



Dear Neighbor,

Happy August! House Democrats are fighting for everyday Ohioans, and we are not backing down. In July, we unanimously voted NO on Republicans' attempt to override the Governor's veto of a harmful provision that would have eliminated several types of school and local government levies. The provision would have limited the choices voters have to support their communities. Meanwhile, the Majority has still not moved any of the bipartisan bills that would deliver real property tax relief.

Instead, the House Majority continue to prioritize property tax proposals that benefit the wealthiest Ohioans and that give handouts to billionaires for sports stadiums. They are passing the buck to get schools and local communities to pay the price for wasteful state spending.

It doesn't have to be this way. During this General Assembly, **House Democrats** have introduced several bipartisan pieces of legislation to help Ohioans lower their property taxes that the Republican supermajority have failed to act on:

- [HB 103 \(Troy, T. Hall\)](#) - Double Homestead Exemption for Seniors
- [HB 143 \(Brennan, Mathews\)](#) - Double Homestead Exemption for Long-Term Homeowners
- [HB 156 \(Isaacsohn, T. Hall\)](#) - Freeze Property Taxes for Seniors
- [HB 365 \(Brennan, D. Hall\)](#) - Enact the Property Tax Refund Act

Please save the date! I will be hosting town hall meetings to discuss the budget & what I am doing for you at the Statehouse. I encourage you to come and bring your own view on our community's needs.

- Monday, September 15, 6:00 at the New Albany Library
- Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 at the Westerville Library
- Saturday, November 1, 1:00 at the Gahanna Library

You may RSVP or submit a question you would like answered here: <https://forms.gle/RDrbf8geisZSNiN49>

Are you or your business or organization celebrating a milestone event? Do you know of a remarkable achievement by a member of our community? Please contact my office to let us know so that we may acknowledge and celebrate with you.

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,



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House Minority Whip
House District 4

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District 4 Office Hours

Please join me for my next District 4 Office Hours

Wednesday, August 20
4:00-5:00
Java Central Café and Roaster
20 S State St Suite B,
Westerville, OH 43081

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.

Celebrate a New School Year

As a new school year begins, we celebrate the limitless potential of every student and the unwavering dedication of our educators. I believe that every child, no matter their socioeconomic background, deserves access to a high-quality, well-funded public education. That's why I will continue fighting for funding for our schools and policies that support our school staff, reduce barriers in the classroom, and ensure schools are safe, inclusive environments where all students can thrive.

Thank you to all the educators, support staff, bus drivers, counselors, and administrators. The work you do every day is critical in inspiring and leading the next generation.

This year, we renew our commitment to uplifting families and investing in our children's future. From expanding early childhood education to making sure students have access to healthy meals, I will continue to work to build a foundation where every student can succeed.

Virtual Q&A with Senator Liston on Medicaid Policy Changes

Our Senator Beth Liston is hosting a virtual Q&A session focused on recent changes to Medicaid policy. Senator Liston will begin with a brief presentation highlighting key federal and Ohio-specific updates to Medicaid, followed by a live Q&A where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with the Senator.

What: Q&A on Medicaid Policy
When: Thursday, August 28th | 5:00 – 6:30 PM
Where: Online via Zoom
Who Can Attend: Everyone is welcome!
Registration: Register [here](#)

She looks forward to your participation and an engaging discussion. If you have any questions, her office may be reached at Liston@ohiosenate.gov and 614.466.5981.

How to Check Unclaimed Funds

The Ohio state operating budget gave state control of \$1.7B in unclaimed funds. Of that, \$600m is reserved for the billionaire Haslam family to build a new Cleveland Browns stadium. Unlike past uses of unclaimed funds, the budget allows Ohio to assume the ownership of abandoned paycheck and security deposits after 10 years.

At a time where items are more expensive, property taxes are higher, and we are cutting funding for critical things like healthcare, Ohioans deserve to have their own money in their pockets.

To check to see if you have missing money, please visit the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Unclaimed Funds [website here](#). It will give information on how to find out whether you have unclaimed funds, how you can claim them and how to submit a formal claim form to obtain the funds.

You can also check the status of your claim on the division webpage, com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/unclaimed-funds.

Black Men's Wellness Day

On August 9, House Democrats reaffirm our commitment to health equity and the well-being of Black men in every community we serve.

Prioritizing physical, mental, and emotional health isn't just personal-it's essential. That's why we continue to advocate for policies that expand access to affordable care, invest in community-based health programs, and ensure Black men are treated with dignity and equity throughout the healthcare system.

We're proud to have passed House Bill 207, championed by Rep. Rogers, officially designating Male Wellness Month in Ohio. This legislation is a critical a step forward in raising awareness and mobilizing change.

House Democrats are committed to building a future where every Black man has the opportunity to thrive.

Women's Equality Day

On August 26, we celebrate Women's Equality Day! This day commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to U.S. citizens on the basis of sex.

While we celebrate that the 19th Amendment was a critical step towards gaining equal voting rights, we must also acknowledge that equality on paper is not the same as equality in practice. Black women would continue to struggle and fight to receive the same rights at the ballot box for another 40 years until the 1965 Voting Rights Act was passed.

Today, there are still issues such as socioeconomic adversity and gerrymandering that prevent disenfranchised communities from voting and being properly represented in our state.

At the Ohio House, my Democratic colleagues and I will continue to fight against these barriers until we ensure everyone has the same opportunities to make their voice heard.

Recent Events

Franklin County Fair • Rally for Working Families • Westerville Juneteenth • Pixelle Meeting • ODWLC Town Hall in Chillicothe • Rally at the Massachusetts Statehouse in support of Texas Legislators • Swearing-in as Whip Minority Whip



August 2025 Dates of Note

August 4 - Sixth Anniversary of the Dayton Shooting
 August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous People
 August 19 - World Humanitarian Day
 August 21 - Senior Citizen's Day
 August 23 - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
 August 26 - Women's Equality Day
 August 28 - Anniversary of the March on Washington
 August 31 - Ohio Overdose Awareness Day
 National Black Business Month
 National Water Quality Month
 Ohio Military Family Month