MARCH 2024 - STATEHOUSE & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE STATE REP. CASEY WEINSTEIN HOUSE DISTRICT 34



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#### March at The Ohio Statehouse!

Dear Neighbor,

Happy March! March 1st marked Ohio's 221st anniversary! Join my office in celebrating our great state, by fighting for legislation that will make Ohio a better place for everyone that calls it home.

Back in the 34th, I was able to host a Town Hall meeting in Hudson where I had the honor of sharing policy updates, including updates on the Capital Budget Appropriations Bill and on Madeline's Law. I always enjoy connecting with and hearing feedback from my constituents. I was also able to attend the demolition of the former Atlantic Foundry in Akron funded by the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. This demolition paves the way for new developments for the Greater Akron area. I am proud to have been able to work across the aisle to deliver state funding for this project, and I am excited to see how the new development attracts more opportunities to the area.

At the Statehouse, my colleague and friend, Rep. Munira Abdullahi and I have been busy drafting a new bill and I am excited to say that as of last week, the bill has been filed in the House! The Ohio Driver License Knowledge Test can be administered in eight different languages, while the Ohio Driver Manual is only offered in three. HB 449 will ensure that a person can study for the knowledge test in the same language as the test will be taken in.

This month we celebrate all of the incredible women who have and continue to break barriers, make advancements, and fight for equality. I am committed to the fight for women's rights, by fighting to protect reproductive freedoms and working to close the gender wage gap. Happy Women's History Month!

Lastly, as a reminder, Ohio's Primary Election is being held on March 19th. Polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm. You can find your polling station at https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/

As I continue to work for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any reason. We are here to serve you however we can. We encourage you to continue to share with us your thoughts, concerns, and any ideas you may have.

Sincerely,

Casey Weinstein



# New Bill: HB 449 - Addressing Language Barriers in the Driver's Knowledge Test

I am excited to announce and introduce my new bill! Currently, Ohio offers the Driver License Knowledge Test in eight languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Russian, Somali, and Spanish, while the Ohio Driver Manual is only available in three - English, Spanish, and Somali. This means that a person may be able to take the knowledge test in their native language, but may not be able to study for the test in this same language.

Access to transportation is extremely important and is vital to so many aspects of a person's life. The lack of access to these study materials serves as a barrier to transportation for many individuals and families in Ohio. When families struggle with transportation, absenteeism rises in schools, people are more likely to delay their medical care, and families can struggle to access healthy food outlets.



I am sponsoring this bill with my colleague and friend, Rep. Munira Abdullahi. As this bill moves forward in the committee process, I will be sure to share any updates with you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

## **Photo Wall**



### REMINDERS

- P-EBT Program: To maintain access to the allocated funds for an additional 274 days, beneficiaries are required to make a minimum purchase of \$1 by March 22, 2024.
- Summit County Board of Revision: The deadline to file a complaint against the valuation of real property is April 1st, 2024.

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