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From the desk of Leader Isaacsohn



Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe, well, and ready for the new school year and fall season ahead. While summer winds down, in the legislature, our fight for fair representation is only intensifying. Typically, maps are redrawn every 10 years. The Congressional District map that passed as part of the 2021 redistricting cycle was only a four-year map passed along party lines. In the coming months, Ohioans will once again confront the consequences of gerrymandered electoral maps that silence communities and weaken the power of your vote.

As Minority Leader, I remain dedicated to fighting for the fair and equal representation that is the cornerstone of our democratic system through this process. Gerrymandered maps mean lines and boundaries drawn to keep powerful politicians in power by default, not by the will of their voters.

We have a responsibility to push back on the gerrymandering effort by staying engaged, raising our voices, and making it clear that Ohioans deserve competitive districts, accountable leadership, and a government that truly reflects the people.

At the same time, I remain focused on the everyday needs of our district. Whether it's accessing state services, finding resources for your family, or sharing your ideas for the work ahead, my office is always here for you. You can reach us at **(614)-466-5786** or by email at rep24@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

Dani Isaacsohn
State Representative, District 24
Ohio House Democratic Leader

2025 CINCINNATI RIVERFEST

Sunday August 31st
WEBN Fireworks begin @ 9 p.m.



An end-of-summer tradition with food, music,
and a top-notch fireworks display!

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH

Legislative Update: HB 96 Amendments on Housing

One of the issues I hear most about from families in our community is housing—whether it’s the rising cost of rent, the difficulty of finding a starter home, or the strain of keeping up with repairs and property taxes—housing is an issue that affects us all. That’s why earlier this year, I partnered with Representative Adam Matthews to introduce [House Bill 313](#), a bold proposal to push Ohio forward on housing.

Our goal with this legislation is to increase affordable housing supply across the state by rewarding communities that cut red tape, embrace density, and support workforce housing so that working families could find affordable places to live. We hope to incentivize communities across the state to compete to be pro-housing—and then give them the resources to support their efforts. While HB 313 as a stand-alone bill is still moving through the legislative process, many of the ideas from our legislation were incorporated into the state budget ([House Bill 96](#)) and are in the early stages of being implemented through the Department of Development!

Here’s what we achieved: the budget now includes a new housing grant program tied to Ohio’s major economic development projects. That means when large investments bring jobs to an area, there’s now money available for local governments to prepare sites, improve infrastructure, and encourage more housing near where those jobs are being created. For families, this is an important win: housing development will finally be built into Ohio’s approach to economic growth, instead of being left as an afterthought.

Through the budget, this grant program was allotted \$10 million in 2026 and \$15 million in 2027. HB 96 also includes a structure to help communities approach housing supply in creative ways, putting the issue of affordable housing where it belongs: the center of Ohio’s economic strategy and strong communities.

While Rep. Adams and my HB 313 pushes for \$50 million per fiscal year and supports a broad range of communities and affordable housing policies, the inclusion of this policy in the state budget is worth celebrating and building on. I remain dedicated to expanding this effort so every family, in every community, has a fair shot at a safe, affordable home.



Leader Isaacsohn and Rep Mathews give testimony in committee.

Do You Have Unclaimed Funds?

Each year, millions of dollars in unclaimed funds are at risk of being permanently absorbed by the state if they are not claimed by their rightful owners. These funds come from sources like forgotten bank accounts, uncashed checks, utility deposits, or insurance refunds. If left untouched, they will eventually be seized by the State of Ohio—money that could and should be back in the hands of families and businesses.

The good news: it only takes a few minutes to check if you or someone you know has money waiting to be claimed. The Ohio Department of Commerce makes it easy to search online. Visit the [Unclaimed Funds Resource](#) and enter your name to see if you have funds available. I encourage you to take a moment to search for yourself, your family, or even your business. You might be surprised at what you find—and it’s always better to have those dollars working for you rather than sitting idle in state coffers. **Be sure to act before November 1, 2025, when unclaimed funds may be permanently absorbed by the state.**



The 2025 Ohio State Fair

Earlier this month, I had the chance to spend time at the Ohio State Fair, and it was an experience I won't soon forget. From walking through the barns to seeing the 4-H projects, I was reminded of just how much work, pride, and dedication go into Ohio's agricultural tradition.

The Ohio Farm Bureau graciously guided me through exhibits that showcased the backbone of our state's food and farming economy. It was a powerful reminder that whether you live in Cincinnati, Columbus, or a rural county, we are all connected by the farmers and producers who keep our communities fed and economies thriving.



What struck me most was the energy of the young people who are already learning the value of responsibility, stewardship, and innovation through hands-on experiences at the fair. Supporting their success means investing in education, strengthening rural-urban partnerships, and making sure agriculture continues to thrive in every corner of our state.

I left the fair fed and proud of the work Ohioans do every day and more committed than ever to lifting up the voices of farmers, families, and future leaders alike!

Immigrant Resources

As the son of immigrants, I know the courage it takes to build a life in a new country. Families who come to Ohio contribute so much to our communities— they are business owners, educators, caregivers, and neighbors who make our district stronger. They deserve to live with dignity, safety, and respect.

At times, shifting federal policies and enforcement actions can create fear and uncertainty. No one should feel alone in those moments. My office is here to help connect families with reliable resources and trusted partners who can provide guidance.

One valuable tool is the [Know Your Rights Packet](#) from the Immigrant and Refugee Law Center, which explains what individuals can do if approached by immigration enforcement. Another is the [ICE Privacy Waiver Authorizing Disclosure to a Third Party](#) from the Department of Homeland Security. This waiver allows a trusted advocate — like a lawyer or congressional office — to request updates on a pending case directly from ICE. Having it completed ahead of time can save valuable time in an urgent situation.

I remain committed to making sure Ohio is a welcoming place for all people, no matter where they come from. If you or someone you know has questions or needs assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. My team and I will always do our best to connect you with the support and resources you deserve.



Redistricting and Gerrymandering

Ohio is now re-entering the redistricting arena mid-decade — not by choice, but by constitutional necessity. Our 2021 congressional maps failed to meet the bipartisan threshold required.

It's a basic democratic principle that the people should pick their politicians, not the other way around. Yet too often, Ohioans have found themselves forced to fight for fair representation — on the picket line and in the ballot box — Instead of trusting that district lines will reflect their communities rather than political advantage.

By **September 30th**, the General Assembly must pass a new congressional map with a 60% supermajority in both the House and Senate — including votes from at least half the Republicans and half the Democrats present.

All Ohioans are also able to participate in the process! **Public submission of congressional district plans is now open.** Make your voice heard and submit your own suggested maps at <https://redistricting.legislature.ohio.gov/>. Get involved in every step of the redistricting process to understand how gerrymandering impacts you. Ohioans deserve nothing less than a fair, bipartisan map.

For House Democrats, this is our moment — and our burden. We must insist not only on fair maps, but on a process where voters' voices come first — not partisan agendas.

Out and About

(Right) Leader Isaacsohn speaking at Columbus Metropolitan Club for emerging Ohio leaders in politics.

(Lower right) Leader Isaacsohn with other legislators meeting to discuss issues facing Cincinnati Public Schools.

(Lower left) Reps Baker, Thomas, Isaacsohn, and Brownlee present at a Southwest Ohio Delegation town Hall meeting.

