Representative Thomas F. Patton, Majority Whip

7th House District

A lifelong resident of Cuyahoga County, Representative Tom Patton grew up as one of nine kids on the near west side of Cleveland. The son of a Cleveland Police Officer and the father of a police officer as well, Representative Patton has found his own niche in law-making, previously serving as a state representative and most recently as a state senator. He returns to the Ohio House to begin another term as the state representative to the 7th House District and as the Majority Whip. Though his legislative responsibilities in Columbus have grown over the years, for Representative Patton, community and family come first.

Representative Patton served in the Senate since 2008, and for the 131st General Assembly, Patton was selected to serve as the Majority Floor Leader. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee, and was a member of multiple other committees. In addition to his standing committees, Representative Patton also served as co-chair of the Ohio Senate Autism Caucus, and as a member of the Ohio Athletic Commission, the ODOT Transportation Futures Steering Committee, and the Legislative Service Commission.

In his effort to attract and retain good jobs in the Cleveland-area, Representative Patton has worked to expand access to higher education, invest in high-tech research and development, and lower taxes. He has supported income tax cuts for Ohioans and small business tax cuts, measures that have been included in the state's biennial budget.

With Cleveland's economy in mind, Representative Patton was a champion for enacting a film tax credit to ensure Northeast Ohio can be competitive with other states for attracting the $60 billion film industry and the jobs that come with it. Working with local officials, Patton was also the primary sponsor of the bill that authorized use of a "land bank" as a new tool to help Cuyahoga County contend with the foreclosure crisis and curb urban blight.

Over the years, Representative Patton has been recognized and honored by a diverse group of organizations and advocates. He was named an Honorary D.A.R.E. Officer by the D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio and has been recognized by the Autism Society of Ohio for his work to increase awareness of autism. Patton has also been named a 'Watchdog of the Treasury' multiple times for his commitment to fiscal responsibility. In addition, he has

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earned the Moms for Ohio Public Service Award, the FOP Distinguished Public Servant Award, the Ohio Public Images Award, the Ohio Alpaca Breeders Association Legislator Award, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Legislator of the Year for Protecting Consumer Choice Award and been named Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Professional Society of Engineers.

Patton is an active member of St. Colman's parish and serves as chair of the church's finance committee. He serves on the Incarnate Word Academy and Holy Name High School endowment boards, is a Cleveland Police Historical Society trustee, and has been a longstanding Strongsville Chamber of Commerce member. He is active in the Knights of Columbus, the AFL-CIO and he serves as president of the Treasurers and Ticket Sellers Local 756.

A widower, he raised his family of five daughters and one son in Strongsville and has been blessed with six grandchildren. The 7th House District encompasses portions of Cuyahoga County and includes the following communities: Berea, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, and Strongsville—Representative Patton's hometown.