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*From the desk of Rep. Isaacsohn*



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are enjoying the spring season and the warmer weather! The Ohio Legislature is in full swing with bills being introduced, policies being discussed, and legislation being passed. For the first part of this year, the state legislature is focusing primarily on amending and passing the state budget, the largest and most impactful piece of legislation the state passes each General Assembly. Though the state's financial needs are a top priority at the moment, I am still continuously advocating for the needs of all Cincinnatians and Ohioans in all policy areas. I am so thankful for the trust you have placed in me and remain committed to working tirelessly on your behalf.

I recognize your continued efforts to make your voices heard on policies and bills you are passionate about. I love hearing your opinions, as this way I know what areas to focus on for drafting future bills and what issues I need to advocate for. **As always, if you ever have any questions or thoughts on legislation or committees, need assistance with state services, or simply want to share feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my office.**

Sincerely,

**Dani Isaacsohn**  
State Representative, District 24  
Ohio House Democratic Whip



## Ohio Operating Budget

This year, the Ohio General Assembly is working to pass the state's biennial budget for FY 26 and FY 27 – [House Bill 96](#). This piece of legislation designates the allocation of money to everything across the state – education institutions, healthcare centers and programs, state agencies, social services, and so much more. What gets included in the budget impacts every single Ohioan, their families, their work, and their livelihood. In short, the budget is a big deal.

This GA, I get the privilege of serving on the House Finance Committee. This means I observed the bulk of public testimony on the budget and engaged in deep conversations around the subject. I, along with my colleagues, were diligent in monitoring the specifics of the bill and fought tirelessly to include positive amendments to the legislation, while preventing harmful insertions from being added. Ultimately, the bill did not reflect the vision I have for Ohio, so I joined a unified Democratic Caucus in voting 'NO' for HB 96.



Rep. Isaacsohn speaking in opposition to the harmful provisions in HB 96 on the House Floor.

**The final version of the House budget bill included many unnecessary, and frankly dangerous, revisions that will cost Ohioans more.** A few include:

- Completely abandoning the bipartisan fair school funding formula
- Capping a school's ability to carryover its monetary savings from year to year at 30%, which would debilitate a school from strategically financially planning for big, more expensive future projects and guarantees schools will go to the taxpayers to ask for more money through a levy in the next few years
- A random, unessential trigger that would cut Medicaid for nearly 800k Ohioans immediately, without any conversation or debate, if the federal government decides to lower its share of the cost by even one dollar
- Drastically underfunding lead poisoning prevention programs, making the programs completely unable to actually accomplish their intended goals
- Giving \$600M to a sports team owned by billionaires to build a new stadium
- Needless, hurtful, and heartbreaking attacks on LGBTQ+ folks and youth
- No real or sustainable property tax relief, even when multiple bipartisan solutions were proposed and discussed

## Contact The Senate!

With convoluted and unsatisfactory spending priorities, this bill is a step in the wrong direction for Ohio. Although there was opposition from every Democrat, and a few Republicans, the bill still had enough votes to pass out of the House. However, our work is not done, and there is still an opportunity for the state to make different spending choices. The budget bill is now in the Ohio Senate, where our State Senators will include their input before it moves one step closer to being signed into law. I implore you to call on the most influential Senators to express your thoughts on the budget.

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## Legislation Updates

Again and again, we hear about everyday Ohioans struggling to pay their property taxes that just keep increasing. They are frustrated with the cost of owning their homes, and they are afraid that soon they will be unable to afford it. This is why I, along with my Republican colleague Rep. Thomas Hall, have introduced a bill that would freeze property taxes for certain homeowners – [House Bill 156](#).

Through this legislation, individuals are eligible for property tax relief if they are 1) sixty-five years of age or older, 2) their income does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, 3) they have owned their home for two or more years, and 4) the value of their home for the given tax year does not exceed \$500,000. This bill is a meaningful and bipartisan way for the state to tackle property tax relief. This bill will have its first hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee shortly!

Below is a brief summary of the other stand-alone bills I have introduced so far this General Assembly.

- [HB 195](#) — Revise the Ohio Uniform Commercial Code
- [HB 201](#) — Allow specific hunting on landowners' property without a permit
- [HB 250](#) — The Ohio Anti-Corruption Act

## Statehouse Seder

Happy (belated) Passover! Last month, the Ohio Jewish Caucus had the privilege to host a Seder dinner in the Statehouse. It gave me great joy to bring together friends, family, and colleagues for an evening of remembrance, reflection, and celebration of our past.



Rep. Piccolantonio and Rep. Isaacsohn leading the Seder along with the rest of the Jewish Caucus members.



The Ohio Jewish Caucus (Left to Right: Reps. Isaacsohn, Synenberg, Piccolantonio, Cockley, Brownlee, Senator Weinstein).

## Get your Real ID

In an effort to keep constituents the most informed about changes in laws, I want to remind everyone that starting **May 7, 2025**, the TSA will enforce new ID requirements for domestic air travel. This means to board a flight within the U.S., travelers must present a [Real ID-compliant](#) driver license or identification card, or an acceptable alternative such as a U.S. passport or military ID. Standard driver licenses and ID cards will no longer be accepted for airport security screening. Please make sure your ID is up to date for safe and smooth travel!



## Out & About!



Senator Ingram and Rep. Isaacsohn at the ArtWorks grand opening.



(above) Rep. Isaacsohn joining Rep. Mathews and Senator Reynolds on a panel discussion on housing policy in Ohio hosted by UC's Portman Center for Policy Solutions.

(left) Rep Isaacsohn with Univ. of Cincinnati student body president (Madison Wesley) and vice president (Khalid Davis) at the State of the State address



(above) Rep. Isaacsohn speaking at Groundwork Ohio's Statehouse Day for receiving the Children's Champion Award.

(left) Rep. Isaacsohn speaking to a bill on the House floor during session on May 14th





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(above) Rep. Isaacsohn showing his staff (Emily and Morgan) around District 24.

(below) Rep. Isaacsohn and the Hamilton County Delegation participating in St. Xavier and St. Ursula's advocacy panel.



(above) Governor DeWine, Rep. Isaacsohn and the Hamilton County delegation alongside local officials at a road naming ceremony honoring Brigid Kelly.

(top) Rep. Isaacsohn conversing with local Girl Scout Troup 1107.

