



Dear Neighbor-

Happy March! House Democrats are advocating for you in Ohio's operating budget for fiscal years 2026-27. Last month, House Democrats helped pass the bipartisan Ohio Transportation Budget (**House Bill 54**) through the Ohio House of Representatives. The budget's appropriation of \$11.5B is a significant investment into the future of Ohio jobs, connecting the workforce to the worksite, and the bill will improve roads, bridges, and transit systems across Ohio.

Ohio has the resources we need to improve the lives of our citizens and communities. House Democrats are putting forward a budget that makes it easier to start and grow a family, age with dignity, and earn a living that can sustain a high quality of life.

March is Women's History Month! We celebrate and honor the women who fight for equality. From Susan B. Anthony to Harriet Tubman, American history is full of inspiring women who fought to create a more equitable America. Today, we continue to fight for Women's rights by protecting reproductive freedoms and closing the gender wage gap.

Finally, House districts changed between the 135th and 136th General Assemblies. Please ensure you still reside in my district by going to https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map to confirm your House district!

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Karen Brownlee** State Representative Ohio House District 28







State Rep. Karen Brownlee responded to Governor DeWine's State of the State Address:

"My focus continues to be on the health and well-being of community members. While I am pleased to hear about the initiatives towards early childhood and mental health services from Governor DeWine, I believe it is our duty at the Statehouse to continue to invest in education, access to healthcare, and access to financial stability for all Ohioans," says Rep. Brownlee.

Ohio House Democrats are committed to making sure people deserve better: better pay, better healthcare, fairer taxes, safer communities, real opportunities, and a future where no one is held back.



State Rep. Karen Brownlee held a town hall on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> with Minority Leader Allison Russo (D- Upper Arlington) to give constituents the opportunity to have their voices heard, as well as to give an update on the current legislative priorities of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus.

"The best part of my job is connecting with constituents, so participating in town halls is very important to me. Constituents are telling us they want an Ohio budget that supports fair funding of public schools and continues to provide access to basic health care and other human services. Our job is to listen and represent the will of the people," said Rep Brownlee.

Other priorities Rep. Brownlee hopes to achieve in her tenure as representative are:

Increasing incentives for healthcare providers to bring more people to the profession; Expand provider choice for all that need care; Introduce commonsense concealed carry gun laws; Ensure safer communities by teaming up with community partners; and Declaring gun violence a public health crisis.



