



Dear Neighbor,

2026 has already proven to be a challenging year, with federal law enforcement tactics that threaten the safety of our communities and citizens' constitutional rights.

On top of that, families continue to battle with the high costs of goods and services that come along with freezing temperatures, such as heating, winter clothing, and lost work hours due to unsafe driving conditions.

While it feels easy to retreat from these problems, now is the time to stand up and look out for one another.

The strength of the Great 28 is that we care about our community, we care about one another, and we take care of our neighbors. We must continue to work together to make the future our district wants - one that is safe, one that is healthy, and one in which we can live out the American dream.

In this moment, it is time to act. Get involved in one of the many organizations in our district and in our county. If your time or resources are limited, lend a hand to your neighbor in a time of need.

Individually, let us be strong. Together, let us be impenetrable.

Sincerely,

Karen Brownlee
State Representative
Ohio House District 28

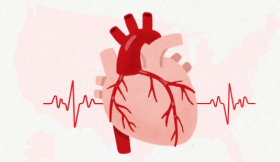
Presidents Day

February 16, 2026



This federal holiday recognizes both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays. It also brings to light the importance of understanding this country's history and the democratic values we have fostered or need to improve. House Democrats are committed to creating an Ohio that works for all of us.

FEBRUARY IS



AMERICAN

HEART MONTH

As the leading cause of death in the United States, heart diseases impact millions of lives each year. This designated month is an opportunity to educate the public about risk factors, healthy lifestyle choices, and early detection of heart-related issues.

Community and Police Protection Act

Rep. Brownlee recently introduced the Community and Police Protection Act, a piece of legislation which would prohibit local, state, and Federal Law Enforcement from concealing their faces during official business.

At a press conference held by the conference, **Rep. Brownlee** said, “We cannot tolerate secret police forces tasked with carrying out the President’s political agenda. Law enforcement officers operating in the state of Ohio without providing their identifiers makes everyone less safe, spurs dangerous impersonations, impedes accountability for officers who are engaged in misconduct, and undermines trust in law enforcement.”



Watch the press conference [here](#).

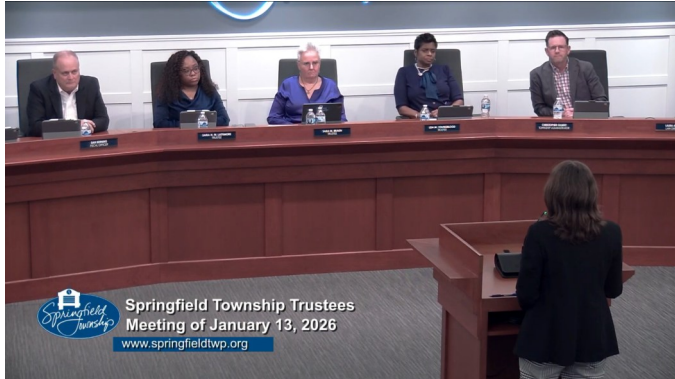
House Democrats Celebrate Black History Month

Happy Black History Month! Ohio House Democrats are in Columbus fighting for equality and justice. It is our mission to ensure that Ohioans of all races, ethnicities, sexualities, gender expressions, religions, classes, and backgrounds are treated with respect and given the tools needed to succeed.

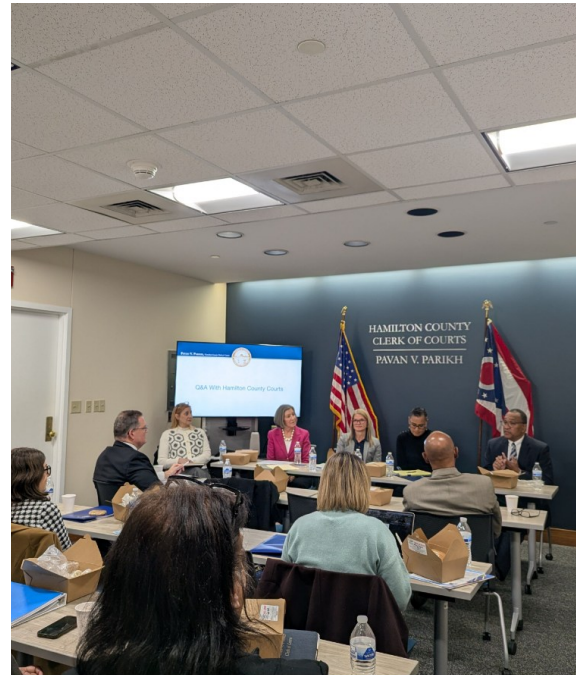
“Improving access to health insurance for Ohioans is imperative to improve the quality of life and the economy for Ohioans” said Rep. **Brownlee** after introducing HB 438, the FAMILY Act.

Black Ohioans are disproportionately affected by inequalities in our healthcare system. Ohio House Democrats are committed to creating a state that can better provide for all of its residents. This commitment is not limited to healthcare but extends to ensuring fair access to economic opportunities, housing, safe communities, and transportation. Democrats are fighting to make Ohio a welcoming, safe, and prosperous state for everyone.





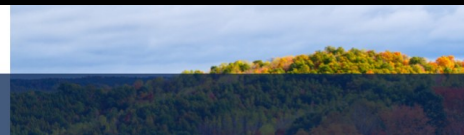
Rep. Brownlee Speaks at the first Springfield Township Trustees Meeting of the year



Rep. Brownlee Attends a Legislative Briefing with Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Pavan Parikh



Rep. Brownlee meets with local seniors at the ERS Swipe-N-Dine lunch at the Deer Park library.



Resources

State Agencies

Veteran Services

614 - 644 - 0898

Civil Rights Commission

513 - 351 - 2541

Medicaid

1- (800) - 324 - 8680

Unemployment

1 - (800) - 644 - 6562

Local Resources

Legal Aid

513 - 241 - 9400

Mental Health & Addiction

513 - 946 - 8635

Job & Family Services

513 - 946 - 1000

Development Disabilities

513 - 794 - 3300

Black History Month

American Heart Month

February 1 - World Hijab Day

February 12 - NAACP Day

February 14 - National Donor Day

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - Susan B. Anthony Day

February 16 - Lunar New Year

February 17 - National Day of Solidarity with Muslim, Arab, and South Asian Immigrants

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