



A legislative update from

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From the Desk of Representative Hall

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the second and final year of 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 my House District 34. If there is a particular topic you would like to learn about, we are always open to suggestions!

In January, my office honored MLK Day, International Education Day, Holocaust Remembrance Day, School Board Appreciation Month, and National Blood Donor Month. Visit the National Red Cross website to find a blood drive near you!

Make sure to mark your calendars for **February 3rd**, and stop by the **Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library** for my next Town Hall! I will be joining Senator Casey Weinstein between 5:30 and 7:00 PM to discuss updates and issues that concern District 34.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about how I stay involved with my district and how you can stay involved as we prepare for the upcoming legislative session. 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:

- Akron Red Cross: (330) 535-6131
- Summit County Veterans Service Office: (330) 643-2830
- BMV: (844) 644-6268
- Summit County Board of Elections: (330) 643-5200
- Summit County Job & 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!

State Teachers Retirement System Town Hall

The State Teachers Retirement System hosts Town Halls across Ohio so that our public school teachers can learn more about their pension plans and contribute to the discussions about their futures. I was honored to be a part of the STRS Town Hall in Canton, where I met teachers from my district and helped to advocate for fair representation and benefits.



Leadership Council Meeting

Communication is a key ingredient to successful leadership. At my House District 34 Leadership Council Meeting this month, comprised of local elected officials, I spoke about bills in the Ohio House that may impact our communities. By working together, we can be prepared and work to counteract policies that hurt our constituents.



Touring ACCESS Emergency Women and Children's Shelter

This month, I toured the ACCESS Emergency Women and Children's Shelter in Akron and had a discussion with their director about the needs of our community. Their programs focus on getting permanent housing for women and children in need through shelter services, skill building, health and wellness, education, advocacy, and empowerment. By supporting our local organizations, we can ensure a stronger, safer community for everyone.



Property Tax Bills Going into Effect on 3/20/26

HB 186: Creating an “Inflation Cap Credit”

Limits how much unvoted school tax collections can grow. Over half of Ohioans will see little to no tax cut.

HB 129: Making Changes to the 20 Mill Floor

Counts emergency and substitute levies toward the 20-mill floor, limiting revenue for 211 school districts in Ohio.

HB 335: Caps Inside Millage Growth to Inflation

The average taxpayer would see \$20 less of a tax increase per year. The wealthiest taxpayers benefit while schools, cities, libraries, and parks lose revenue.

HB 309: Reduces Voted Levies

County Budget Commissions gain the authority to reduce voter-approved property tax levies.

My Property Tax Bills

Coming Soon! Property Tax Relief and Stability

This bill is designed to eliminate property taxes for any owner-occupied property and replaces them with a one-time fee when a house is sold. This bill will change state law to enable local governments to make up any shortfall with voter-approved progressive income taxes.

HB 365: “The Property Tax Refund Act”

This “circuit breaker bill” provides property tax relief when the taxes exceed 5% of a homeowner’s income.

Why Do We Need Property Taxes?

Consequences of abolishing property taxes without making up the lost funds include:

- Public schools lose funding
- Police and fire departments lose funding
- Services for veterans and seniors may be cut
- Public libraries lose funding
- Developmental disability and mental health boards lose funding
- Increased layoffs for public employees, like teachers

We need **meaningful property tax relief** for Ohioans who need it by adopting a plan that **supports our local communities**.

Keep Up With Statehouse Happenings!

The Ohio House of Representatives is scheduled to return to session on February 18th. As a constituent, you can follow along with our progress by:

- Watching committee meetings and session live or recorded on OhioChannel.org
- Contacting your legislators to advocate for certain policies
- Clicking “Track It” when you read about a bill on Legislature.Ohio.gov to receive updates
- Signing up for a committee’s mailing list to receive meeting notices
- Attending community events like Town Halls
- Providing testimony for bills you care about
- Checking out briefs, footnotes, infographics, and more on LSC.Ohio.gov
- Reading a bill’s most recent analysis, found under “Documents” on the bill’s webpage
- Follow the bills I’m sponsoring or have cosponsored at www.ohiohouse.gov/members/derrick-hall/legislation

The Legislative Process

As we prepare for session, you can use this chart to better understand the legislative process.

