

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 House District 34. If there is a particular topic you would like to learn about, we are always open to suggestions!

In March, my office honored Women's History Month, Saint Patrick's Day, and National Vietnam Veterans Day. As we begin April, please keep in mind that the **May 5th** Primary Election is coming up! The deadline to register to vote is April 6th, and early in-person voting begins on April 7th. Due to the recently passed Senate Bill 293, absentee ballots will need to be received by the Board of Elections by 7:30 PM on Election Day. If you need an absentee ballot, make sure to request yours as soon as possible! The last day to request an absentee ballot is April 28th.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about the bills recently passed by the Ohio House, other recent happenings on the House floor, events and meetings I have attended in my district, and more. 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:

- United Way of Summit and Medina: 2-1-1
- 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!

Supporting Summit County Libraries

I met with the Summit County Library Directors and Board of Trustees this month to discuss library funding and upcoming community projects! Our local libraries are working hard to improve access to books, create spaces for the community to socialize, and so much more. Due to recent funding cuts, it's important that we support them and the work they do for Summit County!



Akron's Saint Patrick's Day Parade

There is no better way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day than by hanging out with my constituents! The City of Akron had its 43rd annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade this month, featuring high school and grade school bands, local non-profits and businesses, floats, and more. It was an honor to celebrate with my community!

Groundbreaking for Akron Public Schools

This month, I was honored to attend the groundbreaking for a new combined Pfeiffer Elementary School and Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts in Kenmore. As the former Akron School Board president, I am proud to have been a part of a project that will contribute to the continued revitalization of the neighborhood.



The Ohio Defense and Space Commission

In session this month, I urged my colleagues to vote YES on House Bill 292, to establish the Ohio Defense Commission. This commission will create grants to support economic development in the Defense and Aerospace industries, promote technology to counter drone systems, and consider policies to improve the quality of life for veterans and service members.



Governor DeWine's State of the State Address

This month, I attended Governor DeWine's last State of the State Address. Here, I am showing Northeast Ohio pride and the 330 area code with Rep. Sims and Senator Weinstein! While the Governor's speech highlighted the progress Ohio has made in education and the workforce, it left out the fact that families are still struggling with affordability, property taxes, school funding, childcare, senior care, and more. We still have so much work to do, and I am hopeful that when we come back to session in May, we will be able to find and pass solutions that work for all Ohioans..



Congratulations, Woodridge Boys Cross Country Team!

This month, I joined my colleague, Rep. Bill Roemer, in congratulating the Woodridge Boys Cross Country Team on their being the 2025 Division III State Champions. House Resolution 344 was adopted to honor their accomplishment, and I was honored to celebrate with my constituents on the team on the House floor.



House Bill 347: The “SHE WINS Act”

On March 25th, the Ohio House passed **HB 347**, the “SHE WINS Act”. I voted **NO** on this bill because it would require a 24-hour waiting period for patients accessing reproductive care. This not only overrides voters’ 2023 decision to constitutionalize reproductive care, it adds barriers to healthcare and reproductive autonomy. 24-hour waiting periods often lead to waits longer than 24 hours, increased costs, emotional burdens, and more. On the House floor, the House Democrats proposed an amendment to make IVF/assistive reproductive treatments covered by insurance. House Republicans voted it down 64-29. If **HB 347** were really about helping patients make informed decisions, it would fund education, make healthcare more affordable, and reduce barriers to healthcare access. This bill now heads to the Ohio Senate for review.



House Bill 249: The “Indecent Exposure Modernization Act”

On March 25th, the Ohio House passed **HB 249**, the “Indecent Exposure Modernization Act”. I voted **NO** on this bill because it uses vague, overbroad language that can be easily contorted to fit a narrative, and unfairly targets minority communities.

HB 249 broadens the definition of public indecency and makes “unlawful adult cabaret performances” where minors may be present punishable by misdemeanor or felony. “Obscene” performances in the presence of minors are **already illegal**, meaning the primary consequence of **HB 249** is that it bans any performer or entertainer who is exhibiting a gender that is different from their biological sex through clothes, makeup, or other physical marker, from public places. This bill does not protect children, it only infringes on Ohioans’ freedom to speech and expression. **HB 249** now heads to the Ohio Senate for review.

