



Legislative Highlights

The Save Our Farmland and Protect Our National Security Act

According to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, the Chinese Communist Party has increased its holdings of American farmland by [5,300% between 2010 and 2020](#), now owning more than 384,000 acres. The Ohio Farm Bureau, a major proponent of this legislation, has reported that [roughly 500,000](#) acres of Ohio's farmland are owned by foreign entities. Given the inherent importance of domestic farmland, these trends threaten both U.S. National Security and the livelihood of local farmers across our state. That's why Rep. Click and the Ohio Legislature passed the Save Our Farmland and Protect Our National Security Act last summer as a portion of HB 33.

[The act](#) requires the Ohio Secretary of State to maintain a list of individuals, businesses, organizations, and governments which constitute a threat to Ohio's agricultural production and prohibits those listed from acquiring agricultural land in Ohio. This common sense act ensures that farmland should be used to serve domestic interests only, as it is simply too valuable of an asset to fall into the hands of our enemies.

Going On in The District

The Secret Seamstress Grand Re-opening

Rep. Click was happy to celebrate the grand re-opening of The Secret Seamstress, a top-notch tailoring and alterations business in downtown Tiffin. Having previously operated her business in Southern Ohio for over five years, owner Jenny Hale moved to Tiffin last year and opened the Secret Seamstress in the Laird Building.



The thriving shop quickly outgrew its first location, however, and the Secret Seamstress just celebrated its re-opening at a new nearby location with a much-expanded range of services. Small businesses like Jenny's make the 88th District a better place to live, and we can't wait to see how The Secret Seamstress continues to grow!

Great Big Gibsonburg Lemonade Stand

Gibsonburg's Great Big Lemonade Stand, a unique annual tradition of hosting a [community sale for young entrepreneurs](#), was a resounding success this year. The event, organized by Gibsonburg Village Administrator Marc Glotzbecker, brought in 75 local young participants and 40 booths selling crafts, baked goods, lemonade, and more.



Rep. Click was happy to attend, visit with the entrepreneurs, and as always, take home some goodies!

Honoring Former Fostoria Mayor Eric Keckler

Former Mayor of Fostoria Eric Keckler retired from the position earlier this year after 12 years of service. [Rep. Click had the privilege of extending a commendation letter to Mr. Keckler](#) when he attended Fostoria's city council meeting on the 16th.



Rep. Jon Cross and Rep. Haraz Ghanbari jointly authored the commendation letter, which extends thanks to the former mayor, who continues his service as the city's Safety and Service Director.

Upcoming Events

- **The Ohio House of Representatives remains on summer recess** until the current election cycle ends in November.

I will continue to keep you abreast of the most important developments in Rep. Click's office through this bi-weekly newsletter, but I would ask that you do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have!

Thanks!

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