Dear Neighbor,

Happy March! House Democrats are advocating for you in Ohio's operating budget for fiscal years 2026-27. Last month, House Democrats helped pass the bipartisan Ohio Transportation Budget (**House Bill 54**) through the Ohio House of Representatives. The budget's appropriation of $11.5B is a significant investment into the future of Ohio jobs, connecting the workforce to the worksite, and the bill will improve roads, bridges, and transit systems across Ohio.

Ohio has the resources we need to improve the lives of our citizens and communities. House Democrats are putting forward a budget that makes it easier to start and grow a family, age with dignity, and earn a living that can sustain a high quality of life.

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,

Sedrick Denson

## District Spotlight

For this month's district spotlight, we are excited to highlight Representative Denson's recent visit at the Village of Golf Manor's First Suburbs Consortium. During the event, he addressed key topics relevant to our suburban communities, including the current state of the new legislature and legislation that could foster collaboration among municipalities.

Representative Denson values the opportunity to speak with his constituents, as it is essential for understanding their needs and concerns. He extends his gratitude to Mayor Densmore for the invitation and for fostering this important dialogue within our community. He is thankful to all who participated and shared their insights, as their voices are crucial in shaping the future of our neighborhoods.

## Ohio House Democrats Help Pass Transportation Budget

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Some provisions fought for by **Rep. Denson** and included in House Bill (HB) 54:

- Provides $8B in statewide highway construction and maintenance projects over the Biennium;
- Makes progress toward meeting the state's significant public transportation needs by appropriating nearly $200M for public transit, including$30M to continue the Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program;
- Authorizes the continued distribution of gas tax revenue to cities, counties, and townships across Ohio to support local road maintenance;
- Appropriates $18M for Transportation Improvement Districts to invest in local infrastructure across the state;
- Protects construction workers on the highway by establishing the Road Safety Pilot Program to assess speed compliance in construction zones, but prohibits using traffic law photo devices for any purpose, including a citation, summons, or ticket;
- Adopts the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, which creates the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission and earmarks $25K in each fiscal year to pay for the costs associated with joining the compact;
- Continues funding commitments to the Brent Spence Bridge;

**HB 54** passed the House by a 97-0 vote. It now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration

## March's Statehouse Visits

In March, Representative Denson welcomed many important visitors to his office, including community members, advocates, and local leaders. And even his 10 year old son, Harper, who spent a portion of his spring break visiting the Statehouse.

This month's meetings provided an important opportunity to discuss various issues and foster connections within the community. Rep. Denson's son's visit was invaluable because it emphasizes the importance of nurturing future leaders and teaching the values of government and civic responsibility from an early age. Rep. Denson appreciates the chance to engage with passionate individuals and looks forward to continuing these vital conversations that contribute to the betterment of the 26th district.