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Ohio House District 14

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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, & Clark-Fulton Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

Welcome to 2025! On Tuesday, November 5, I was re-elected to represent Ohio House District 14 by an overwhelming vote of Democratic, Republican, and Independent voters. Let me just say how honored and humbled I am to have been selected to serve another term in the Ohio General Assembly. Anyone who knows me knows how seriously I take my role and that I represent ALL of my constituents regardless of political party.

Due to redistricting, the configuration of District 14 has changed. While I continue to serve all of Parma and Parma Heights, I now also represent the residents of the Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, and Clark-Fulton neighborhoods of Cleveland. Know that I will be a strong voice for all of the communities I serve at the Ohio Statehouse.

I very much look forward with anticipation to taking my solemn oath of office on January 6. Know that, although my district only includes the areas I mentioned, the decisions I make impact the lives of all 11.8 million Ohioans. This service is the biggest honor of my life and proves that in America even the product of a broken home can grow up to make a difference in their community. I pledge to work my hardest to ensure that my work makes life better for you.

As always, if my office may ever be of service, please contact us. I also invite you to visit my website to learn more about how I am serving you and to sign up for this monthly newsletter, which I write myself. You can also read all of my past newsletters going back to January, 2023.

Let me be among the first to say Happy New Year to you! I pray that we are all blessed with the best year of our lives and that northeast Ohio, the state of Ohio, and our great nation will thrive. I am continually honored to serve you!

Sincerely,



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As State Representative, one of my top priorities is advocating for more affordable and accessible health care for all Ohioans. Recently, I was privileged to meet with MetroHealth President and CEO Christine Alexander-Rager, MD at my Statehouse office. I look forward to working with her to further our shared goal.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan's First Term Highlights

In my first term I worked hard to excel at all three of the top jobs of a state legislator: (1) constituents services, (2) supporting policies to improve the quality of life for all Ohioans, and (3) supporting bringing back home from Columbus as much of our taxpayer treasure as possible to address the needs of our local communities and residents. With the experience and know-how I gained during my first term, my plan is to be even more effective for you and our communities in my second term!



100s and 100s of constituents assisted who contacted my office

5 Bills Signed Into Law by the Governor

- HB 184: To ensure donation bins benefit true charities
- HB 195: To create an adaptive automobile dealer license
- HB 308: To include energy created by nuclear reaction as green energy
- HB 360: To designate Ukrainian Independence Day as a State Holiday
- HB 466: Requires Real Estate Professionals to Sign Contracts with Clients
- Sponsor of more bills than all 132 members of the Ohio General Assembly
- Served on Six Full Committees, three of which were the busiest of the State Legislature
 - *State and Local Government Committee (Ranking Member)
 - *Primary and Secondary Education Committee
 - *Ways and Means Committee (Taxes)
 - *Public Utilities Committee
 - *Public Pensions Committee
 - *Sunshine Review Committee (Oversight of State Boards and Commissions)
- Named most bipartisan legislator in the Ohio General Assembly
- 96% bipartisan voting record

Hundreds of Millions of Dollars To Improve our Quality of Life (Top Examples)

- \$13,500,000,000 Job Creating Transportation Funding
- \$100,400,000 State Capital Funding for Projects Throughout Cuyahoga County
- \$700,000 University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Breast Cancer Center
- \$28,600 Parma's VFW Post 1974 Roof Project
- \$500,000 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- \$2,000,000 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Primate Forest Rainforest Renovation Project
- \$125,000 Body Cameras for the Parma, Parma Heights, and Metroparks Police
- \$6,700,000 Disaster Recovery Following Tornadoes in Cuyahoga County
- \$18,800,000 Brownfield Cleanup in Cuyahoga County
- \$44,300,000 Building Demolition and Site Remediation in Cuyahoga County
- \$23,000,000 Building Demolition and Site Remediation in Cleveland
- \$300,000 Parma Heights Urban Forestry Program
- \$4,160,000 Parma Schools Career Technical Construction Program
- \$2,000,000 Irishtown Bend Park

Top Ohio Sponsors

House Sponsors	# Bills
Rep. Sean Brennan [D]	291
Rep. Allison Russo [D]	244
Rep. Michele Grim [D]	232
Rep. Richard Dell'Aquila [D]	215
Rep. Josh Williams [R]	215

Senate Sponsors	# Bills
Sen. William DeMora [D]	276
Sen. Jerry Cirino [R]	272
Sen. Hearcel Craig [D]	244
Sen. Andrew Brenner [R]	230
Sen. Theresa Gavarone [R]	230

Top Ohio Committees

House Committees	# Bills
Government Oversight	72
State and Local Government	49
Criminal Justice	47
Primary and Secondary Education	45
Ways and Means	40

Senate Committees	# Bills
Transportation	44
Judiciary	37
General Government	35
Ways and Means	35
Health	26

Governor Signs Another One of State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan's Bills

Going back to my years as a member of Parma City Council I have been concerned about the integrity of donation collection bins. I was always skeptical about whether or not the donations of clothing and other articles were actually benefitting charitable causes. My research on the sketchy outfits that placed many of them was a work in futility. My concern was that legitimate charities were being “boxed-out” by seeming for-profit actors.

In recent years you may have noticed that these donation receptacles have been proliferating everywhere you go. As a result, as you can imagine, my concerns have grown. That is why when I was elected to the Ohio General Assembly two year ago, I joined forces with Rep. Adam Bird, a fellow public school educator from the Cincinnati area who shared my concerns. With the help of the Ohio Attorney General's office, Goodwill Industries, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, and others, we crafted House Bill (H.B.) 184.

The Ohio Attorney General's office corroborated what my gut told me all along - that some for-profit entities have been found to place donation bins that are nearly identical to their non-profit counterparts. In fact, Corey Jordan, the Attorney General's Director of Policy and Legislation, explained that the bins in question are “deceptive to the public who might otherwise think twice about donating items to a for-profit entity when they intended their donation for a charitable purpose.”

Our bipartisan bill requires that donation collection bins display visible information regarding the beneficiary organization, including where the donated goods end up, contact information for the entity, and how to access the financial agreement between any professional solicitor and the benefiting charity. Benefitting organizations seeking to place bins will also have to file an application with the Attorney General who will vet them as legitimately benefitting charities.

H.B. 184 will establish transparency requirements and enforce compliance, ensuring that donations genuinely serve their intended charitable purposes, including veterans' organizations, Special Olympics, Goodwill, and other legitimate charities, and that donations reach those who genuinely need them.

The bill also includes language that will prohibit charitable solicitors from utilizing robo-calls to solicit donations and that any entities soliciting via phone keep records of their scripts and recordings of calls for review by the Attorney General's office.

The Ohio House of Representatives passed our bill by a vote of 89-1, while the Senate passed it 28-0. We were very pleased that Governor Mike DeWine signed the bill into law on December 19 and look forward to its enforcement.

My counterpart and I contend that the deceptive practices undermine trust in the charitable sector. Ohioans can now rest assured that when they seek to donate items to charity that they are, in fact, benefitting a charity. It is high time we outed for-profit operators who deceive the public by giving the impression that their bins are furthering a charitable cause. This is a big win for our legitimate charitable organizations and those they serve. I am honored to have worked with Rep. Bird on this important bipartisan legislation. This bill is another example of how, when Democrats and Republicans work together, good policies that benefit all Ohioans result.

Regards charitable solicitations Long Title +

Introduced In House → In House Committee → Reported By Committee → Passed By House → Sent To The Governor

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State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Out and About in December



Clockwise: Meeting with the leaders of the Ohio Police Benevolent Association (O.P.B.A.), Greeting the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 572 before the Parma Christmas parade, Volunteering at the Cleveland Foodbank with friends, Volunteering at Cleveland Councilwoman Jasmin Santana's Christmas Program, Meeting with the leaders of the Cleveland Spanish American Committee, Meeting with a resident who contacted me at Café Blanc in Parma Heights, Out on a morning run from my home in Parma through Old Brooklyn and back, Greeting members of the Parma Police Department at the end of the Parma Christmas parade, Greeting the excellent Valley Forge High School Marching Band following the Parma Christmas parade.

