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A LETTER FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE ISMAIL MOHAMED



Dear Neighbor,

The 136th Assembly is well underway here in Columbus! My fellow State Representatives and I have been adjusting well to our new committee assignments, and have already began introducing impactful legislation that I firmly believe will positively shape our state and communities for years to come.

The House Democrats put Ohioans first, despite the distractions of divisive 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 March is Women's History Month! The month of March is a annual observance used to commemorate the contributions of women to our state and country, whether it be through the arts, government, business, and advocacy for key social issues; despite facing discrimination for much of our nation's history. Through our shared advocacy, 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,

İsmail Mohamed

State Representative, District 3



#### **Happy Saint Patrick's Day!**

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



#### **Happy Vietnam Veterans Day!**

On March 29th, we reflect and honor on the sacrifices which 9 million Americans of our Armed Forces made in the Vietnam War (1964-1975). On this day, we take time to reflect on the hardships those who fought faced, as well as their families, as well as on values that we hold dear.



## 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-ofliving in the United States to be more expensive in recent years.

## H.B. 97 - Requiring Public Schools H.B. 101 - Establishing the Law 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.

## **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.



# IFTAR AT THE STATE HOUSE

On March 12th, Representative Mohamed hosted the Annual Iftar at the State House Program, celebrating the fast-breaking evening meal and prayer of Ramadan.

This year in particular was the biggest yet, bringing together community leaders, elected officials in both the Senate and House, and a interfaith discussion with the Ohio Jewish Communities. Representative Mohamed and other officials gave remarks, and Omar Sharif from Ibnu Taymiya Islamic Center led the Adhan, or the Evening Call to Prayer.







