



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

### Working For You: the 135th GA

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Black History Month! This month we celebrate the incredible history of Black Americans, as well as look to the future and ask ourselves how we can continue to fight for and uplift the voices of our neighbors.

The 135th General Assembly is well underway in Columbus. Work has begun on various bills that will be debated and voted on in committee as well as on the floor of the House. On January 31, Governor Mike DeWine gave his 2023 State of the State speech, outlining his priorities for Ohio. Democrats are optimistic about several initiatives that will improve the lives of Ohioans, but the governor did not mention how the state plans to prevent gun violence or how we can ensure that all children receive a quality public education with adequate funding, regardless

of zip code. You can watch the full State of the State Address [HERE](#).

This month, we received our committee assignments for the new GA, and I am incredibly honored to be appointed Ranking Member on the House Public Utilities Committee. Since my first days as your Representative, I have fought hard against rampant corporate and political corruption that has and continues to cost Ohioans millions of dollars on your energy bills. As a member of this committee, I will be in a prime position to continue this fight.

I will also serve on the following House committees:

- Armed Services
- Aviation & Aerospace
- Higher Education
- Technology & Innovation

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Casey Weinstein



### Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

Congress met on January 7th to swear in its new members, including former Ohio House Minority Leader and current Representative for Ohio's 13th Congressional district, **Emilia Sykes**. I would like to congratulate Congresswoman Sykes on her new office! I know she will serve our district well!



Congratulations to **Pavona's Pizza** in Akron on their official re-opening on January 25th!

Congratulations to **Corwyn Collier**, Army veteran, coach, and Maple Heights High School teacher who has been named the **2023 Men's Health Magazine's Ultimate Guy!**

### Spotlight: Getting to Know Me!

While I have had the honor of personally meeting many of you, many more are new to the district or only know me via social media or this newsletter. I was first elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2018 and have championed veterans, public education, and renewable energy initiatives during my time so far. Last General Assembly, I served as the Ranking Member on the House Energy and Natural Resources Committees. In addition to my House committee assignments, I was also appointed by Governor DeWine to serve on the state's newly formed Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Education Commission.

Prior to my election to the Ohio House, I proudly served as a Hudson City Councilman from 2016 to 2019. I am a 2004 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and served on Active Duty as Deputy Chief of Information Assurance at Space & Missile Systems Center in Los Angeles, and as Officer in Charge of Maintenance Support at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. In 2007, I received my MBA from The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business. OH-!

I married my Air Force Academy classmate, Amanda, 17 years ago. In addition to working as an Economics Professor at The University of Akron, Amanda also serves as a board member for the ADL of Cleveland. We have two young daughters and a son: Nora, Emilia, and Brady.

I look forward to meeting you, and I will soon be announcing town halls and constituent coffee hours that I hope you will be able to attend. Stay tuned, and thank you for letting me be your Representative!



### Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Propose bill ideas and law changes
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

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### Legislative Update

My colleagues have not wasted any time introducing great bills this GA, and I have already had the chance to sign on as a co-sponsor to a number of them. While these have not yet received bill numbers or committee assignments, they should in the coming days. Here are a few I've signed on to recently:

- "Student Mental Health Act" to allow K-12 students to take up to 3 mental health days
- "Menstrual Equity Act" to require corrections facilities to supply sufficient menstrual products to incarcerated women
- Create the Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Affairs Commission
- Expand Ohio's Homestead Tax Exemption for seniors
- "Veterans Opportunity Tax Credit" for employers that hire veterans
- Prohibition on oil and gas drilling in Lake Erie

