



A legislative update from

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## From the Desk of Representative Hall

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 at the Statehouse, and events happening in the district. If there is a particular topic you would like to learn about, we are always open to suggestions!

Happy holidays! Last month, my office celebrated Veterans Day, Native American Heritage Day, and Small Business Saturday. As we near the holidays, make sure you are supporting our local businesses when you can!

As the cold weather sets in, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help connecting with a state agency. The State of Ohio provides utility payment assistance, home weatherization, and energy efficiency assistance programs for Ohioans in need.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about how I have spent this past month at the statehouse and in the district, and about some important bills that have had my attention lately. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out! I would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

### 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:

- Summit County Veterans Service Office: (330) 643-2830
- 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: (614) 466-8574
- Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562

## Representative Hall in the Community!



### City of Tallmadge Veterans Day Ceremony

On Veterans Day this year, I attended the City of Tallmadge Veterans Day Ceremony at the Historic Tallmadge Church. It was an honor to be among fellow service members and local heroes. This celebration served as a reminder of the work that must be done to honor, serve, and protect our veterans.

### Hudson League of Women Voters Town Hall

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Senator Casey Weinstein at the Hudson League of Women Voters Town Hall about current voters' rights legislation. My office is monitoring **SB 293**, **HB 233**, **SB 153**, and other related legislation closely. I am dedicated to being an advocate for voters' rights, and I am proud to represent a district that cares deeply about this issue as well.



### Healthcare Sharing Ministries

This month, I asked my colleagues to vote yes on **House Bill 21**, the Freedom to Share Act. As ranking member of the House Insurance Committee, I felt that the Affordable Care Act, which includes provisions for healthcare sharing ministries, should be upheld, and that transparency in the healthcare field should be encouraged.





# Representative Hall in the Community!



## Meals on Wheels

This month, I visited the Meals on Wheels facility, a program offered by Vantage Aging to serve Summit, Stark, Wayne, Portage, Carroll, Holmes, and Tuscarawas Counties. Meals on Wheels helps to fight food insecurity by making sure that seniors, people with disabilities, and individuals recently released from the hospital have access to healthy meals.



## Flag Retirement Ceremony

This month, I was honored to be a part of the flag retirement ceremony for Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Commander Lisa Betts with Squadron 96 in Stow, Ohio.

### **HB 303: A Community Energy Volunteer Pilot Program**

**House Bill 303** passed through the House Energy Committee on November 19th. If signed into law, this bill would implement a **volunteer-based pilot program** to address Ohio's energy generation and infrastructure needs. This pilot program would allow for small-scale installations across the state, that utilize solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, hydroelectric power, microturbine, natural gas, energy storage system, or a fuel cell energy. I voted YES on **HB 303**, and it passed the Ohio House on November 19th.

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### **HB 276: 340B Covered Entities**

**House Bill 276** is currently in the House Insurance Committee, where I serve as ranking member. If signed into law, this bill would prohibit drug manufacturers from restricting or denying access to drugs under the 340B program by a covered healthcare organization. The 340B program is a federal program that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to covered healthcare organizations, such as hospitals, at a reduced price. Our understanding is that the intended purpose of this program is to serve the healthcare needs of low-income or uninsured patients.

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### **HB 105: Non-Recourse Litigation Funding Agreement Regulations**

**House Bill 105** passed through the House Insurance Committee on November 18th. Non-recourse litigation funding is when a company or third party funds a legal case. It works similarly to a loan, but there is no repayment if you lose your case. If signed into law, this bill would separate consumer and commercial cases, require more transparency, ban funding from foreign companies, and decrease the number of lawsuit funding opportunities. I voted YES on **HB 105**, and it passed the Ohio House on November 19th.

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### **HB 410: To Prohibit Medicaid Funds for Abortion Providers**

**House Bill 410** is currently in the House Medicaid Committee. If signed into law, this bill would prohibit abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, from receiving Medicaid funds for any purpose. This concept was passed in the recent federal budget, but will remain in place for only one year. **HB 410** makes this provision permanent in Ohio. As a strong advocate for reproductive freedom, I will continue to be vocal about my opposition to this bill in committee and in my community.

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