



Dear Neighbor-

Happy March! We began last month by passing [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio. **HB 2** includes half of the \$700M from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF), funding that was set aside in the most recent state operating budget. The bill now awaits further consideration in the Senate.

House Democrats also unveiled their Cost of Corruption campaign that better protects taxpayers from future public corruption scandals. Despite a \$1.3B dollar bailout, \$60M in bribes, and unaccountable damage to the people's trust in government, zero laws have been passed following Larry Householder and FirstEnergy crimes. Ohio's most valuable resource is our people, which is why Ohio's House Democrats are focused on putting people over politics by introducing legislation that will restore democracy and return dignity to our state government.

March is Women's History Month! We celebrate and honor the women who fight for equality. From Susan B. Anthony to Harriet Tubman, American history is full of inspiring women who fought to create a more equitable America. Today, we continue to fight for Women's rights by protecting reproductive freedoms and closing the gender wage gap.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,





House Democrats Continue Fight Against Corruption in Ohio

Despite a \$1.3B bailout, \$60M in bribes, multiple arrests, and unmeasurable damage to people's trust in our state's government, not one bill has been passed that would prevent another HB 6 scandal from happening again. It's important to fight for real solutions to prevent corruption and undo the economic damage to Ohioans.

House Democrats have introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at weeding out corruption, strengthening ethics, and correcting wrongs created by the largest public corruption scandal in Ohio's history.

- The [Ohio Anti-Corruption Act](#) (House Bill 112, Miranda/Sweeney) would require dark money groups to identify their contributors and disclose their spending.
- The [HB 6 Repeal and Repay Act](#) (House Bill 120, Weinstein/Brennan) would fully repeal and refund subsidies established in HB 6 during the 133rd General Assembly that are still being paid by Ohioans to bail out two Ohio Valley Electric Corp. (OVEC) coal-fired power plants—one of which is located in Indiana.
- The [PUCO Nomination Reform Act](#) (House Bill 363, Troy) would adjust the broken nomination process involving the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), preventing individuals like Sam Randazzo, the former chair of the PUCO, who was indicted for taking \$4.3 million in bribes in exchange

for helping FirstEnergy conduct nefarious activities.

- The [PUCO Utility Charge Refund Act](#) (House Bill 393, Baker) would require the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to order refunds to consumers if a utility charge is deemed to be unlawful by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Many of us work hard to make a living and pay our utility rates. It's time we finally close this dark chapter in Ohio's history, undo the economic damage of corruption to Ohioans, and ensure corruption is never commonplace in our state government—no matter who is in charge.



Rep Upchurch Voted to Allocate \$42,450,000 in State Funds for Cuyahoga County

I am proud to announce that the Ohio House of Representatives passed [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio.

HB 2 includes half of the \$700M from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF), funding that was set aside in the most recent state operating budget. I am excited to announce Cuyahoga County will receive \$42,450,000

The bill now heads to the Ohio Senate for further consideration. Community projects will have additional funding opportunities from the traditional capital budget and the remaining one-time funds.

The \$42,450,000 of OTSCIF funds will be distributed to several local entities, including:

- \$800,000 for Glenville YMCA
- \$400,000 for Birthing Beautiful Communities Center
- \$750,000 for Cleveland Public Square Improvements