



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the 136th General Assembly! I wanted to welcome all of our new constituents to our monthly newsletter! Each month, you will learn about the different holidays my office honors, what is happening in Columbus at the Statehouse and events happening in the district. If there's a particular topic you would like to learn more about, we are always open to suggestions!

In January, my office recognized a few important dates and anniversaries. On January 20th, my office honored the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. This day was a great reminder that all Ohioans must stay committed to creating a more just, equitable society through civic action. "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We believe that every Ohioan, no matter who you are, deserves the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive. On January 22nd, we commemorated the anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision. Though this decision was overturned in 2022, it serves as a reminder that we must stay diligent in protecting the rights of all. On January 24th, my office celebrated International Day of Education. We celebrated the power of learning that will shape a brighter future for all Ohioans. We honored educators, advocates, and learners worldwide. In January, we celebrated School Board Appreciation Month. We express our gratitude to our dedicated school board members who work tirelessly to enhance education for our students. We appreciate all that you do and your commitment is shaping the future of Ohio.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn about the start of the new General Assembly, my committee and ranking member assignments, and some fun community events!

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

Sincerely,  
Rachel

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

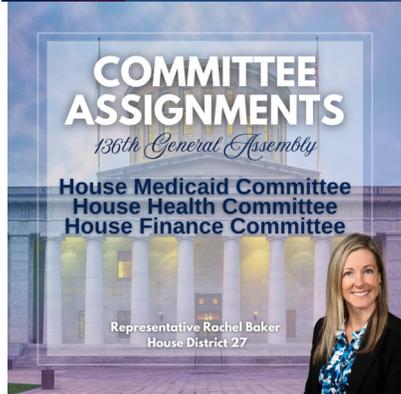
- Disputes with state government agencies;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters;
- Proposing bill ideas and law changes;
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

**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



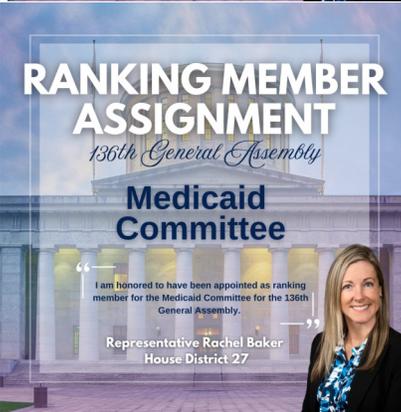
## Welcome to the 136th General Assembly!



I am honored to announce that I have been assigned to the House Medicaid, Health, and Finance Committees.

This assignment allows me to be a voice for our district and Ohio, particularly around access to quality healthcare. Committees are where the work of perfecting bills happens. I'm honored to serve on three committees that are instrumental in impacting the health of Ohioans.

I was appointed as ranking member for the House Medicaid Committee for the 136th General Assembly. The House Medicaid Committee will be focused on the work of the Medicaid budget and Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee budgets. This committee also will focus on future legislation that would impact Ohio's Medicaid program.



I am committed to use my committee and ranking member assignment to continue to ensure all Ohioans have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.



On January 6th, I was sworn in to the 136th General Assembly.

It is an honor to represent the great people of District 27 over the past two years!

I am so excited to continue working with the people in our District. I take being your Representative very seriously and I will work hard every day to improve the lives of my constituents in District 27.



Going into my second term, as your Representative, my top priorities are improving social determinants of health, increasing access to quality healthcare, increasing support for mental health care, promoting preventive care and population health, advocating for adequate funding of Ohio's public schools, and increasing good-paying jobs for working families to promote Ohioan's ability to live happy and healthy lives.



## Representative Baker in the Community!

### Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus



In January, the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus (ODWLC) announced its leadership team for the 136th General Assembly. I am very excited to announce that I was elected to policy chair!

We work to develop and pass legislation that will improve the lives of Ohio women and their families. We also help to identify and support emerging women leaders.

Pictured to the left, are the amazing women that I have the pleasure of working with in the House and in the ODWLC. We're looking forward to this General Assembly and seeing all of the progress that we can make.

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### Xavier University : Women in Politics Policy Panel



On January 27th, I joined my colleague Representative Karen Brownlee, Norwood Councilwoman Susan Hoover, Judge Kari Bloom, and Justice Megan Shanahan for Xavier University's *Women in Politics Policy Panel*.

This panel was hosted by Xavier's Women in Politics club which is a bipartisan club that empowers Xavier women of diverse backgrounds, ideologies, majors, and interests to become involved in politics. I had a wonderful time joining fellow women in politics! I was honored to be included.

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### Finance Committee Training



This month, I attended the Democratic Caucus's finance training. We reviewed all of the important components of the state operating budget, through presentations focused on Medicaid, Children and Maternal Health, Education Policy and Fair School Funding.

As a member of the House Finance Committee, I have the privilege and responsibility of impacting the state's 2-year budget and making sure that we are being good stewards of the state funds.