

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Baker

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall! I hope that the first month of school for the children of District 27 has been exciting and educational! We would love to hear from our constituents on their experiences at school and everything that they have been learning so far.

In September, my office recognized some important dates and anniversaries. September is National Suicide Prevention Month. This month is a time to remember the lives lost and a good reminder to connect with your community. My office continues to fight for mental health resources for all Ohioans.

On September 11th, my office recognized and remembered a day that no American will ever forget. I continue to extend my sincere thanks to the brave men and women who have served and protected our country to keep us safe. On September 16th, my office celebrated Working Parents Day. We celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices parents make every day to support their families. We strive to support working parents and ensure that the families in District 27 have the resources that they need.

In this month's newsletter you will learn about the wonderful opportunity that I had to go to the White House and meet with other state leaders to discuss policies to increase access to quality and affordable early childhood education.

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



Representative Baker in the Community!

Press Conference on Property Taxes

On September 5th , Representative Dani Isaacsohn and I were joined by Hamilton County Auditor Jessica E. Miranda and Hamilton County Commissioner Alicia Reece at a press conference addressing the need for Ohio to take action and reduce skyrocketing property taxes in Ohio.

I believe that targeted property tax relief is critical to help workers, families, and senior citizens. We have a choice in the Statehouse to solve this property tax issue and make sure the elderly can keep their homes, young couples can afford to own a home, and Ohio's strong communities remain intact. During this press conference, we outlined our commitment to support those impacted by new valuations and will advocate for legislative action in Columbus to aid seniors and homeowners with these rising costs.

Currently, I am a co-sponsor on the following bills that would address increasing property taxes. To learn more about each bill, you can check out the links in my important links section!

- HB 60: Increase Amount of and Expand the Homestead Exemption
- HB 263: Authorize a Property Tax Freeze for Certain Owner-Occupied Homes
- HB 274: Authorize Enhanced Homestead Exemption for Certain Homeowners

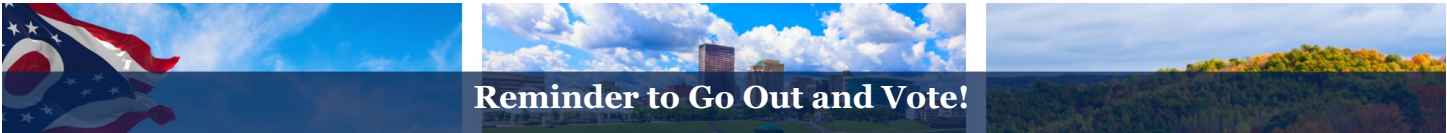
Soin Medical Center Tour

On September 18th, Representatives Lampton, Somani, and I visited Soin Medical Center (Kettering Health) in Beavercreek Ohio.

This tour allowed us to see the real clinical impact of HB 362, *revise law governing certified registered nurse anesthetists*.

Dr. Webster (anesthesiologist), Brian Church (CRNA) and Dr. Crawford (Chief Medical Officer) provided us a tour and discussed their various anesthesia models of care throughout the Kettering Health medical center.





Reminder to Go Out and Vote!

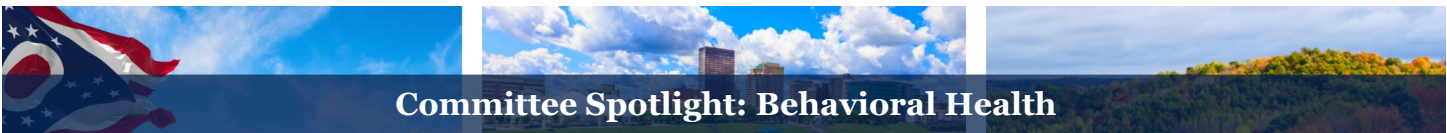
Make Your Voice Heard This Fall!

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you register to vote for the upcoming November election. The last day to register for the November general election is **October 7th.**

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- **October 8:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- **October 29:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- **November 5:** Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Need to register or check your status? You can check below in my important links section!



Committee Spotlight: Behavioral Health



In last month's newsletter, you learned a little more about what I do and how I serve on the Aviation and Aerospace Committee.

This month, I wanted to give you some insight into the Behavioral Health Committee.

When the General Assembly is in session, the Behavioral Health Committee meets Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Statehouse. Most recently, we heard testimony about a bill to require colleges and universities to print the 988 Mental Health Crisis number on student IDs. I also am sponsoring HB352 (ACEs Study Commission) that was passed through the Behavioral Health Committee and HB300 (remote monitoring of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder) which is currently being heard in this committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee that addresses the behavioral health needs in Ohio.

To learn more the Behavioral Health Committee, please feel free to check out the links below!



Representative Baker Goes to Washington!

On September 27th, I had the great honor of joining 34 leaders from across the country at the White House. I was invited to discuss state policies being implemented to make child care more affordable for working families, increase child care provider supply, and improve job quality for child care workers.

This Child Care Convening reaffirmed the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to expanding access to child care in the United States.

The Biden-Harris administration has invested tens of billions of dollars through the American rescue plan and by proposing historic investments in child care in the President's annual budgets.

I had the opportunity during this convening, to listen and learn from federal policy experts and other state legislators during the breakout room conversations. I joined two breakout rooms that focused on "Access and Affordability" and "Ensuring quality care."

I came back to Ohio with a notebook full of early childhood education policies ideas to explore applicability in Ohio with the goal of supporting accessible and affordable childcare for all of Ohio.

