STATE REPRESENTATIVE BETH LEAR 61ST HOUSE DISTRICT

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Monthly Newsletter

An Update from District 61



We are ringing in the new year with an abundance of news from me to you. We can all take a deep breath knowing God has big plans for our district in the new General Assembly. I am excited to return for my 2nd term and represent the people of the 61st district in the Ohio House!

This General Assembly, I am working on prohibiting state benefits from going to illegal aliens, focusing education on academics and property tax relief. I believe the people of Ohio need these things more than ever.

In this newsletter you will find:

A summary of the last two years, contact information, accomplishments, and more. Keep Reading!



Braden's Law SIGNED INTO LAW On January 8th, 2025, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 531 (Braden's Law) into law. Braden's Law makes sextortion a felony in Ohio and will help acquire evidence relating to social media more quickly. #22 <u>SEE MORE INFORMATION</u>

Protect All Students Act

SIGNED INTO LAW

HB 183 (amended into SB 104) requires public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, and institutions of higher education to designate specified facilities for the exclusive use of students of either the male biological sex or the female biological sex. This means no shared bathrooms or locker rooms. This bill goes into effect February 25th, 2025.

SEE MORE INFORMATION



Never Alone Act

SIGNED INTO LAW

On December 19th, 2024, the Never Alone Act was signed into law. House Bill 236 prevents congregate care settings such as nursing homes or hospitals from denying patients or residents access to their designated advocates, a loved one to hold their hand, or provide comfort, during public health emergencies. FIND OUT MORE

Double taxation of delivery services

SIGNED INTO LAW

HB 424 addresses unintended double taxation that can occur when using delivery services such as Instacart and Uber Eats. delivery service companies will no longer collect the sales tax on purchased goods, leaving retailers to collect the sales tax. The result is a cleaner, simpler, single-tax transaction for all parties.

FIND OUT MORE

That's a Wrap!

A SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIVE LEAR'S FIRST TERM (2023-2025) AND WHAT'S TO COME

My first term was full of learning experiences, including several disappointments, and successes. I was able to sponsor legislation that protects our loved ones in nursing homes, legislation that protects our most vulnerable citizens from sextortion, and so much more. Despite being sworn into the most unproductive General Assembly in Ohio's history, I was able to make the most of it by putting the needs of my constituents first.

This General Assembly which started in January and runs until December 2026, I get to serve as Vice Chair of Commerce and Labor. Additionally, I was appointed to the Ways and Means committee, Government Oversight, and Energy and Natural Resources committee.

This year my main focus will include reining in property tax growth, energy needs, election integrity, illegal immigration, and education. I am excited to experience a General Assembly that works to get things done.



Thank you to the Genoa Township Business Association for the Public Servant of the Year Award!



Protect All Students Act!



Contact me!

I'M HERE TO HELP. CALL AND SAY HI.

Every concern of my constituents matters to me, whether I agree or not. Have a question or concern? You can contact me at Rep61@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-1431.

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