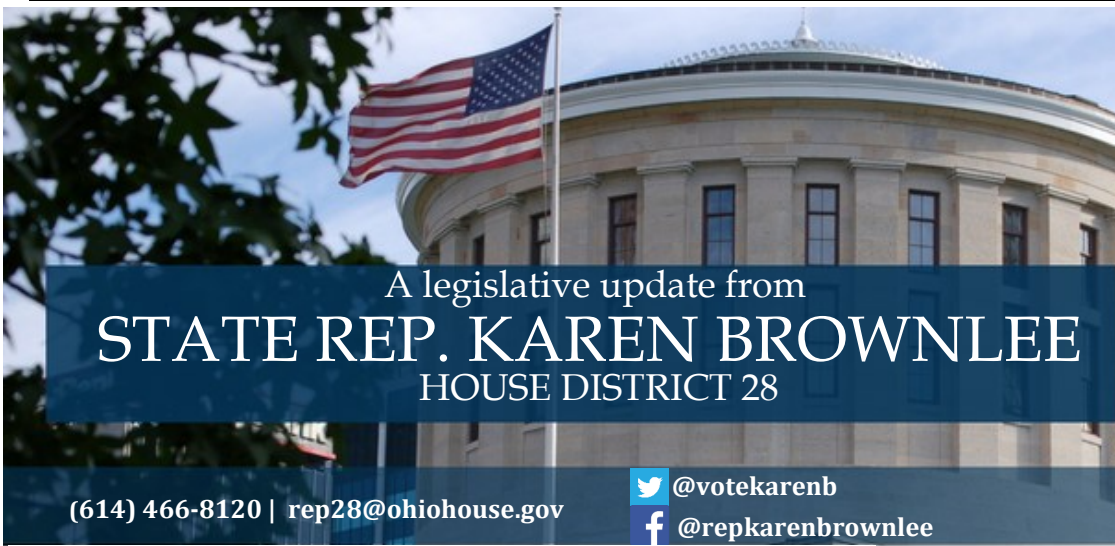




From the desk of Rep. Brownlee

Dear Neighbor-

Happy March! In February, Ohio House Democrats gathered in Columbus to recognize Black History Month and reaffirm our commitment to equity, justice, and opportunity for every Ohioan. We highlighted efforts to address disparities that disproportionately impact Black communities, particularly in healthcare access and outcomes, while continuing our work to expand economic opportunity, strengthen housing access, improve transportation equity, and support safe communities. Honoring Black history means not only celebrating extraordinary contributions, but also taking meaningful legislative action to remove systemic barriers that persist today.

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the women who have shaped our state and nation and those who continue to lead today. From pioneers who fought for the right to vote to modern leaders advocating for equal pay, reproductive freedom, and improved maternal health outcomes, women have driven progress at every level. Here in Ohio, we remain focused on protecting women's rights, closing the gender wage gap, and ensuring access to quality, affordable healthcare.

I encourage you to stay engaged this month-support local women- and Black-owned businesses, attend community events, and continue conversations about how we can build a more inclusive and equitable Ohio together. Progress happens when communities show up and speak out!

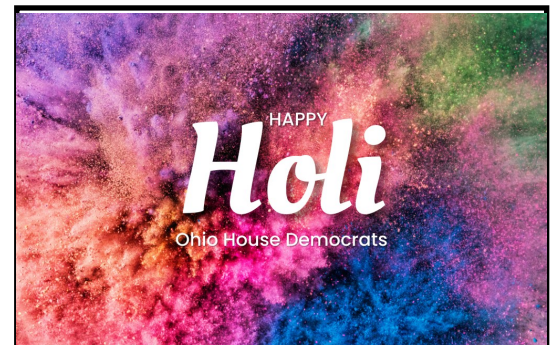
Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Brownlee
State Representative
Ohio House District 28



Happy International Womens Day! Today, we celebrate the strength, resilience, and achievements of women worldwide. Let's continue to empower, support, and uplift each other as we strive for equality and justice. Here's to breaking barriers and creating a more inclusive Ohio for all!



Happy Holi! Let the colors of joy, love, and unity fill our hearts and homes. Wishing you all a day filled with laughter, sweets, and unforgettable memories.

February Introduced Legislation



Rep. Brownlee introduces HB 709 alongside Rep. Meredith Craig (R - Smithville).

This past month, Rep. Brownlee introduced two new bills, one to ensure insurance companies cover virtual mental health appointments, and one to certify qualified mental health specialists (QMHS).

Rep. Brownlee introduces HB 718 alongside Rep. Jodi Salvo (R - Bolivar).



Register to Vote

Important Reminder: Ohio's May 5th primary election day is approaching. It is crucial that you register to vote so that your voice may be heard in this upcoming election. If you want to vote in the primaries, the deadline for you to register to vote is April 6th. Early in-person voting hours are as follows:

April 7 to 10: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 13 to 17: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 20 to 24: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 27: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
April 28: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
April 29 to May 1: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
May 2: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
May 3: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Early in-person voting is held at the **Hamilton County Board of Elections** at 4700 Smith Rd, Norwood, OH 45212

Absentee voting begins April 7th (March 20th for military and overseas)

Must Read: Ohio will no longer accept late absentee forms within a 4 day grace period. Your absentee ballots must be received by May 5th at the latest.





Rep. Brownlee Out and About!



Rep. Brownlee meets with representatives of advocacy organizations to speak about policy to help in reducing domestic violence.



Rep. Brownlee attends the Hamilton County Farm Bureau Luncheon at the Montgomery Inn.



Rep. Brownlee participates in a panel for Honesty for Ohio Education's efforts to support Ohio schools.



Rep. Brownlee attends the Cincinnati Regional Chamber Legacy & Promise Dinner.



Rep. Brownlee attends the Ribbon Cutting for the new BMV in Evendale.



Rep. Brownlee marches in the 2026 Women's Day March in Downtown Cincinnati.



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

Women's History Month

Ohio Agriculture Week - March 9-13

Ohio's 223rd Anniversary-March 1

Holi-March 4

National Equal Pay Day-March

International Women's Day-March 8

Daylight Savings Day-March 8

Harriet Tubman Day-March 10

St. Patrick's Day-March 17

Eid al-Fitr - March 19 (evening)

Spring Equinox-March 20

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination-March 21

National Diabetes Alert Day - March 26

Vietnam Veterans Day- March 29

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