



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

As January has come to a close, I hope that you and your family had a wonderful, healthy holiday season with family, friends, and cherished memories.

I have finished my first month of work at the Statehouse and I am humbled to represent District 21. I am excited to stay connected through my office's monthly newsletter in order to share updates on legislation, committee work, and community outreach.

Ohioans have faced great challenges in the last few years and 2025 will be no different. However, I am more optimistic than ever about the future of our state. I am confident that by putting people first we can create better lives and brighter futures for everyone.

I am proud to be your state representative. I want to hear from you! My office is happy and ready to help you with any state-related issue or listen to your thoughts about state government. Always remember, I work for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out; you'll find my contact information at the bottom of the page, as well as local and state resources I hope you'll find valuable.

Sincerely,

*Eric Synenberg*

Eric Synenberg  
State Representative, District 21



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Former Beachwood City Council Member Eric Synenberg is sworn in as State Representative of Ohio House District 21



## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

I am honored to announce that I have been appointed to the following committees in the 136th General Assembly:

- Financial Institutions Committee (Ranking Member)
- General Government Committee
- Judiciary Committee



I look forward to working hard for my constituents and help move this legislature forward by working across the aisle to find bipartisan solutions.

## State and Local Resources

### State Agencies

<b>Veterans Services</b> (614) 644-0898	<b>Medicaid</b> 1-(800)-324-8680
<b>Civil Rights</b> (614) 466-2785	<b>Unemployment</b> 1-(877)-644-6562
<b>Rehabilitation and Corrections</b> (614) 387-0588	<b>Taxation</b> (614) 282-1780

### Local Resources

<b>Legal Aid</b> (216)-861-5500	<b>Job and Family Services</b> 1-(844)-640-6446
<b>Mental Health and Addiction</b> (216)-241-3400	<b>Health Services</b> (216)-241-3400
<b>Aging</b> (216)-664-4383	<b>United Way Helpline</b> 2-1-1



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# Ohio Jewish Caucus

As a proud member of the Ohio Jewish Caucus, I remain deeply committed to staying engaged with the issues that matter most to our community. Through active collaboration and dialogue with fellow legislators, we work to address concerns ranging from religious freedoms to antisemitism and more. Together, we strive to advocate for policies that promote equality and support the safety and security of our community across the state.

To read more visit: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/eric-synenberg/news>

## On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Ohio Jewish Caucus Honors Those Who Were Lost and Reminds Us to Learn from the Past

January 27, 2025

Eric Synenberg News

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Jewish Caucus today issued the following statement honoring International Holocaust Remembrance Day in memory of the six million Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust and the millions of other victims at the hands of Nazi persecution, and the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp:

"'Never forget' is a phrase Jews use when talking about the Holocaust, not only as a solemn reminder of the atrocities we will never see happen again to our people, but also as a way to guide us forward in our never-ending fight for freedom and justice for all. In the 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, time has taken more and more survivors with it. Those who will be left to tell their stories, so we must continue to tell those stories for them. Learning from the past is the only way to prevent its horrors from repeating in the future," said the Ohio Jewish Caucus.

## Ohio Jewish Caucus Encouraged With Progress of Israel-Hamas Ceasefire, Hostage Release Deal

January 16, 2025

Eric Synenberg News

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Jewish Caucus today issued the following statement on the news that [Israel and Hamas have reached a ceasefire and hostage release deal](#):

"We are extremely encouraged by the news that Israel and Hamas have agreed to a ceasefire and a deal to release hostages. For the first time since the brutal attacks by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, we feel a sense of hopefulness that this nightmare can soon finally come to an end. There is hope for the people of Israel, the families who will soon welcome their loved ones home, and the Palestinians who have been suffering through a devastating war. Now more than ever there is a need for an international commitment to help the region move forward, for people to rebuild their lives, and to provide continued aid to millions of men, women, and children who desperately need it," said the Ohio Jewish Caucus. "We want to thank President Biden and his administration for working tirelessly to find this diplomatic solution that will now allow the healing process for countless people around the world to begin."

This deal, still not publicly announced, will include a six-week ceasefire with the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, and the release of hostages held by Hamas in exchange for Palestinian detainees held by Israel.

The agreement is expected to unfold in three phases and take effect in two or three days.

The echoes of history now more than ever as belligerent nationalism continues its spread across the globe. In memory of the millions of souls lost during the Holocaust, we are also reaffirming our belief that every person has the right to safety and dignity. When people come to our shores or grow up in our communities because they fled persecution in their home countries, they need sanctuary and protection, not federal agents at their schools. The stories of those who were turned away at their hour of need is woven into who we are, and we honor their memory before our eyes. As the Jewish elected officials in Ohio's state government, we stand in remembrance of those who were murdered nearly a century ago, firm in our commitment to combating antisemitism and prejudice today, and dedicated to the core American principle that we must welcome the

The Ohio Jewish Caucus attended Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center's annual International Holocaust Remembrance Day Event Sunday at Union Terminal in Cincinnati. This year's event featured a powerful conversation with Henry Fenichel, including an interactive "Dimensions in Testimony" exhibit.

The Ohio Jewish Caucus also attended a ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse Monday commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. The event was hosted by Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Commission.

The Ohio Jewish Caucus is proudly represented by Reps. Beryl Brown Piccolantonio (D-Gahanna), Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati), Christine Cockley (D-Columbus), Eric Synenberg (D-Beachwood), Karen Brownlee (D-Symmes Township) and Senator Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson).

# Federal Administration Overreach

I have heard your concerns about the executive orders recently signed by President Trump's administration. In response, I, along with 17 other members of the Ohio House and Senate, released a joint letter to Ohio's congressional delegation, urging swift and decisive action to reassert Congress's role in the face of these recent presidential actions. The letter calls for a unified effort to counteract a troubling pattern of executive overreach and emphasizes that the separation of powers is a cornerstone of American democracy, which must be protected to maintain the balance between the branches of government. Key concerns outlined in the letter include: the federal funding freeze, the dismissal of Inspectors General, and the expansion of executive power. You can find more about the letter on my Facebook page: [fb.com/eric.synenberg](https://fb.com/eric.synenberg)



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