



Dear Great 28,

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, limiting the choices voters have to support their communities-all without delivering real property tax relief.

Instead, Republicans 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

We are coming to you! The Hamilton County Delegation of Representatives is hosting a town hall on Thursday, August 28th, at 5:30pm at the Price Hill Branch Library to discuss the budget and what we are doing for you at the Statehouse. I encourage you to come and bring your own view on our community's needs.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep28@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-8120. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Brownlee



National Women's Equality Day celebrates the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women in the U.S. the right to vote. The adoption of the 19th Amendment brought America closer to the promise of equality for all. While we are still working towards a society where we are all equal, days like today remind us of the progress we've made.



This month, we honor and celebrate our military families who do so much to uplift the men and women of our armed forces. Whether at home or abroad, the members of the United States military rely on their families for love and support. House Democrats honor our men and women in uniform and thank their families for their selfless sacrifice to our nation.

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 <u>website here</u>. 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, <u>com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/unclaimed-funds</u>.

Representative Brownlee in the Community!



Rep. Brownlee and Senator Ingram celebrate the grand opening of the UC Blue Ash Muntz Hall!



Rep. Brownlee joins the Loveland City Council for their monthly council meeting!



Rep. Brownlee had a great time at the National Conference of State Legislators
Summit in Boston!



Rep. Brownlee joins the Forest Park Summer Cadets to learn about the impact they are having on our community!



Rep. Brownlee was thrilled to connect with Everytown for Gun Safety at the NCSL Conference!



Rep. Brownlee had a blast walking in the Black Family Reunion Parade in downtown Cincinnati!



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