April 2025 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent **Ohio House District 18**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we welcome the month of April, we have significant updates to share regarding our community and the state. This past month, we successfully passed the Transportation budget.

Looking ahead, I want to remind everyone about the upcoming special election on May 6. The deadline to register to vote is April 7th. Please learn more about Issue 2 on the back page.

With the passage of the ANTI D.E.I. Bill SB 1 and the Governor's Budget cutting public school funding by over a \$100 million we are starting to see the impacts of a Republican majority breaking down education in this state.

In these times where legislators are making in clear that their politics means more than lives..... your calls, emails, and your vote matter. Stay engaged, informed, and prepared to make your vote count in the days ahead!

Sincerely, State Rep. Juanita O. Brent House District 18



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MAY 6TH SPECIAL ELECTION



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: publicsafety.ohio.gov **Highway Patrol** DUI Hotline

877-7-PATROL 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov Form Requests 800-282-1782 800-282-1780 Taxpayer Assistance

Jobs and Family Services: ifs.ohio.gov Veteran Services Unemployment

888-296-7541 877-644-6562 **Bureau of Motor Vehicles:** www.bmv.ohio.gov Information 800-589-TAGS

Rep. Brent in The Community



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Cleveland Public Library



Ohio Organizing Collaborative



Mental Health Addiction & Advocacy Coalition



Groundwork Ohio

Mayor Sandra Morgan (East Cleveland)

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SPECIAL ELECTION: May 6, 2025

• **Issue 2**: Allows the state to issue up to \$2.5 billion to help municipalities improve public infrastructure.



- April 7: Deadline to Register to Vote
- April 8: Absentee Voting by Mail Starts
- April 8: Early In-Person Voting Starts
- May 5: Absentee ballot Deadline

Voter Registration Valid ID Ohio Driver's License A US passport State of Ohio ID Card A US passport card Interim ID by Ohio BMV US military ID Card Request an Absentee Ballot Find Voting Location Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2" Image: Colspan="2"

Fatherhood Month Grants

- The Dept. of Children and Youth is offering grants for Responsible Fatherhood Month.
- Up to 10 mini-grants are available for not-forprofit organizations and government entities.
- Grants provide \$3,000 to fund father-child events during June 2025.

Who is Eligible

Nonprofits, Home & Community Based Services, Municipalities, Community Based/ Multi-County/Juvenile Correctional Facility, Community Support Network

- Step 1: Go to grantsportal.ohio.gov
- Step 2: Click Funding Opportunities
 Header
- **Step 3:** Scroll Down and Click the "June is Fatherhood Month 2025" Tab



CUYAHOGA COUNTY FREE TAX FILING

- Tuesday, April 15th is Tax Day, the deadline to submit tax returns for tax year 2024.
- Are you ready to tackle your without the stress?



• Don't wait until the minute!

Free Income Tax Help

- Step 1: Go to hhs.cuyahogacounty.gov
- Step 2: Click Departments Header
- **Step 3:** Click Cuyahoga Job & Family Services Tab
- Step 4: Click Income Tax Help

Schedule your appointment at **refundohio.com** or Dial 2-1-1

OHIO SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

• The Ohio Dept. of Aging is accepting nominations for the Class of 2025 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.



- Submit your nomination to celebrate your communities elders during the September ceremony!
- **Step 1**: Go to aging.ohio.gov
- Step 2: Click See News & Events Header
- **Step 3:** Click Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Side Tab
- Step 4: Click Nominate an Older Ohioan

ADULT DAY SERVICES NEW WEBSITE

- The Dept. of Aging and LeadingAge Ohio have Launch a new website – <u>AdultDayOhio.org</u>
- Adult day services offer daytime supervision, activities, and care for adults who need assistance with daily living tasks



SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADULT DAY OHIO