

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 May, my office honored Memorial Day, Election Day, ALS Awareness Month, and Mother's Day. Being raised by a single mom who is a dedicated public school teacher gave me a profound respect for education. My mom inspired me to go to business school and law school, earn my Doctor of Pharmacy and Master's in healthcare operations, and serve as school board president in Akron and State Rep. for House District 34. This Mother's Day, I celebrated the women who teach, mentor, support, and advocate for Ohio's children. I want to give a big thank you to the moms of House District 34!

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about what I have been up to at the Statehouse and events I have attended in the district. 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!

District 34 Finance Directors

This month, I invited finance directors from all over District 34 to discuss pathways to solving the property tax crisis in Ohio. Ohioans are struggling with rising property taxes, and the legislation that has come through the Statehouse so far has not had a meaningful impact, but has cut essential services like police, fire, and public schools. We need legislation that provides significant relief, without slashing local resources that Ohioans depend on.



Founders Day Dinner

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) Ohio State Legislative Board hosted a dinner this month to recognize BLET's 163rd anniversary. I joined several of my colleagues at this event, celebrated recipients of BLET member awards, and learned more about labor and railroad policy in Ohio.

Cancer Action Day Ohio

One of our advocacy days this month was hosted by the American Cancer Society. These advocates and I discussed House Bill 8 and Senate Bill 207. HB 8 would require Medicaid coverage of biomarker testing, and SB 207 would prohibit certain health insurance cost-sharing practices. Because I have a background in healthcare, I appreciate the opportunity I have as a legislator to learn more about advocates' experiences and thoughts on relevant bills.





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American College of Cardiology Meeting

The American College of Cardiology visited me at the Statehouse this month to advocate for policies that aim to improve cardiac health in Ohio. These advocates and I discussed House Bill 437, House Bill 687, House Bill 220, and Senate Bill 301. These bills make changes to insurance law, requirements for athlete health screening, work agreements for healthcare professionals, and more.



Hudson Memorial Day Parade

This year, I honored Memorial Day with my constituents at the Hudson Memorial Day Parade. There was an incredible turnout, and I was so proud to represent a district that cares so deeply for its community members. This dignified and solemn ceremony on May 25th was a beautiful way to remember the sacrifice of those who died for our country. This day was an honest reminder of the work we have yet to do to protect and support our service members and their families.

Ohioans in Space Ribbon Cutting

This month, I was excited to celebrate the opening of the Kent State University Museum's "Ohioans in Space" exhibit at the Statehouse. The exhibit features the Carl E. Walz Spacesuit, worn aboard the International Space Station from December 2001 to June 2002. This event brought together constituents, legislators, and other groups to celebrate space exploration achievements and the next generation of inspiring and determined students.





Legislative Updates

House Resolutions 428 and 429

This month, I was proud to introduce two resolutions honoring the University of Akron women's swimming and diving team and men's basketball team for their recent achievements. The women's swimming and diving team recently earned their fifth consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship, and the men's basketball team secured their third consecutive conference tournament crown with a score of 79-76. These successes reflect the dedication and hard work of the athletes, coaching staff, and our community.



HB 890: The P.R.I.C.E. Act

I was excited to introduce The P.R.I.C.E. Act this month, which aims to help lower prescription drug costs for Ohioans by increasing transparency and accountability in pharmaceutical pricing. This bill would establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, which would review excessively high drug costs and place price limits on pharmaceuticals, in turn making essential medications affordable for Ohio's working families, seniors, chronic illness patients, and more! The rise in medication prices nationwide continues to put financial strain on good people across Ohio, and we are hoping to lift as much of that burden as we can with this promising new piece of legislation.



HB 891: The Fair Claims Accountability Act

Earlier this month, I proudly introduced the Fair Claims Accountability Act, which aims to prohibit health insurance issuers from wrongfully denying or reducing coverage for claims covered under health insurance plans. This bill establishes penalties for violations by insurance issuers and requires more extensive data reporting from them. Also, this bill would create the Medical Claims Consumer Assistance Program (MCCAP) to provide assistance and information to consumers. MCCAP would assist in filing and tracking complaints and educate patients about their rights, in addition to more services that make the process of filing claims easier.

