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A LETTER FROM
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Dear Neighbor,

The 136th Assembly is well underway here in Columbus! Last month, we received our committee assignments, allowing us to work on improving our state and our communities. We have already had great progress on various bills that will be debated and voted on in committee as well as on the floor of the House.

The House Democrats put Ohioans first, despite the distractions of culture wars like limiting our constitutional individual freedoms, attacks on our LGBTQ+ neighbors, cracking down on our higher education institutions, and banning DEI. We remain committed to working together to improve the lives of all Ohioans by righting for affordable healthcare, increased wages, lowered property taxes, and combatting the rising cost-of-living in our state.

The month of February is Black History Month! Black history is an integral part of American history, and Black voices, experiences, and people have shaped not only our state, but our country. Democrats in Ohio continue to fight everyday for a state that supports and uplifts Black Ohioans. We are committed to the American ideal of creating a more perfect Union that ensures freedom, liberty, and equality to us all. Building a state that supports and welcomes everyone has been a long and difficult process, but I am committed to ensuring that impactful change is created and lasts.

Our House districts have changed between the 135th and 136th General Assemblies. Please ensure you still reside in my district by going to <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map> to confirm your district!

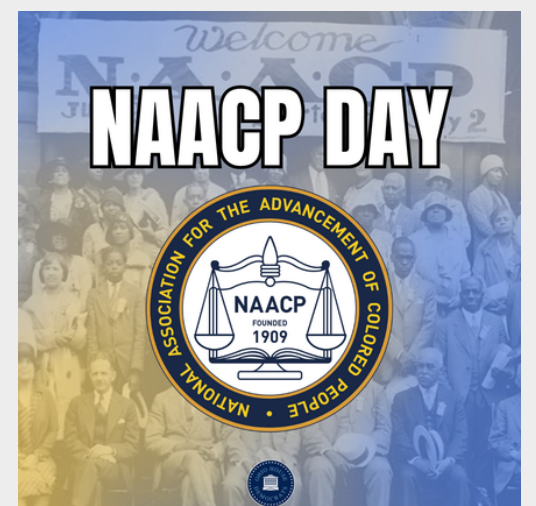
Sincerely,
Ismail Mohamed

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State Representative, District 3



Happy Valentines Day!

We at the Ohio House Democrats wish you all a Happy Valentines Day! We hope you spend this time to cherish and give thanks to your loved ones and significant others.



Happy NAACP Day!

Happy NAACP Founding Day! The NAACP (National Association of the Advancement of Colored People) has stood as one of the most active organizations for advocating for American civil rights. Since its founding in 1909, it has fought for the natural rights of African Americans.



Representative Mohamed introduces New Legislation for the 136th GA

H.B. 34 - Increasing the Minimum Wage

Representative Mohamed and Jarrells have reintroduced H.B. 34 to the House floor, aimed at gradually increasing the state minimum wage in Ohio (currently 10.45) to 15 dollars an hour by the year 2030. This legislation would be adjusted annually after said year according to inflation, which has caused the cost-of-living in the United States to be more expensive in recent years.

H.B. 97 - Requiring Public Schools to Provide Single Free Meals

Representative Mohamed and Brewer have introduced H.B. 97 to the House floor, aimed at requiring public schools to provide at least one free meal for any student, regardless of their economic status or ability to afford said meals at lunch. This is aimed to reduce the financial burden on low-income families to provide for their children's success in education.

H.B. 101 - Establishing the Law Student Encouragement Pilot Program

Representative Mohamed and Williams have introduced H.B. 101 to the House floor, which would establish the Law Student Encouragement Pilot Program, which would be a state scholarship program for underrepresented students in order to fund their college and law school success by awarding \$4,000 every year.



Rep. Ismail Mohamed Announces Committee Assignments for 136th GA

**TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
COMMITTEE**
RANKING MEMBER

I am honored to accept my appointment as Ranking Member on the Science and Technology Committee for the 136th General Assembly. I am excited to introduce comprehensive legislation to incentivize and modernize our emerging technological sector, so Ohioans can benefit from the recent rise in such technology. With the recent revolutionary strides in recent years, I am excited to become one of the first members of this newly created Committee. Its time to deliver this for Ohioans so we can all mutually benefit from these technologies.

**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE**
MEMBER

I am excited to sit on the House Transportation Committee for the 136th General Assembly. With my past work on H.B 566 and other legislation, I am looking forward to introducing and co-sponsoring legislation that will modernize our transportation system. I am also determined to ease the financial burden on working class Ohioans for unnecessary fees & fines pertaining to both public and public transportation.

**HOUSE JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE**
MEMBER

I am honored to accept my appointment as a member of this Assembly's House Judiciary Committee. With my past work as a attorney and experience on the Constitutional Resolutions, Criminal Justice, and Civil Justice Committees, I aim to ensure the work of this Committee to guarantee that our justice system works for all Ohioans, not just for a select few. I am also prepared to ensure that this Committee will work on introducing legislation that will remove hurdles to working class Ohioans to ensure that they are represented fairly in a court of law.



Rep. Mohamed holds State House Press Conference on recent immigration Executive Orders by the Trump administration

On Thursday, February 13th, Representative Mohamed held a joint press conference at the State House with Representatives Somani (D-Dublin) and Abdullahi (D-Columbus), as well as with community leaders, activists, and representatives of the ACLU in Ohio. The purpose was to give statements and respond to what House Democrats are doing to actively fight against the recent Executive Orders by the Trump administration, specifically regarding ending birthright citizenship and taking a hardline stance against immigrant communities throughout the United States.

Representative Mohamed and his colleagues in the House described the mobilization needed at the local level to prevent legislation such as H.B. 26 from being enacted, as it would prevent cities and localities from passing laws that would conflict with Trump's executive orders. Activists and community leaders also described concerns about the deployment of ICE and other immigration agencies in their communities, as well as the fear of having their birthright citizenship revoked, which is protected under the Constitution.

“This bill seeks to punish local governments that do not comply with federal immigration enforcement by withholding state funding,” he explained. “It would be targeting sanctuary cities that choose to prioritize public safety or immigration enforcement.”



Representative Mohamed answers questions from the Press



Representatives Mohamed, Somani, and Abdullahi; with Dr. Dorothy Hassan of Our Helpers, Gary Daniels of the ACLU, and community leaders Yola Lamarre & Marwah Warsame