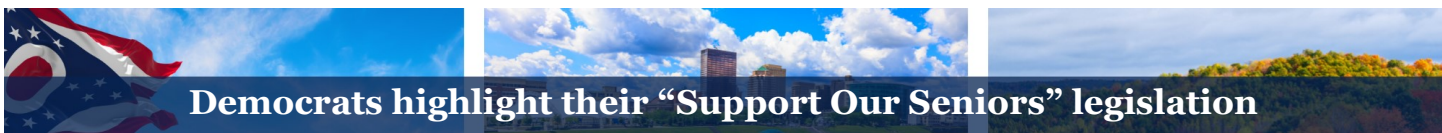
Constituent Office Hours are Back!

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 Constituent Office Hours

- Dec 15th, 5-6:30PM: Dayton Metro Library West Branch Abbey Ave
- Dec 19th, 5-6:30PM: Jefferson Twp. Govt. Center 580 Calumet Ln
- Dec 28th, 5-6PM: Dayton Metro Library Northwest Branch Philadelphia Dr
- Dec 29th, 5-6:30PM: Dayton Metro Library Main Branch Third Street

Join Rep. Blackshear at any of the above dates and times to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Rep. Blackshear wants to hear from you, and get your feedback for what you want to see in the community.

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Democrats highlight their “Support Our Seniors” legislation

Ohio House Democratic Caucus has legislation to counter rising costs and ensure older Ohioans on fixed incomes have economic security. The Support Our Seniors legislative package includes bills to reduce the costs of expenses such as healthcare, prescription drugs and utilities. The package would also put more money into the pockets of older Ohioans by lowering property taxes and reinstating cost-of-living adjustments for certain retirees.

- **HB 601**– Establish minimum cost-of-living adjustments for teachers and other school employees and increase employer contributions for the first time since 1988
- **HB 562**– Reinstating the cost-of-living adjustments for Ohio’s retired teachers
- **HB 79**– Establish the Caregiver Expenses Tax Credit

- **HB 135**– Reduce the cost of prescription drugs
- **HB 305**– Cap the cost of insulin at \$35 a month
- **HB 125**– Enact the Pre-Existing Condition Protection Act
- **HB 57**– Fully repeal HB 6, corrupt corporate bailout legislation costing Ohioans \$150 million per year
- **HB 260**– Require refunds to improperly charged utility customers
- **HB 389**– Re-establish energy efficiency programs that will save utility ratepayers money and reduce energy usage
- **HB 207**– Expand the Homestead Exemption Act

