



Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! Last month, House Democrats unanimously voted “NO” on the state operating budget (HB 96) because it arbitrarily and recklessly slashes critical state funding areas while failing to benefit everyday Ohioans. In this budget, the House Majority chose to dismantle the constitutional and bipartisan fair school funding formula, failed to provide real property tax relief, and authorized a \$600M handout to billionaires to build a new Browns stadium outside of Cleveland amidst opposition by local leaders.

This July, we celebrated Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

I am honored to announce that I have been selected by my colleagues to serve as House Minority Whip. I am excited to work with a strong team to lead our caucus on behalf of all Ohioans:

- Minority Leader Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati)
- Assistant Minority Leader Phillip Robinson, Jr. (D-Solon)
- Minority Whip Beryl Brown Piccolantonio (D-Gahanna)
- Assistant Minority Whip Desiree Tims (D-Dayton)



If there is anything my office can do, please reach out to us by email at Rep04@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-4847. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Beryl Brown Piccolantonio
State Representative
Ohio House District 4

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District 4 Office Hours

Please join me for my next District 4 Office Hours

Thursday, July 24

9:30-10:30

Upper Cup Coffee

121 Mill St., Gahanna, OH 43230

Please contact my office if you would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, or if you would like to meet at a different time or location that is more convenient for you.

Budget Update

House Bill 96, the Biennial State Operating Budget has now been signed into law by Governor DeWine. I opposed this partisan budget because it prioritizes tax breaks for the wealthy and corporate giveaways over funding for schools, affordable communities, and essential healthcare services. Despite a few helpful line-item vetoes, the budget still overwhelmingly reflects out-of-touch priorities that leave everyday Ohioans behind. However, this process is not done. Speaker Huffman has scheduled a House Session on Monday, July 21 for the purpose of considering overriding some of the Governor's line-item vetoes. The following items pertaining to property tax reforms will be considered at this session, and if the override is successful would be added back into the budget:

- Item Number 55 - Property Tax: County Budget Commission Authority & Procedure
- Item Number 65 - 20-Mill Floor Calculation
- Item Number 66 - School District Property Tax Levy Restrictions

A veto override would require a 3/5 majority vote, which is 60 in the House. Other items may be considered at future scheduled sessions any time during this General Assembly.

A budget reflects the choices we make about our values and priorities. The Republican majority in this state chose to prioritize tax breaks for the wealthiest Ohioans instead of investing in families, children, our oldest Ohioans, education, and healthcare. Instead of investing in our future, this budget deprives people and communities of the resources they need to thrive. This budget will hurt Ohio's students by putting our system of public education at risk by not adequately funding our schools.

I am grateful to individuals from across this state who came to testify about the damage this budget will do to individuals and local communities across Ohio. I am also grateful to the countless Ohioans who reached out to legislators and the Governor. Your efforts had an impact and are reflected in the historic number of line-item vetoes the Governor issued. Please stay engaged because the work is not done. We will need your voice and your energy even more moving forward.

This budget does not reflect my priorities nor the priorities of our district. Instead, it is a partisan wish list that will set our state backwards. This budget fails Ohioans of all ages, in all communities, and of all backgrounds.

House Bill 335 is not a solution to fixing Property Taxes

Last month, I joined colleagues and community partners for a press conference condemning [House Bill \(HB\) 335](#).

HB 335 proposes major changes to revenue options for local governments to cut property tax collections in the guise of “relief,” mostly benefitting the wealthy while harming our communities and local governments.

Property tax relief should be targeted, need-based, and state-funded. There are numerous, bipartisan proposals that cut property taxes for homeowners while keeping schools and local governments whole, including:

- [Authorizing property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes](#) (Isaacsohn, T. Hall)
- [Enacting the Property Tax Refund Act](#) (Brennan, D. Hall)
- [Authorizing property tax exemption for certain long-term homeowners](#) (Brennan, Mathews)
- [Increasing the homestead exemption amount and income limit](#) (Troy, T. Hall)

Recent Events

Honoring KyLee Tibbs, who recently won Gahanna's first wrestling state championship! • Receiving the Friends of Education award from the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Association • Erase the Space students from Westerville • Ohio Tourism Day • Healthcare for All Ohio • Ohio Youth Advisory Board • Leukemia and Lymphoma Society • Oncology Nurses Association • Ohio Dental Association • Ohio Optometric Association • Ohio EMS Chiefs Association • Jewish Caucus town Hall in Akron • Westerville Chamber Election Academy • Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Ohio Founders Day Event





July 2025 Dates of Note

July 1 - National Postal Workers Day
 July 2 - Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act
 July 4 - Independence Day
 July 12 - Malala Day
 July 19 - Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention
 July 25 - National Hire a Veteran Day
 July 27 - National Black Women's Equal Pay Day
 July 30 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
 July - National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
 July - Corn Month
 July - Parks and Recreation Month