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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

Often people ask me what my priorities are at the Statehouse. I quickly respond, “Anything that will make life better for all Ohioans.” That is why you see my name on more bills than any of my 131 colleagues. You see, when I read a bill, I don’t look at it from a partisan lens, but from a “Will this help people” lens. The proposals I support, include those that support young learners, provide consumers with more protections, enhance health care affordability and accessibility, make our communities safer, etc. Here is a list of some of these proposals - for the full list, visit my website -

HB 3: School Bus Safety Act

HB 20: Prohibit the harassing or impeding an emergency service responder

HB 22: Property tax exemption for surviving spouses of military service members killed in duty

HB 23: Escaped Convict Alert Program

HB 66 - To eliminate a large, hidden subsidy on monthly electric bills

HB 71: Disclosure of dangerous chemicals used in drilling wells in state parks

HB 114: To prohibit law enforcement departments from establishing ticket quotas

HB 130 & 318: To make the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program more consumer friendly

HB 143: To double the Homestead property tax exemption

HB 158: Utility Bill Transparency Act; HB 265: To regulate resellers of utility services

HB 168: To improve Ohio’s criminal child enticement statute

HB 279: To provide a tax credit for family caregiver expenses

HB 365: Property Tax Refund Act; HB 394: College Student Choice Grant Program Act

HB 439: To prohibit the application of waste produced from oil and gas wells on our roads

SCR 2: To urge investment into the security and reliability of the electric grid

As always, I welcome your calls and emails, if my office may ever be of assistance. Praying for your happiness and health. See you out in the district.

Sincerely,

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**Representative
Mark Hiner (R-
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House Bill (HB)
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neighborhoods
from sexually or
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State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Calls for the State to Step Up to Protect Food Insecure Residents

If you know me, you know that my single mom worked hard her whole life — at the May Company during the day and bartending at night — and still had to rely on food stamps to make ends meet. I've never forgotten what that was like. No one working that hard should ever have to worry about putting food on the table.

Right now, 1.4 million Ohioans — nearly half of them children — rely on food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). But as of November 1, SNAP benefits are not being issued until federal funding is renewed due to the federal shutdown. That means millions of Ohio families are being left in limbo, unsure where their next meal will come from.

Ohio's food banks are already stretched thin. The federal government recently cut federal SNAP spending, and Ohio's latest state budget provides \$7.5 million less for food banks than last year. The result is a perfect storm — fewer resources at a time when more people than ever need help.

This isn't just a humanitarian crisis — it's an economic one. Every \$1 in SNAP spending generates about \$1.54 in local economic activity. Cuts to these benefits also hurt grocers, farmers, truckers, and small businesses across our state.

Here in House District 14, about 18,000 residents — 15% of our population — depend on SNAP. These are people I see and hear from every day, including our seniors, veterans, single parents, and hardworking families just trying to get by.

All of this is why I have been a constant advocate for robust funding for our foodbanks and why I have been calling on my colleagues in the Legislature to tap into our state's \$4 billion rainy day fund to help folks weather this storm and what may become a hurricane of hunger.

If you're able, please consider helping by visiting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to learn what you can do. I will never forget where I came from and I will never give up on the people I serve and care for deeply. Together, we can make sure no Ohioan goes hungry. If you need help, please call the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1.



State Representative Brennan Hosts Latvian Defense Minister

Recently, I had the honor of hosting **Latvian State Secretary Aivars Puriņš** and his delegation for a visit and tour of the Ohio Statehouse. The Secretary's visit highlighted the growing connections between Ohio and our allies in Europe—especially those on the front lines of defending democracy and freedom.

Secretary Puriņš' visit to Ohio focused on the state of transatlantic defense cooperation and the deep bonds that connect Americans and Europeans across the Atlantic. With Ohio's strong defense manufacturing base and our state's steadfast support for Ukraine, this conversation could not be more timely or more important.

The visit was organized in partnership with the German Marshall Fund, which has been working to bring together state and local officials, business leaders, and students to discuss NATO's critical role in ensuring global stability, security, and prosperity. These discussions remind us that what happens overseas directly affects our communities here at home — from jobs in Ohio's defense industry to the global fight for democracy.

Ohio has stood firmly with Ukraine and our NATO allies, and I was proud to help continue that conversation right here at our Statehouse. Strengthening our international relationships not only supports peace and security abroad but also reinforces Ohio's role as a key partner in the transatlantic alliance.



State Rep. Brennan Introduces Amendment to Double the Property Tax Homestead Exemption

COLUMBUS — State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) Wednesday introduced an amendment to **House Bill (HB) 335** that would've doubled the Homestead Exemption for Ohio seniors and disabled homeowners, offering what he described as “substantive, noticeable, and state-funded property tax relief” for those struggling on fixed incomes. The amendment was tabled on the House floor, preventing this provision from being added to **HB 335** which was passed in a later vote Wednesday.

“Too many Ohioans — especially seniors — are being taxed out of the very homes they worked their entire lives to pay off,” said **Rep. Brennan**. “With all due respect, **HB 335** as currently written is like dumping a cup of water on a forest fire. Our constituents are demanding real relief, not token gestures. Doubling the Homestead Exemption will make a meaningful difference for those who need it most.”

Rep. Brennan emphasized that the state of Ohio is financially capable of funding this expanded relief, noting the strength of the state’s current fiscal position. “Our budget is healthy, our revenues are strong, and our Rainy Day Fund is overflowing — and if you’ve listened to our seniors and homeowners lately, you know it’s pouring,” said **Rep. Brennan** on the House floor.

The amendment comes amid growing public frustration with rising property taxes and the emergence of a ballot initiative seeking to eliminate property taxes entirely — a move **Rep. Brennan** warns would devastate schools, local governments, and first responders.

“If we don’t act decisively to provide state-funded relief, that initiative will gain traction,” said **Rep. Brennan**.

“The consequences could cripple our schools’ ability to educate our children and our communities’ ability to provide police, fire, and other essential services. This amendment, along with my **Property Tax Rebate Bill**, are proactive measures to prevent that crisis.”

Rep. Brennan urged bipartisan support for the measure, calling it a fair and financially responsible way to ensure that Ohio seniors can stay in their homes while protecting the future of local services.

“Ohio has the means to help those who helped build this state,” concluded **Rep. Brennan**. “Let’s use it wisely and compassionately.”

State Rep. Brennan Strives to be an Accessible Public Servant

As your state representative, I am elected to serve you to the best of my ability. In order for me to do that, I know that I need to keep my constituents close. Along those lines, I strive to be an accessible statesman by attending as many community events as possible, returning phone calls, responding to emails and letters, and meeting with residents.

In fact, one of my favorite things to do is meet with residents to discuss what is on their minds. This helps me to be a better representative by letting me know what issues are important to my constituents. Armed with this information, I can walk into committee and other meetings with real-world examples of what folks are going through and how policies affect them. This information also informs my policy positions because I know that I have to vote my district.

Along those lines, I invite you to reach out to my office via email, letter, or phone call. I am also willing to meet with you in the district or at my Statehouse office in Columbus to discuss your concerns, ideas, and suggestions. It remains an honor to serve you.

Recently, I attended the 105th birthday celebration for Magdalene Arendt, for whom I served as Parma Ward 2 Councilman, Parma City Council President, and now State Rep. What an honor it was to present her with a commendation.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Out and About



It is always a joy to visit Mr. Eiben's government classes at Padua High School; Welcoming Tiflis - Ohio's only Georgian restaurant - to Parma Heights (6440 Pearl Road); Congrats to Derek Schafer and his staff at West Creek Conservancy for winning a \$5,000 grant from Cox Communications; Having a conversation with Cleveland Councilman Kris Harsh and District 2 Police Commander Timothy Maffo-Judd about community safety; On one of my many bike rides through District 14; Congratulations to my friend and fellow Parmanian Andy Schofield (center) for being named an Unsung Hero of Labor by the United Labor Organization recently; Volunteering at the Old Brooklyn Street Fest with Councilwoman Rebecca Mauuer and friends.



State Rep. Brennan Encourages Checking Out Normandy High School's Sword and Shield Restaurant

The Parma City School District has one of Ohio's premier Career Technical Education (CTE) programs with 17 offerings in the areas of family consumer science, computers, business, industrial technology, as well as job training programs for students with disabilities. The award-winning culinary program is especially one to be proud of.

The two year culinary program, lead by **Chefs Iann Johnson and Christie Gibbons**, provides students with real-world experience in their Sword and Shield Restaurant. It has become one of my favorite places to eat for lunch. The public is welcome on Thursdays and Fridays to order online or curbside from 10:00 am—1:00 pm or to dine in on from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. You can check them out on Facebook or at their website. It is always suggested that you call in advance to ensure that they are open at 440-885-8385.

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