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and Cleveland's West Park Neighborhood!*

Dear District 14 Resident:

Like every month, June was another very busy one home here in the district and in Columbus at the Ohio Statehouse. In fact, each month there is much more to report than I have room in this newsletter, which I take pride in writing myself, to report. However, I will, once again, try to do my best to let you know how I am working doggedly and honorably for you every single day.

Many folks ask me what my days look like and if I still live in Parma. In a typical week I am in Columbus Tuesday through Thursday and home from Friday through Monday. When I am in the state capital, I stay at a hotel close to the Statehouse. I love Parma too much to ever consider staying in Columbus more than I have to in order to get my work done there.

A typical day in the district involves getting up early for a run through Parma or Parma Heights or a swim at the Seven Hills Rec Center. Then I spend the day doing various things, including visiting businesses, schools, residents at their homes, etc. I also meet often with other elected officials, tour non-profits and other facilities, answer lots of emails, attend numerous community events, stop in to say hello to my *grandmas* and *grandpas* at the Parma and Parma Heights senior centers, call residents on the phone, respond to mail, take state commendations to residents who have done great things, read, write, and prepare for committees and sessions at the Statehouse, etc.

A typical day at the Statehouse is a whirlwind with very little time to sit still or even eat a meal. Because I serve on six committees, often sub on others, and have to follow and give testimony on my bills in other committees, I literally often have to be in two or three places at once. For instance, one day last month I had to be in Primary and Secondary Education Committee for two votes, while awaiting to give sponsor testimony in the Criminal Justice Committee, while having to attend the State and Local Government Committee where I serve as Ranking Member. Thanks to a great staff who keep me informed of what is going on in the committees, I was able to swing it all successfully.

As always, if my office may be of service, please contact us via phone or email. I also invite you to visit my website to learn more about how I am serving you and to sign up for this monthly newsletter. It is an honor to serve you!

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature that reads "Sean".

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Thank you to the residents who accompanied me on my bipartisan hike of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park last month.

State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Eulogizes His Predecessor, Friend, and *Role Mottl*

In a full session of the Ohio House of Representatives on June 12, I had the honor of eulogizing my longtime friend, predecessor, and role model, **Ronald Milton Mottl**. What follows is the speech I delivered to my 98 colleagues. You may watch it on the Ohio Channel at:

ohiochannel.org/video/ohio-house-of-representatives-6-12-2024

“Thank you Mr. Speaker. Today it is a true honor to rise to pay tribute to the life of a great friend of mine, the Parma area, and the great state of Ohio – Congressman Ronald Milton Mottl.

I want to send a heartfelt condolence to his beloved wife **Debbie** and the entire Mottl family, including former **State Representative Ron “Mickey” Mottl**, who are with us today.

Congressman Mottl’s legacy of public service is rivaled by few, beginning with his service as Parma Ward 2 Councilman, then moving on to become President of Parma City Council, State Senator, U.S. Congressman, Parma School Board Member, and State Representative. He was truly a “*role Mottl*” for me and many others. Congressman Mottl was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a true pillar of our community - a man who left an indelible mark on the great state of Ohio.

He was a visionary leader and had many, many accomplishments, but the one this public school teacher of 30 years reveres most of all is the fact that he was the *Father of the Ohio lottery*. In my years of service, many a resident has frustratedly asked, where does the lottery money go?

We know that lottery profits are, in fact, used to fund public education. However, what many folks do not know is that when, then, Senator Mottl introduced the lottery bill, he intended lottery monies to supplement what the state spent on education. To his chagrin the decision was made to supplant the dollars – playing the proverbial shell game with them. Despite that, over \$32 billion dollars of lottery profits have benefitted Ohio’s young learners.

I believe there should be a statue erected in Congressman Mottl’s honor for all that he has done for our state. He was a pragmatist who famously worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. It was an honor to follow him as Parma Ward 2 Councilman, Presidents of Parma City Council, and now State Representative. I will probably never achieve his greatness, but I aspire to it.

Everyone in this room have more things in common than we can ever imagine. One of the things we have in common is the fact that one day someone in this august body will be reflecting on each of our lives and service. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves, ‘What do we want our legacy to be?’ As we reflect on Congressman Mottl’s years of service, let us make a new commitment to work together to do *big things* that positively impact the lives of *all Ohioans*. Generations of Ohioans yet unborn depend on us.

Congressman Mottl demonstrated that with dedication, perseverance, and a strong sense of community, one person can make a profound difference in the lives of many. He leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership, and a commitment to the betterment of our beloved Parma area and state of Ohio. Godspeed Ronald Milton Mottl.”



State Rep. Brennan Passes Second Bill Consumer-Friendly Real Estate Agreements Now Required in Ohio

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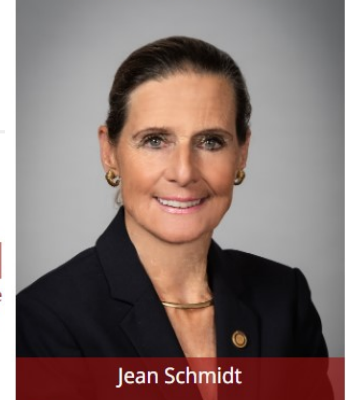


Requires written real estate agency agreement for representation

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COLUMBUS – **State Reps. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) and Jean Schmidt’s (R-Loveland) bill, House Bill (HB) 466**, recently passed the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate and is now awaiting Governor DeWine’s signature. What is particularly fascinating about this bill is the swiftness that it moved from introduction to the Governor in just three months.

“This bill promotes transparency and protects all parties involved in the homebuying process. It will be especially helpful to new homebuyers by educating them on the various aspects of the transaction” said **Rep. Brennan**. “I am honored to join Rep. Schmidt on this very important and needed legislation.”

The bipartisan legislation establishes minimum standards for written real estate representation agreements between real estate professionals and homebuyers.

"Ohio REALTORS is thrilled with the passage of **House Bill 466**," said **Ali Whitley, Ohio REALTORS President**. "Establishing a statewide standard for the use of written agreements will improve transparency within the home buying process by informing the consumer of the services to be provided as well as the commission structure. We commend **Rep. Schmidt** and **Rep. Brennan** on their work on this important issue and look forward to continuing to make the American dream of homeownership possible for consumers in Ohio."

“As a full time realtor for almost 20 years I'm excited to see this bill passed into law and feel it will help improve transparency in the homebuying process and give clearer understanding of the service being provided by the real estate broker and realtor and the commission structure. I'm excited to see this change and feel that consumers will appreciate it as well,” added **Michelle Green, a Parma Realtor**.

Under this legislation, parties will be required to enter into a written representation agreement before a seller may show a property or a buyer may make an offer to purchase a property.

Written representation agreements must include the following:

- * An expiration date;
- * Information on fair housing and blockbusting laws;
- * Whether the relationship is exclusive or nonexclusive; and
- *Terms of compensation

STEPS TO PASSAGE

3/27/24 - Introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives

4/2/24 - Referred to the Ohio House Committee on Civil Justice

5/1/24 - Passed by the Ohio House Committee on Civil Justice (12-0)

5/8/24 - Passed the Ohio House of Representatives (88-1)

5/14/24 - Introduced in the Ohio Senate

5/22/24 - Referred to the Ohio Senate Select Committee on Housing

6/26/24 - Passed by the Ohio House Committee on Civil Justice (4-0)

6/26/24 - Passed by the Ohio Senate (30-1)

6/26/24 - Ohio House of Representatives Concurs with Ohio Senate Amendments (92-0)

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State Representative Brennan Staying Busy In the District and at the Statehouse



- 1 - Meeting with **Dr. James Hill**, CEO of University Hospitals Parma Medical Center, to bring him a commendation for his recent Emerging Leader Award. I will soon be bringing him a check for \$700,000 from the State of Ohio for the UH Parma Breast Cancer Center. More on that next month.
- 2 - Meeting with Parma resident **Matthew Kowalewski** in my office before he gave testimony on my H.B. 599, which was his idea to make the walleye Ohio's *o-fish-ial* fish. More on this next month.
- 3 - Posing with my favorite mascot - Cuyahoga Community College's Stomp the Tri-Ceratops.
- 4 - Joined by **Mayor Bibb**, **Cleveland Councilmembers Rebecca Maurer, Kris Harsh, Charles Slife**, and **Brian Kazy**, **State Senators Nickie Antonio and Kent Smith**, and others to kick off the Cleveland Middle Neighborhood Improvement Initiative.
- 5 - With my good friends **Gary and Donna Sikon**. Gary is the Director of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. He and Donna put their blood, sweat, and tears into making this year's Parma Rib 'n Rock a record breaker on many levels. *A top 'o the District 14 hat to Gary and Donna!*
- 6 - Attending the ribbon cutting for the beautiful new Rockport Library in Cleveland's West Park.
- 7 - Speaking to two of Cleveland's best law enforcement public servants.
- 8 - The Ohio House was honored when **Fr. Josh Cochrac** from my Parish, St. Charles Borromeo, traveled to the Statehouse to deliver the invocation before our June 29 session.