



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

Working For You: Updates from the Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Much of the last few weeks was focused on getting the state Operating Budget passed before the required June 30th deadline. The Senate completed their version of the budget on June 15th, but with so many huge and negative changes between the House version and theirs, the House voted to not concur. That sent the bill to 'conference committee' to work out a compromise, and we voted on a final version of the bill the afternoon of June 30th.

This budget isn't perfect, but I am proud to have voted yes for tax relief for Ohioans, security grants for our most vulnerable institutions, and continued clean water initiatives that are vital to the 34th district and the Northeast Ohio region.

And while I do not support broadened school vouchers, I am glad to see the Fair School Funding Plan continued to support our public schools and expanded free school meals for our students. Here are a few other provisions from the budget that I advocated for:

- Increases the base teacher salary to \$35K from \$30K
Allocates \$100,000 to the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio to support a Community Connection Program for equitable access
Allocates funding to the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission to support scholarships for educators, school field trips to Holocaust museums, recording stories from survivors and liberators, and creating curriculum for Holocaust education

With the budget now behind us, I am turning my attention back to introducing legislation that best serves the 34th House District and Ohioans at large. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have an idea of what legislation I should be pursuing. We are always happy to answer any questions or discuss concerns.

Have a great July!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Casey Weinstein

Casey Weinstein



Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

Congratulations to the Humane Society of Summit County on the groundbreaking of their new facility! I know this new building will allow you to continue to best serve the pets and families of our district for years to come.

Congratulations to Stow High School student Jayla Atkinson and Woodridge High student Anna Rorrer on your state titles in track last month! You make everyone in our district proud!

I wish to extend my deep condolences to the family of longtime Akron leader, Tom Sawyer, who passed away at the end of May. His funeral service is this month. Tom was a mentor to so many, including myself, and a champion for our community for decades and at all levels of government. He is certainly missed.

Spotlight: House Democrats Condemn Issue 1

The August Special Election regarding Issue 1 is fast approaching. If passed, Issue 1 would raise the threshold to approve a citizen initiated constitutional amendment to 60% from 50%. Issue 1 will also make it considerably more difficult for Ohioans to get the issues you care about directly on the ballot, a right we have had in this state for over 100 years.

Make sure your voice is heard by voting "NO" to stop special interests from ending majority rule in Ohio. Protect your rights and the sacred principle of "one person, one vote," instead of handing power over to out-of-touch politicians. Remember to #VoteNoInAugust.

Here are some important dates to remember between now and then:

- July 10: Deadline to register to vote
July 11: Absentee voting by mail begins (ends August 7)
July 11: Early in-person voting begins
August 1: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
August 7: Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date
August 8: Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

If you have moved recently, haven't voted in a few years, or have changed your name since the last election, be sure to check your voter registration before July 10 to make sure it is up-to-date. Polling locations may be limited this election, so make sure you know where to vote as well! Check everything you need to know HERE.



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

Contact Methods:

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Girl Scouts at the Statehouse

I was thrilled to welcome two girl scout troops from the district down to visit the Statehouse at the end of June. The girls got to meet and speak with Minority Leader Russo, Senator Roegner, Representative Grim and Representative Humphrey before heading over to the Statehouse for a tour and surprise visit with the Governor. Governor DeWine invited them into his ceremonial office to see the Lincoln Desk, signed by previous Ohio governors, and ask questions.

The troops then got a proper shout out and welcome from the full House as they watched the first vote from the chamber gallery.

