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Ohio House District 15 Statehouse Legislative Update



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Dear Neighbor,

Last month, the U.S. Congress delivered on President Biden's promise to provide the largest long-term investment in our nation's infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. Many Presidential administrations had promised this in the past but were unable to get this done until now.

In a historic achievement, President Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This legislation will bring more than **\$11 billion back to Ohio** to rebuild Ohio's roads, bridges, sewer lines and more. It will also invest in our state's middle class because this significant measure is forecasted to create thousands of good-paying jobs for Ohio workers that cannot be outsourced.

For Ohio to once again lead our country in opportunity, it is critical that we make this long needed investment now where it is needed most—our roads, bridges, water systems, and internet access. Here in Columbus, we reinforced that focus during our state budget work, insisting on undoing massive cuts proposed by Governor DeWine to valuable and needed services such as funding local governments and investment in local public transit. We also delivered historic wins to expand high speed broadband access to underserved Ohio households and invested in programs to clean Ohio's waterways.

I believe these historic investments will make life better for millions of Ohio residents, grow our economy, and restore Ohio's promise as a leader in innovation and opportunity. We have worked hard this year to deliver for Ohioans across the state. As the year comes to a close, I want to wish all of you peace and joy during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

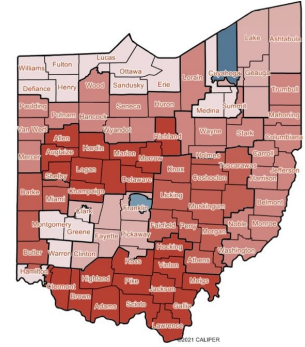
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Rep. Jeffrey A. Crossman

Republicans Defy Ohio Voters That Support Fair Districts

Last month, Gov. DeWine betrayed Ohioans by signing into law a congressional map that grossly favors Republican candidates, despite the fact that Ohioans voted overwhelmingly to support a redistricting process, that eliminates a practice that results in districts where elected officials no longer feel accountable to voters.

The map approved by Gov. DeWine drew Congressional districts that would result in 13 “safe” Republican Congressional seats and provides an opportunity for Democrats to win only 2. The unconstitutionally drawn maps are now embroiled in litigation and will be reviewed by the Ohio Supreme Court for review.



House Democrats sent letters to the governor urging a veto of the map, but the governor dismissed them, along with the concerns raised by thousands of citizens who demanded a fair map-making process.

I believe that this gerrymandered map disrespects Ohio voters and the legislative process. Ohioans deserve better from their government. We must insist on fair districts because it means responsive representation and accountability to the voters that does not currently exist.

Sports Betting Heads to Gov. DeWine’s Desk for Signature, after passing the Ohio General Assembly

On December 8th, **State Rep. Jeff Crossman** voted to pass House Bill 29 which would make sports betting legal in Ohio by 2023. The bill was passed 31-3 in the Ohio Senate and passed the Ohio House 72-23. The passage of the bill comes after years of debate since the 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision which permitted states to set up their own sports betting operations. New sports betting activity is expected to be an economic driver within the state and generate an estimated \$20 million in tax revenue each year. Additionally, the state estimates an additional \$10 million will be collected through license fees. While 0.5% of licensure fees will be given to veteran services, 98% of tax revenue will go to public and private schools and the remaining 2% will contribute to programs to assist with gambling addiction issues.

Similar to other gambling in the state, the minimum age for sports betting will be 21. The bill aims to create different classes of betting institutions which would be capped per county based on the county’s population. The bill creates 25 “Class A” licenses which would be awarded for mobile betting operators with the potential to expand the number of licenses by the Ohio Casino Control Commission, the commission tasked with overseeing sports betting. An additional 40 “Class B” licenses will be issued to traditional betting institutions, such as casinos, but professional sports teams and organizations operating within Ohio are eligible for these licenses. Finally, “Class C” licenses are designated for any bar and restaurant who holds a valid liquor license and wishes to offer sports betting via a kiosk. While the bill allows licenses to begin being issued April 1st, administrative rulemaking and other regulatory practices may delay the start of sports betting. However, all regulatory procedures must be completed by January 1st 2023 which means Ohio will see sports betting operations within the next year.



Ohio House Democrats Unanimously Vote to Pass House Bill 292, which will Assist Electric Vehicle Manufacturing in Ohio

With electric vehicle manufacturing becoming a quick growing industry, the Ohio House of Representatives is taking steps to ensure Ohio does not fall behind other Midwestern states in the production of these increasingly popular vehicles for transportation and logistics.

The House voted 78-10 on House Bill 292 which seeks to foster electric vehicle manufacturing in two defined ways. First, the bill would create ten member bipartisan commission to address various challenges regarding expansion of production. The committee would consist of six governor-appointed members representing various key players in manufacturing and regulation as well as four members of the Ohio State government, two from each party. The committee would mainly focus on issues such as training, research, development, and skill workforce management. In addition to the training, the bill would enact a 5-year sales tax exemption on vehicle components that are solely manufactured for the purpose of electric vehicles. Thus, items such as tires and radios, will not be exempt under the new bill as they are useable in conventional automobiles. Most of the parts are already tax-exempt under various other tax bills which leaves that exact impact of the new sales tax relief unknown.

Electric vehicle manufacturing remains a key policy issue for many Midwestern states, including Ohio, as current production standards will likely lead companies to outsource production from other countries. For example, it is predicted that 86% of the batteries necessary for electric car manufacturing would be produced overseas by 2029 if manufacturing capacity does not change in the United States. To add in this expansion, multiple Midwestern states have formed the Regional Electric Vehicle Coalition to coordinate expansion efforts which Ohio seeks to join with the passage of this bill.

The bill is currently heading to the Senate, and is waiting to be assigned to a committee for hearings.



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Area Food Pantry Programs & Services

Agency	Required Documents	Days/Hours Open	What's Available
All Faiths Food Pantry Cleveland, OH Ph: 216 496-4329	Low-income residents of Old Brooklyn, Parma & Southwest suburbs w/ mobility challenges.	Delivery Only, Call for days & times.	Delivers food to low income residents with mobility challenges. Emergency food delivery provided if
Parma Heights Food Pantry 6369 Pearl Rd Cleveland, OH. Ph: 440-842-6491	None.	Mondays 9am – 12pm, Wednesdays 1-4pm, and Thursdays 5-7pm	Fresh produce, non-perishable food, and household supplies
Parma Christian Church 7000 Ridge Rd, Parma 44129 Ph: 440 842-1614	Serves Parma, N Royalton & Seven Hills. Proof of income and residency.	3rd Wed of each month from 9am - 1pm.	25-30 nonperishable food items, once a month.
Parma Hunger Center Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church 5280 Broadview Rd, Parma 44134 Ph: 216-351-6373	Photo ID, Proof of income, current utility bill, residents of Parma. Birth cert of children living at home.	Tues 2pm-4pm Fri 10am-noon *Must call ahead to register	Food for 8-10 days, gently used clothing is also available. Can receive service once every two months.
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry/Thrift Store 6610 Biddulph Rd, Parma 44129 Ph: 216 741-7837 x100	Photo ID, proof of residency and under current Federal Income Poverty Guidelines	Tues. Thurs, Sat 10am-1pm	Call for information
Vineyard Church of Parma Hts. 6735 York Rd, Parma Hts 44130 Ph: 440 884-8463	None, must live in Cuyahoga County & meet Emergency Asst. Food Prog. guidelines	2nd & 4th Sat of month from noon-2pm 1 st & 3 rd Tues of month from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Food for 3 days for individuals or families, available once per month
Southwest Ozanam Center 2145 Broadview Rd. Cleveland OH 44109 Ph: 216-351-0144	Must live in one of the following zip codes: Zip codes: 44109, 44129, 44130, 44134,44142, 44144	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 10 AM – 1 PM	Food