



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the 136th General Assembly! I want to welcome all of our new constituents to our monthly newsletter! Each month, you will learn about the different holidays my office honors, what is happening in Columbus at the Statehouse and events happening in the district. If there's a particular topic you would like to learn more about, we are always open to suggestions!

Over the past month, my office has been working hard on the state operating budget. I've taken countless meetings, heard testimony at committee meetings, and submitted budget amendments to make sure this budget is as beneficial to Ohioans as it can be. This past month my office also recognized a few important dates and anniversaries. On March 1st, my office celebrated the 222nd birthday of our great state of Ohio. Over its 222 years, our state has produced some of the best and brightest that this nation has to offer. From Neil Armstrong to Jesse Owens, Harvey Firestone to Halle Berry, Ohio is a hotbed for American science, business, culture and art. Ohio's achievements don't stop there, we were the first in flight, the home of Superman, and mother of presidents.

Ohio's impact on the nation is far above any other state and I am proud to call her home. Here's to another 222! In March, my office also celebrated Women's History Month. We honored the countless contributions, achievements, and resilience of women throughout history. From trailblazers who shattered glass ceilings to everyday heroes making a difference, we celebrate your strength, courage, and unwavering spirit. Here's to lifting each other up and continuing to write history together. We also honored Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th. We honor the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War. We must ensure that our Vietnam War veterans, and all veterans, are cared for and supported here in Ohio.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn about the ongoing budget process, legislation that I'm co-sponsoring, and some community events I attended! If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out for assistance.

Here are some ways my office can assist you:

- Disputes with state government agencies;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters;
- Proposing bill ideas and law changes;
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

Helpful Contacts:

• BMV: (844) 644-6268

Summit County Board of Elections: 330-643-5200

• Summit County Job and Family Services: 844-640-6446

Community Legal Aid: 330-535 -4191

 Ohio Consumers' Counsel: 877-742-5622

• Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562

Sincerely,

Derrick Hall

Ohio Statehouse Business

Legislation

I take my job as your representative very seriously; that's why I have been working with members of both parties since Day One to co-sponsor legislation to better the lives of Ohioans. You can read about some of the bills I've co-sponsored below.

HB-24

This bill would require health plan insurers that offer Medicare supplement policies to individuals age 65 and over to offer the same policies, on the same terms, and at the same price to individuals younger than 65 who are eligible for Medicare. The bill would also prohibit such policies from excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions.

HB-103

This bill increases the homestead exemption for elderly or disabled homeowners and certain of their surviving spouses from \$28,000 to \$50,000 of the home's appraised value or cost. It also expands eligibility for that homestead exemption by raising the income threshold one may have to qualify for the exemption, currently \$40,000 in modified Ohio adjusted gross income, to \$45,000.

HB-158

The "Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requires utility bills to residential customers from a gas, natural gas, water works, or electric light company to itemize all riders, charges, taxes, and other costs associated with the applicable utility service. It also requires each line item to contain the amount apportioned to the customer for the billing period.

HB-25

This bill would require the Department of Education and Workforce to hire a full-time school foster care liaison to work with public children services agencies, private child-placing agencies, and the Department of Job and Family Services to facilitate services to foster children related to school placement; establishes the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program to award qualifying students scholarships based on a federal need analysis; and requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to facilitate the employment of four full-time employees to serve as foster care student navigators and assist prospective qualifying students in applying for and enrolling in institutions of higher education and the Foster-to-College Scholarship Program.



Representative Hall in the Community!



Stow-Munroe Falls Business and Community Expo

On March 11th, I attended my first Stow-Munroe Falls Business and Community Expo at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. What a great opportunity to meet with local business owners and community members to learn how I can best assist in making Stow and Munroe Falls some of the best communities in Ohio.



School Funding Roundtable

School funding has long been an issue in Ohio. I was proud to meet with stakeholders from around the state, including Akron Education Association President Pat Shipe and Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Romules Durant to discuss how to fix this funding issue and best serve our public schools.



Stow, Munroe Falls State of the Cities Breakfast

I attended the Stow and Munroe Falls State of the Cities Breakfast where I had the distinct privilege of honoring Stow-Munroe Falls Riverview kindergarten teacher Megan Postak for winning the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. She is the first teacher from Stow-Munroe Falls Schools to win these awards. Our district is fortunate to have talented and committed teachers like Megan!