

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are having a nice summer and are staying cool! And welcome back to school to all of the kids in District 27!

In August, my office celebrated a few anniversaries. On August 9th, we celebrated International Day of the World's Indigenous People. This day commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982. On August 19th, my office celebrated World Humanitarian Day. We continue our commitment to the values and principles that guide us and show that we stand with the disadvantaged communities, no matter who you are or where you come from. My office celebrated Women's Equality Day, on August 26th! This celebrates the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women in the U.S. the right to vote. This anniversary is a good reminder of the progress Americans have made toward equality for all. Sixty-one years ago, on August 28th, Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr had a dream. And 250,000 people marched on Washington to demand equal rights and opportunities. My office will always fight for Dr. King's dream of equality and justice for all.

In this month's newsletter you will learn more about the wonderful opportunity that I have to sit on the board of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. You also will get to see what I have been up to in the district, including attending the Airport and Aviation legislation briefing and a Housing and Homelessness roundtable discussion.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,  
Rachel

**Here are some ways my office can assist you:**

- Disputes with state government agencies;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters;
- Proposing bill ideas and law changes;
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

**Helpful Contacts:**

- BMV: (844) 644-6268
- Hamilton County Board of Elections: (513) 632-7000
- Hamilton County Job and Family Services: (513-946-1000)
- Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati: (513) 241-9400
- Ohio Consumers' Counsel: (614) 466-8574
- Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562



## Board Spotlight: Ohio Children's Trust Fund



### Department of Children & Youth

Ohio Children's Trust Fund

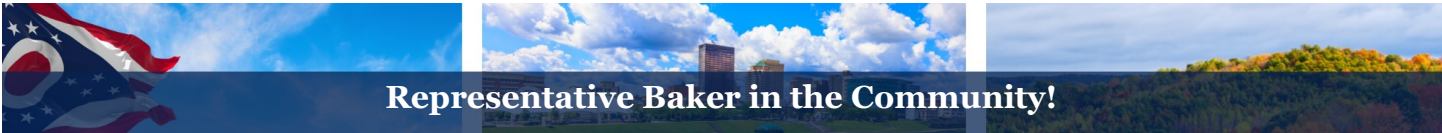
I have had the great honor to serve on the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board over the past year. My experience on the board has been incredibly impactful. The primary goal of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) is the prevention of child abuse and neglect. This fund is a great resource for the state of Ohio and I am honored to serve as a member. Child abuse and neglect is an issue that I am committed to addressing as it continues to be prevalent across the state of Ohio.

Experiencing adverse childhood experiences, such as abuse and neglect, can result in long-term damage to the physical, mental, and social development and health of children. I am a joint sponsor on HB 352 with Representative Sara Carruthers. This bill will establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study Commission. HB 352 was passed by the House in June and we are now working on creating a commission that would be tasked with recommending legislative strategies to the General Assembly for addressing the prevalence and impacts of adverse childhood experiences.

My colleague and fellow board member, Representative Andrea White, and I had the privilege of recognizing Nicole Sillaman, the OCTF's Executive Director, during a house session in April. We took this point of personal privilege to acknowledge April 2024 as Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout the month of April, the OCTF held various educational activities and events to raise awareness and address child abuse and prevention. Through the work of OCTF to encourage parental resiliency, social connection, concrete support, and knowledge of social and emotional aspects of parenting, these negative impacts can be substantially diminished to better the future generations in Ohio.

***If you are interested in learning more about the mission of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, please feel free to visit their website, which I have added into my important links section .***





## Representative Baker in the Community!

### **Roundtable on Housing and Homelessness in Cincinnati**

On August 15th, I joined a special roundtable on housing and homelessness in Cincinnati. This was a very informative roundtable for me to learn from some of the experts in both the housing and community housing fields.

The Coalition of Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) is a coalition of organizations and individuals who are committed to ending homelessness and promoting decent, safe, fair, affordable housing for all.

Thank you to the Coalition of Homelessness and Housing in Ohio for organizing the roundtable and allowing for me to learn more about your mission and values!

***To learn more about COHHIO, visit the link below, in my important links section!***



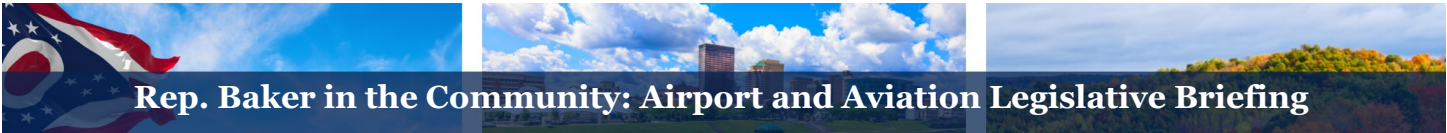
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### **APA Ride Along with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction**

This month, I was able to ride-along with Officer Souders with Adult Parole Authority. During this ride-along, I saw first-hand the positive and impactful work being done, both in Cincinnati and Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's mission is to reduce recidivism among those they touch and the vision of reducing crime in Ohio. My experience was something that I will never forget as I was able to experience all of their core values during my ride-along.

***If you would like to learn more about the work being done at the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, I have added a link in my important links session below.***



## Rep. Baker in the Community: Airport and Aviation Legislative Briefing



On August 28th, I had the wonderful opportunity to join the Ohio Aviation Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association for a briefing on aviation issues that are important to airports, businesses, and pilots in Ohio and particularly in Southwest Ohio.

The legislative briefing started with a brief overview and introduction of the Ohio Aviation Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association. I learned about the key priorities for each of the associations in the 135th General Assembly and saw some great presentations about all of the Southwest Ohio airports.

As ranking member of the Aviation and Aerospace Committee, it is important for me to learn all about the issues and key priorities for the aviation and aerospace sectors in Ohio so we can explore how the committee can help improve and solve the issues.

Thank you to the Ohio Aviation Association for inviting me to this fun day!

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***If you would like to learn more about the Aviation and Aerospace committee or the Ohio Aviation Association, please feel free to visit the link in my important links section!***

