

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Baker

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a wonderful Independence Day! On this day, I hope you were able to celebrate the strengths of America and were able to recommit yourselves to fighting for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans. I had the great opportunity to attend a few Fourth of July parades and it was wonderful to celebrate with all of the great people that live in District 27 and Cincinnati.

Along with celebrating the Fourth of July, my office celebrated a few anniversaries in July. July 2nd is the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The Civil Rights Act was a crucial step forward in America's continued journey towards equality and justice for all. On July 19th, we celebrated the anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention. On July 19, 1848 the first American women's rights convention took place in Seneca Falls, New York. Because of this convention, more than 5.9 million women in Ohio have the opportunity to vote on issues that they care about! We acknowledged that the month of July as National Minority Mental Health Awareness month. In our country and state, health disparities are a public health concern and July's designation brings awareness to the importance of addressing the disparities in mental health and access to mental health care.

In this month's newsletter you will get to see what I have been up to in the District and in Columbus. This includes the Ohio Public Leadership Academy I attended, the Fourth of July parades and the great opportunity I have to sit on the board of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board.

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.

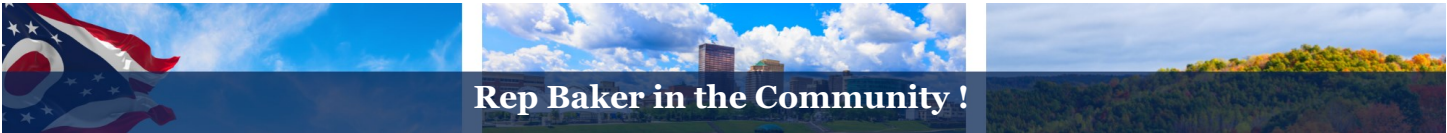
Sincerely,
Rachel

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



Rep Baker in the Community !



Nagel Nighthawk Bike Park Grand Opening

On July 26th, I joined in on all of the Nagel Nighthawk Bike Park fun! This was such a cool experience in Forest Hills and thanks to CORA (Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance) and the Forest Hills School District, the people of Anderson, Newtown and greater Cincinnati area are now able to enjoy this amazing bike park!

I want to thank the CORA for putting on a great opening day event and for all their work to make this bike park a reality!



Fourth of July Parade's in the District

It was a beautiful sunny day in District 27 as we celebrated the Fourth of July.

The Fourth of July always reminds me of some of the guiding principles that our American democracy was built upon, which included the freedom to vote! The Fourth of July also gives me a time to reflect on the sacrifices made so that Americans can have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

I had a blast walking in a few parades throughout Cincinnati, but specifically in our district, I enjoyed walking in the Loveland Parade (Go Tigers!), Madeira Parade, and Anderson Township Parade. It was great to see all of the smiling faces and the American pride.





Board Spotlight: OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board.



THE ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION

Prevention. Treatment. Recovery.

For the past year, I have had the great opportunity to sit on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board and serve on their Executive Committee. This experience has been incredibly insightful and I have learned a great deal by working with other state and local leaders on the best way to support communities impacted by the opioid epidemic.

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created to distribute 55% of the funds that Ohio receives from settlements with the pharmaceutical industry. The Foundation strives to work with the local interests to support their substance misuse prevention, treatment and recovery efforts and invest funds to support all efforts for Ohioans impacted by the epidemic. I am joined by 28 other board members and we meet monthly on Wednesdays. This month we are on track to award the first grants from the board. It has been a long time coming and we are working to get this much-needed money to those working in communities.

I was very honored to be appointed to the board. As a nurse, I have seen first hand the devastating impacts of the opioid epidemic in Ohio. I have been inspired working with the experts on this board and other local organizations as we support addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery.

If you are interested in learning more about the mission of OneOhio Recovery Foundation, please feel free to visit their website, which I have added into my important links section!





2024 Ohio Public Leadership Academy.



In late July, I had the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Ohio Public Leadership Academy for Elected Officials at The Ohio State University. I met so many dedicated state and local elected leaders from both sides of the aisle. This leadership course allowed me to have a better understanding of different perspectives around leadership, policy matters, and public service.

I was able to attend various lectures and panels, including “Encouraging the Next Generation of Leaders”, “Policy Deep Dive: Energy, Housing, Workforce” and “Leadership in Action”. Through my work in the legislature, I strive to work with all representatives, gain different perspectives and learn everyday, to address the main concerns of, not only District 27, but all of Ohio.

The Ohio Public Leadership Academy taught me innovative ways to best serve and I met a new group of friends—Republicans and Democrats, those serving rural areas, urban areas, and suburban areas, and those at all levels of government. I really enjoyed my time and I was honored to be included!