

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 April, my office honored Earth Day, Tax Day, Library Week, and Black Maternal Health Week. Earth Day reminded me of all the amazing nature and hiking/biking trails we have in District 34! Visit the Summit Metro Parks website to find one near you!

As we begin the summer, please keep in mind that the **May 5th** Primary Election is coming up! Early voting is open now and absentee ballots should be mailed to the Summit County Board of Elections as soon as possible, so that they are received by 7:30 PM on Election Day. If you don't know what is on your ballot, you can find your sample ballot through the Secretary of State's website or through the Summit County Board of Elections. If you need help being connected to state resources, please contact my office!

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about how I continue my work when the House is not in session. If you 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!

The Amp Groundbreaking

This month I attended the groundbreaking for Stow's amphitheater on Norton Road! The Amp is an entertainment district project that will provide a year-round gathering space for residents. I am excited to see friends and constituents at this soon-to-be outdoor venue for concerts, festivals, and local events at the end of the year!



Public Education Community Forum

This month, I attended the Summit County Public Education Community Forum in Akron with my fellow elected officials and local school officials from several districts in the area. The event focused on the financial burden that our public schools are facing due to the state budget cuts. All children deserve access to high-quality education that prepares them for life, and it is our job as public leaders to advocate for that!

Ohio Economic Forum at UA

The University of Akron's Department of Economics and College of Business hosted a forum this month to discuss strengthening healthcare in Ohio. I was grateful for the opportunity to chat with constituents and community leaders about this important issue. With a background in healthcare and pharmacy, I am always interested in working with other leaders to advance healthcare policy that works for all Ohioans.





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Tallmadge City Schools Community Forum

It was an honor to participate in the Tallmadge City Schools' Community Levy Forum this month. Community members, school board members, Rep. Workman and I gathered together to answer questions about public school funding, budgets, and the upcoming levy for Tallmadge City Schools. Community events like this are important and serve as a way for elected leaders on all levels of government to effectively communicate the needs of their residents.



Discussing Senate Bill 19

Recently, I have heard from many constituents and teachers about Senate Bill 19. This month, I had several meetings with teachers and administrative staff from local school districts to discuss their concerns about the bill and plan our next steps. SB 19 aims to make adjustments to academic intervention and math improvement plans in grades K-3. A recent amendment to the bill made some positive changes, but it is still not perfect, so I sat down with some experts to talk about their experience, concerns, and ideas for compromise.

If you've been following this bill, here is a status update! Currently, SB 19 has passed the Ohio Senate and has had four hearings in the House. The bill was amended on March 24th, and the comparative synopsis, which shows the differences between the original and amended versions of the bill, can be found on Legislature.Ohio.gov. If you have questions about this bill, how to track it, or how to submit testimony, please reach out to my office! I would be happy to help.

