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

Dear District 14 Resident:

May was a typical busy month for me at the Ohio Statehouse, as you will see in this month's issue. I am very happy to report that I passed my first bill of the new 2025-2026 session out of the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 96-0. House Bill (H.B.) 130 will require that when Ohioans apply for and are approved for Medicaid that they are informed about the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

H.B. 130 is a bill that I reintroduced with my Republican colleague Rep. Jeff LaRe. We tried to get this bill passed last term, but ran out of time. Therefore, we reintroduced it and, happily, it is now making traction. Too many Ohioans are signing up for Medicaid not realizing that when they pass, their assets can be seized to reimburse the state for the services they were provided. I have heard horror stories about folks quitting their private insurance after being told that Medicaid is "free."

There are even stories of loved ones living with their parent as their caregiver, finding a lien being placed on their home after their parent passes. As you can imagine, this can devastate lives. Our bill requires that Medicaid applicants be fully informed in layman's terms about the financial consequences of the estate recovery program. It also will require that folks be given resources to assist with estate planning.

H.B. 130 has led another one of my Republican colleagues and I collaborating on decreasing what is recoverable by the state under the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program. More on that bill in a later issue. In the meantime, if my office may ever be of service, we welcome your call or email. 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. It remains an honor to serve you!

Sincerely,

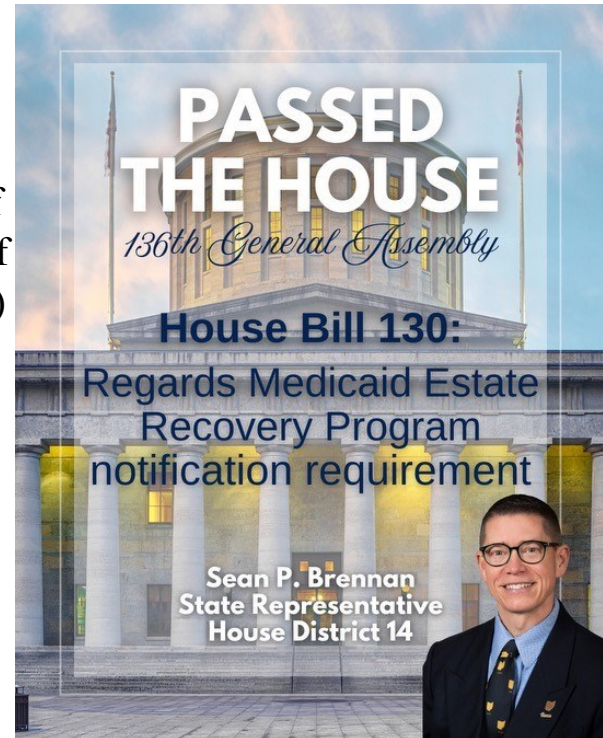
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In May I spent a Friday evening riding with members of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. I came away thoroughly impressed with how dedicated our deputies are to ensuring our safety from the core of downtown Cleveland to our suburbs.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan 2025 ADAMHS Board Helping Hands Award Recipient

Like most folks, throughout my life, I have been impacted by loved ones ravaged by drug abuse, mental health challenges, and suicide. In fact, some of my earliest childhood memories involve my father's alcoholism and when my uncle, Eugene, took his own life while struggling with addiction. Further, over the years as a school teacher I served many students who struggled mentally, abused drugs, and, yes, I sadly lost some who took their own lives. I even lost my beautiful niece, Haleigh, in 2024 whose mental health diagnosis lead to a drug overdose.

Each of these events and more were devastating and haunt me to this day. That is why I have channeled the overwhelming sadness each of these events brought to my life to using my position as an elected official to support policies to help those in need and to bring awareness to help that is available.

I was honored beyond words when I was selected by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County for their 2025 Helping Hands Award. According to them, "The Helping Hands Awards recognize outstanding individuals and organizations that embody the Board's mission, have positively impacted the lives of people living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders, and/or helped alleviate stigma and bring awareness to important behavioral health issues in Cuyahoga County." You may watch the video the Board produced about me at <http://bit.ly/3GTEmf2>.



Suicide Prevention, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Services are available for children and adults in Cuyahoga County

Morning

Noon

and Night

Connect with services by calling **216-623-6888** or **988**



Learn more about
Crisis Services in Cuyahoga County at
adamhscc.org/crisis



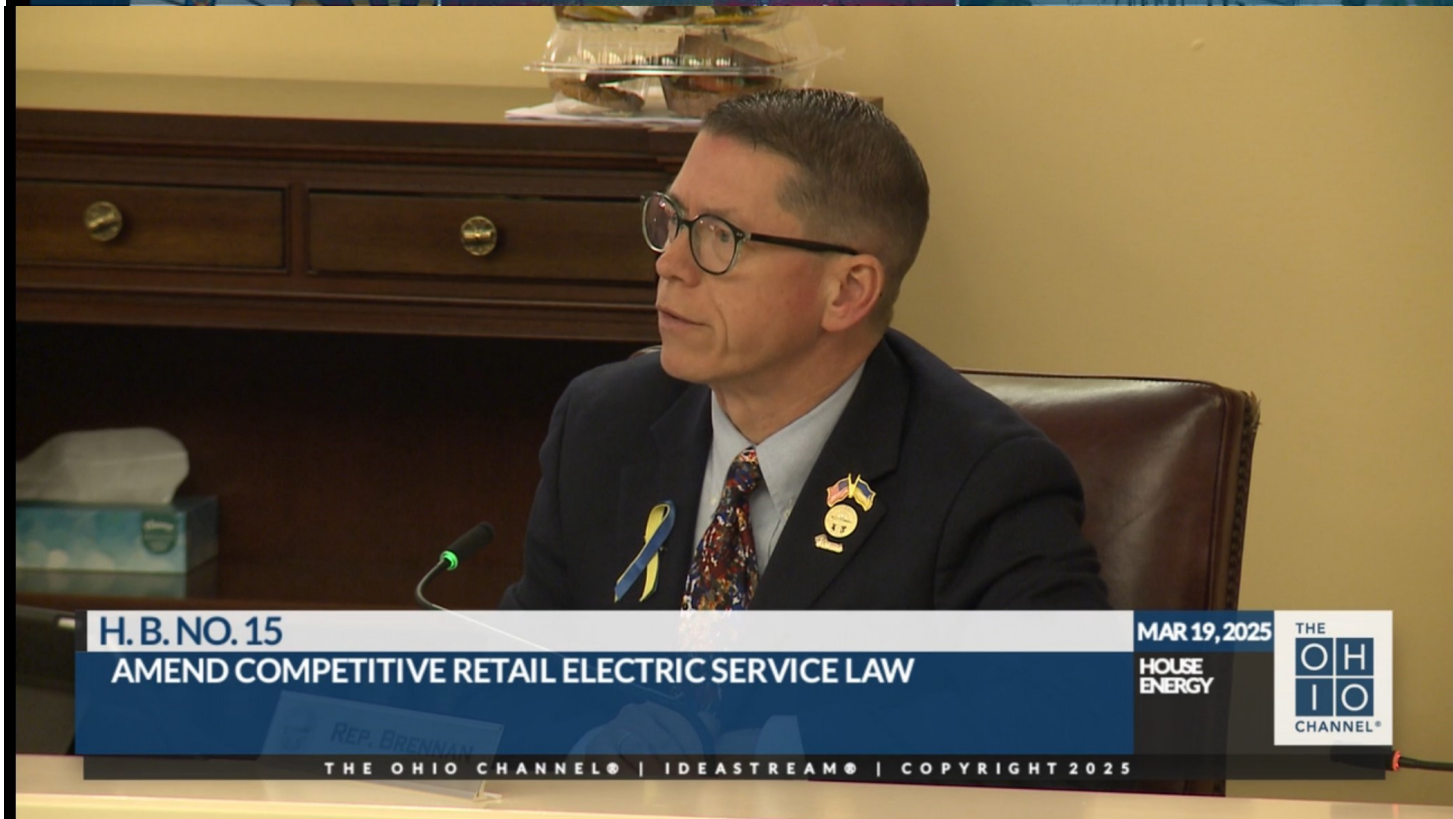
State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Takes Pride in Commending Constituents

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my position as State Representative is commending constituents for their achievements. Whether it is a significant birthday or wedding anniversary, teachers or students doing great things in the classroom, personal achievements, community service, a significant personal milestone or that of a community organization, or the opening of a new business, I am constantly on the lookout for individuals and entities deserving of being recognized by my Statehouse office, such as recognizing Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 33 in Parma for their generous support of the community. I invite you to reach out to my office to provide us with your suggestions regarding commendations for those deserving of recognition.



Please call in or send your commendation ideas to State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan's office at 614-466-3485 or Rep14@OhioHouse.gov

State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan's Initiative Will Save Ohioans \$500 Million



UPDATE: As a member of Parma City Council and now your state representative, I have always considered myself a consumer hawk. Growing up in a single-parent household, my mom struggled to pay for food, the electric bill, and the lot space for our little mobile home. God forbid she need a new tire or a pipe burst requiring a plumber. I know now that the Lord put me through those difficult times to prepare me for my public service and I put my life experience to use every day at the Ohio Statehouse to be a voice for you - in hopes of playing my part in improving your quality of life.

For instance, in the House of Representatives Energy Committee I am honored to speak for you and all of Ohio's consumers who are paying hundreds of millions of dollars in hidden charges every year on utility bills. In fact, ever since you sent me to Columbus in 2023, I have been fighting to end one of these charges on your electric bill that has cost Ohioans over \$500 million! This charge was added to your bill in 2020 due to H.B. 6 – the most corrupt bill ever passed in state history - which subsidizes two 1950s coal powered electric plants - one of which is located in Indiana!

I am very happy to report that my proposal, which will save Ohioans who pay an electric bill one-half a billion dollars, was recently amended into a large energy reform bill by my colleagues and I on the committee. Amazingly, the bill ended up passing in both the House and Senate and was recently signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine.

No one ever dreamed that this proposal would ever be approved, due to the immense power of the big utilities. Coming off of this win, I also recently introduced a bipartisan bill that will require utilities to provide you with a more transparent monthly bill that explains in easily-understood terms all of the charges on your bill. Currently many of these charges, as mentioned above, are hidden. More on the *Utility Bill Transparency Act* next month. In the meantime, I remain overwhelmed with a sense of honor and humility that I am successfully using my position to benefit your pocketbook.

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<https://ohiochannel.org/>

Please visit the Ohio Channel to watch me working for you at the Ohio Statehouse. You can either search my last name or click on any of the following bodies upon which I currently serve to watch: Ohio House Local Government, Energy, Public Insurance and Pensions, or Education committees, Ohio House and Senate Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, Ohio Retirement Study Commission, or the Ohio House of Representatives (sessions).

State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Prides Himself on Being an Accessible Public Servant



1 - Meeting for breakfast at Gus's in Old Brooklyn with Cleveland Councilman Kris Harsh to talk about city and state issues. 2 - Meeting for coffee at Love's Coffee in Parma with Parma Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Neethu Sindhu to discuss how we can support small businesses. 3 - Meeting in Columbus with Parma resident Lisa Yanak to talk about insurance and financial advising policy in Ohio. 4 - Meeting with Old Brooklyn resident Michael Pellegrino to talk about elder care policy in Ohio. 5 - Please consider giving blood by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. 6 - Meeting with Parma Heights City Council President Tom Rounds to talk about his plans to make the community an even better place to live and how I can assist. 7 - Volunteering at Thoreau Park Elementary School's Family Night. 8 - I have been taking my vehicles to Palmiero Brother's on Ridge Road in Parma for maintenance and repair for decades. 9 - Saying hello to some friends in the Parma Auxiliary Police and Parma Heights Police Departments during the Memorial Day parade.

