



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

### Working For You: Back at the Ohio Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall, Ohio! As we enter this new season, I hope you and your family stay safe, healthy, and warm. If you haven't yet, now is the perfect time to schedule a flu shot! Flu shots are readily available in most doctors' offices and pharmacies in the district or through [Summit County Public Health](#). It's important to stay up to date on your shots to keep you, your family, and your community healthy.

The deadline to register to vote is also coming up on **Tuesday, October 10** for the November 7 election. I encourage you to check your registration or register for the first time by



visiting [voteohio.gov](#). Early in-person and absentee voting begins next **Wednesday, October 11**. Even though it's not a midterm or Presidential election year, there's still plenty [on the ballot](#) this year, including two statewide issues; levies for our local libraries and public schools; and candidates for school board, city council, and mayor throughout the district. Make your voice heard and keep our democracy strong!

Since my last newsletter, we've had Public Utilities Committee hearings on a community solar bill I'm supporting, I toured the world-class operation at Akron's own Goodyear Tire headquarters, met with the President of Stark State Community College for a tour, and got to sit down with Ohio Fire Chiefs Association members from Summit County to discuss some of their concerns and priorities.

I continue to be so proud and honored to be YOUR State Representative. 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

**Congratulations and farewell** to Leah Brudno, my Legislative Aide for the last two and half years. If you have called or emailed the office over the last couple of years for any reason, you have most likely spoken with Leah. She has served the 34th House District well in my office and is moving on to a Policy Advisor role for the House Minority Caucus as of this week.

I wish her the very best and look forward to continuing to work with her in this new role! Stay tuned for an update on my new staff coming later this month!

### Spotlight: The Thriving Families Tax Credit

I have been working on a tax credit for families for the last year, and I was excited to [officially announce and file](#) it on Tuesday. In 2021, Ohio ranked 35th in the nation for childhood food insecurity, with nearly 20% of Ohio children experiencing food insecurity day-to-day. With nationwide inflation driving up costs and outpacing wage growth, Ohio families need our help. Enter the **Thriving Families Tax Credit**.

This credit would give nearly 986,000 urban, suburban, and rural Ohio families a much-needed boost by providing an annual refundable benefit of up to **\$1000 per child aged 0-5 and up to \$500 per child aged 6-17**. Families earning less than \$65,000 annually would qualify for the full benefit amount, with benefits tapering off for families earning \$65-85,000. Children in all 88 of Ohio's counties would benefit.

Under the federal expanded child tax credit, childhood poverty nationwide fell to record lows, and since that benefit ended a year ago, we have seen those numbers [more than double](#). Report after report continues to show that parents and grandparents who received this direct financial assistance used those funds for basic household essentials, such as food, school clothes, rent, or childcare. Reducing these common stressors allowed parents to focus on staying in the workforce, paying down debt, helping children with schoolwork, or starting small businesses—it allowed families to plan for a future and it allowed families to thrive.

Supporting families should not be partisan, and red and blue states across the country are realizing that and instituting their own child tax credits. It's time to add Ohio to that list and become the best state to raise a family.



### 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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### Redistricting Update

Once again, we have new legislative maps, and I'll be sharing the specific impact on our district soon. In a race for even more power and control, supermajority republicans who control the redistricting commission rushed a rigged redistricting process and proposed a map along party lines that only grew the GOP supermajorities in the House and Senate.

Ultimately, the commission adopted and approved a map late on September 27th. House Democrats on the commission didn't vote 'yes' because the maps are fair or the process worked—they voted yes to take redistricting out of supermajority politicians' hands. Now the work turns to permanently putting that power where it belongs—in the hands of the People, not politicians.

