

May 2025 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

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From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent Ohio House District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to reflect on some critical updates as we move through May. First, I want to thank everyone who attended my April Town Hall at the Cleveland Heights Library. It was an incredible turnout, with 70+ constituents sharing their thoughts and discussing key topics like the State Budget, Capital Budget, Property Taxes, and Education. Your voices matter; remember, 2025 is about Organizing!

Additionally, I had the privilege of attending the Groundbreaking for the Birthing Beautiful Birth Center & Headquarters. This exciting project marks a new commitment to maternal and child health in our communities.

As we transition into the budget process, I urge you to get involved. The House Republicans have passed their state budget, and we must make our voices heard in the Senate. Funding for critical services is at stake, and your voices must be heard via email, phone calls, and committee testimony.

May is also National Foster Care Month and Mental Health Awareness Month, reminding us of the importance of supporting our youth and prioritizing mental health resources in our neighborhoods.

Looking ahead, I am excited to invite you to my JulyTown Hall to discuss the Capital budget and bills affecting our communities in greater detail. Let us continue our work together to build a stronger House District 18. Don't hesitate to get in touch with my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Juanita Brent

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



Rep. Brent in The Community



Cuyahoga
Library Council



Groundwork Ohio



Hands Off Rally



Produce Perks



Birthing Beautiful Community
Groundbreaking

TOWN HALL

July 10 @ 6:00pm

Location: Harvard Community Service Center
18240 Harvard Ave, Cleveland, OH 44128

HCSC
HARVARD COMMUNITY
SERVICES CENTER

Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: publicsafety.ohio.gov
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

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

Jobs and Family Services: jfs.ohio.gov
Veteran Services 888-296-7541
Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:
www.bmv.ohio.gov
Information 800-589-TAGS



APRIL 2025 TOWNHALL

- I thank everyone who came out to my April Town Hall. I hope the meeting gave you the tools to make sure all of us are heard.
 - Call & Email Senators
 - Submit Testimony and Testify in Committee
 - Stay Informed

April Town Hall Topics:

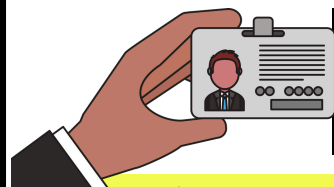
- State & Capital Budget
- May 6th Election Voting
- Property Tax Bills
- Education Bills

2025 is about ORGANIZING!



Why do I need a Real ID ?

- May 7th is the first day that a Real ID will be enforced
- May 7, U.S. agencies will require people to present REAL IDs to get through airport security or access federal facilities, including nuclear power plants.



Uses of a Real ID card would be

- Boarding a commercial aircraft
- Entering a federal facility

What Do I need to get a Real ID?

Ohioans can visit any BMV location to update their driver's license with documents proving:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Legal presence in the US
- Social security number
- Legal street address from two different documents
- Proof of name change (if applicable)



HEAP Summer Crisis Program

- HEAP Summer Crisis Program offers one-time financial assistance.
- Can be used for paying electric bills.
- The program runs from July 1 to Sept. 30.
- Eligible for purchasing air conditioners, repairing central air conditioning units.



- **Step 1:** Go to development.ohio.gov
- **Step 2:** Click For Individual Header
- **Step 3:** Click Energy Assistance Tab
- **Step 4:** Click HEAP Summer Crisis Program

Serving, Educating, & Empowering Fathers Program

- The SEE Fathers Grant Program is seeking applicants focused on enhancing the well-being of Ohio's children through improved fatherhood quality.
- Award Ceiling: \$215,000



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Faith-based Organizations
- Houses of Worship
- Non-Profits
- City, Counties, Local Governments
- Townships & Villages



Educational Assistance Program

- The Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (CCEAP) provides financial assistance for residents seeking a college degree and/or certification that will lead to employment or advancement.
- Scholarships up to \$5,000

