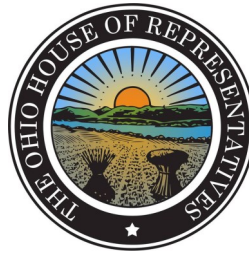


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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

In odd numbered years, the Ohio General Assembly is tasked with passing the state biennial operating budget. As I type, we are completing work on the 2026 - 2027 \$200 billion state budget.

The budget process includes the following steps: Governor DeWine presents his proposal to the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio House amends the budget, then sends it to the Ohio Senate who makes their own changes to it, the Senate then sends it back to the House for a vote, typically the House rejects it, sending it to a conference committee to work out the differences, followed by an up or down vote in both chambers, then on to the Governor for signature, veto, or line item veto. Yes, the Governor can veto the entire budget or reject certain items he does not support. A super-majority vote of both Houses of the General Assembly can override the veto(es) of the Governor.

I am sad to report that I voted "NO" on the first two versions of the budget. You see, a state budget should include a set of proposals that uplifts and transforms the lives of the 12 million residents that my 131 colleagues and I serve. Simply said, I have not been convinced that the budget, in its current form, does that. Instead, I see a big payoff for the wealthiest Ohioans at the expense of the rest of us.

For instance, the proposal includes a very unpopular \$600 million subsidy to the Haslam family for a new Brown's stadium using your money and a flat tax proposal that will only lower taxes for the wealthiest Ohioans - very few in District 14 will save anything substantial. The flat tax proposal will mean \$1.4 billion less in revenue to the state, which is why the budget does not include substantive property tax relief for Ohioans who need it and includes cuts to our public libraries, schools, health care, local police and fire departments, street repair programs, and other local services. As I type, everyone here at the Statehouse is anxiously awaiting the final version of the 5,000+ page budget. More on the final budget and my property tax relief bills next month...

As always, 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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At the end of the school year I took treats to over 30 schools throughout District 14 to say thank you to the teachers and staff for their service to our students and community. As a veteran teacher, I know these little things go a long way.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Assists Resident Seek Their Unclaimed Funds

Ever since I served on Parma City Council, I have been educating constituents about unclaimed funds that they are due and assisting them in obtaining those funds. The Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Unclaimed Funds is responsible for safeguarding funds that have been left unclaimed by individuals and organizations. These funds could be from various sources, such as forgotten bank accounts, insurance policies, utility deposits, uncashed checks, and more.

Check your Unclaimed Funds Today!

The new system is designed to make it easier to claim your funds.

\$4.8 Billion

Currently being safeguarded by the state of Ohio.

\$150 Million

was refunded to 26,000 claimants during FY 2024.



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and Management

I urge you to take immediate action to claim what is rightfully yours.

To initiate the process of reclaiming your funds, please follow these steps:

- 1.) Visit the official website for the Division of Unclaimed Funds at: <https://com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/unclaimed-funds/about-unclaimed-funds>
 - 2.) Use the provided search function on the website to enter your name and other relevant details.
 - 3.) Review the search results carefully & identify the claims associated with your name.
- Follow the instructions provided on the website to submit your claim.

State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Enjoys Meeting with Constituents

As your state representative, I am elected to serve you to the best of my ability. In order for me to do that, I know that I need to keep my constituents close. Along those lines, I strive to be an accessible statesman by attending as many community events as possible, returning phone calls, responding to emails and letters, and meeting with residents.

In fact, one of my favorite things to do is meet with residents to discuss what is on their minds. This helps me to be a better representative by letting me

know what issues are important to my constituents. Armed with this information, I can walk into committee and other meetings with real-world examples of what folks are going through and how policies affect them. This information also informs my policy positions because I know that I have to vote my district.

Along those lines, I invite you to reach out to my office via email, letter, or phone call. I am also willing to meet with you in the district or at my Statehouse office in Columbus to discuss your concerns, ideas, and suggestions. It is a true honor to serve you.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan often meets with residents in the district—typically over coffee—to learn from them.

Ohio House of Representatives Advances State Rep. Brennan's Bipartisan Reform to Protect Children

COLUMBUS— State Reps. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) and Josh Williams (R-Sylvania Twp.) today announced the Ohio House of Representatives' passage of House Bill (HB) 168. The bipartisan bill would bring Ohio's child enticement statute into compliance with constitutional standards while strengthening protections for children across the state.

In 2014, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the existing child enticement statute was overly broad and could lead to criminal charges for innocent, constitutionally protected behavior. HB 168 provides a clear and enforceable fix.

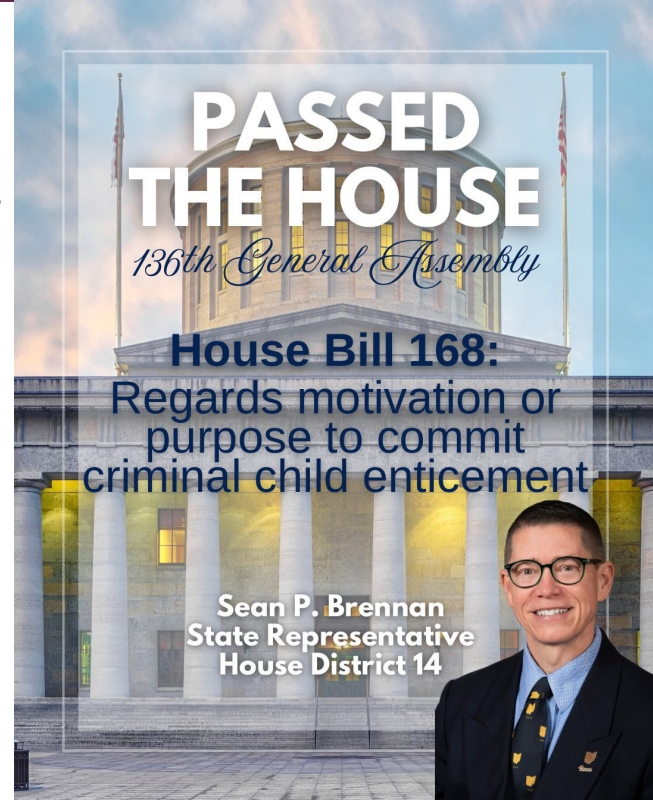
"We must protect our children from harm—but we also must ensure our laws are constitutional and targeted," said **Rep. Brennan**. "House Bill 168 strikes that balance. It ensures that only those acting with harmful intent can be prosecuted while closing a dangerous enforcement gap for law enforcement and prosecutors."

Key provisions of **HB 168** include:

- Narrowing the scope of the statute to apply only when a person entices a child with sexual motivation or an unlawful purpose;
- Increasing penalties for offenses with sexual motivation—from a first-degree misdemeanor to a fifth-degree felony, with enhancements up to a third-degree felony for repeat offenders with prior convictions for similar offenses;

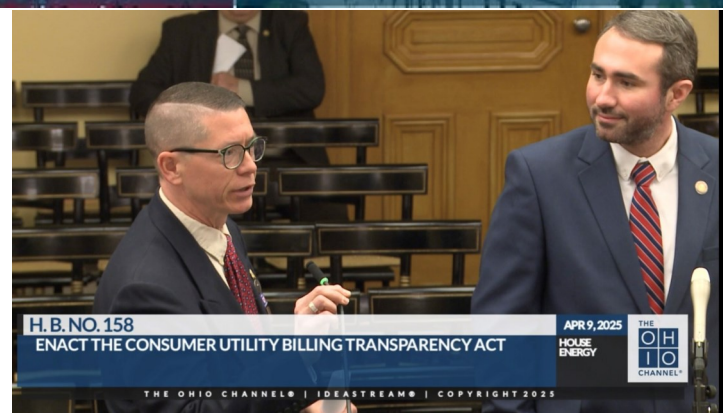
Law enforcement officials have expressed frustration with the current statute's unenforceability, and this bill reflects their input. "We owe it to Ohio's families to ensure our legal tools are both just and effective," added **Rep. Brennan**. "I'm proud to have worked across the aisle to make this happen."

HB 168 now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration.



State Rep. Brennan's Bipartisan Utility Bill Transparency Act Receives Hearings in House Energy Committee

Recently, I introduced and provided sponsor testimony in the Ohio House of Representatives Energy Committee on House Bill (H.B.) 158, the *Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act*, to ensure that every Ohioan can clearly understand their electric, natural gas, and water bills. Far too often, residents are left confused by hidden fees and vague line items, making it nearly impossible to track usage, question charges, or budget effectively. This bipartisan, common-sense bill requires utility providers to issue itemized, easy-to-read bills that break down all charges—from supply and distribution costs to taxes, riders, and fees. It doesn't add regulations or costs for companies—it simply brings transparency and accountability to a system that affects every household. When people understand what they're paying for, they can make informed choices and better manage their expenses. Ohio families deserve no less. The bill has the support of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the Ohio Environmental Council, and many others.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan

Prides Himself on Being an Accessible Public Servant



1- I was honored to be the keynote speaker at the Spanish American Committee's Building Dreams Home Buying Expo at CentroVilla 25; 2 - Saying hello to Parma's first responders at Rib 'n Rock 2025; 3 - My family has been blessed by Fr. Carlin who recently retired as the Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish—hard to believe he married Deena and I 31 years ago July 9!; 4 - Meeting with the hard working Cleveland Councilwoman Jasmin Santana to discuss state and city issues; 5 - Attending the



Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Safety Meeting with Councilman Kris Harsh and engaged residents from the neighborhood; 6 - It was an honor to speak to a large group of girl scouts at the Parma Powers Library - our future leaders; 7 - Thanking members of the Ohio Highway Patrol for keeping me, my family, and my staff safe; 8- Meeting with folks from the National Federation for the Blind at my Statehouse office; 9 - I have



been a sponsor of the Big Creek Cleanup for many years - thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to "pitch in" this year; 10 - Speaking to members of Parma's elite police department; 11 - Posing with some Parma residents who came to the Statehouse to testify on my bipartisan Pledge of Allegiance bill in the House Education Committee - Cynthia Boehnlein, Shirley Kessler, Gary Skelley, and others; 12 - Fellow Representative Tristan Rader (Lakewood) and I hanging



out with our friends at the Cleveland Sight Center's White Cane Walk; 13 - Getting some love from one of the Parma Police Department's newest K-9 officers.

