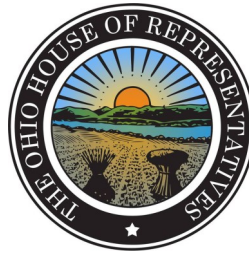


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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

Recently, I was contacted by a resident in her 80s. I called her on my way home from the Statehouse in Columbus and we talked for about a half-hour. Once we covered what she reached out to me about, she talked about how lonely she is. Her husband passed several years ago, they never had children, and her friends don't call anymore. Needless to say, this broke my heart.

This is certainly not the first time a constituent has shared with me their feelings of loneliness. I was so moved by our conversation that I posted about it on my social media accounts encouraging folks to reach out to their neighbors and loved ones who might not have a strong social network. Maybe you know someone who might need a little of your time. In fact, may I suggest we all make a commitment to do this at least once a month? I guarantee you will get as much out of it as the other person will.

If you are feeling a little lonely at times, may I suggest a visit to your local adult activities, senior, or recreation center? Here are a few examples:

Parma Donna Smallwood Activities Center - 7010 Powers Blvd. 440-885-8800
<https://cityofparma-oh.gov/262/Donna-Smallwood-Activities-Center-55>

Parma Heights Senior Center - 9275 N. Church Dr. 440-888-4416
<https://parmaheightsoh.gov/senior-center/>

City of Cleveland Department of Aging - 216-664-2833
<https://www.clevelandohio.gov/city-hall/departments/aging>

Seven Hills Recreation Center - 7777 Summit View Dr. 216-524-6262
<https://www.sevenhillsohio.org/recreation-center-membership>
-Parma Residents may join, as a result of an agreement made when I served on Parma City Council.

Cuyahoga County Senior & Adult Services - 216-420-6700
<https://hhs.cuyahogacounty.gov/divisions/detail/senior-and-adult-services>

As always, I welcome your calls and emails, if my office may ever be of assistance. Praying for your happiness and health. See you out in the district.

Sincerely,

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Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Call the American Red Cross at 800-GIVE-LIFE or visit them at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html or find-drive



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Continues to Amplify Your Voice for Lower Utility Prices

Ohio lawmakers scrutinize FirstEnergy's proposed \$190M rate hike

COLUMBUS, Ohio (WSYX) —

As Ohioans grapple with rising utility costs amid extreme weather, some state lawmakers are expressing concern over a proposed rate hike by FirstEnergy. The company has requested that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approve a \$190 million increase, arguing that current base distribution rates are insufficient for reasonable electric distribution compensation.

FirstEnergy's request comes as the PUCO faces scrutiny for its involvement in the House Bill 6 scandal, which implicated former PUCO leader Sam Randazzo and former House Speaker Larry Householder.

State Representative Sean Brennan (Parma) voiced frustration shared by many residents over utility bills.

"The utilities really have an inordinate amount of power, despite the fact that the power should really rest in the hands of the people," said Brennan. He added, "If things were done in a more transparent manner, I think they'd have a lot more credibility."

Both the PUCO and First Energy declined to comment on the House Bill 6 hearings but stated that the rate increase request "aims to recover costs of providing distribution service to customers, including significant service reliability improvements made in recent years."

Earlier this year, AEP Ohio also sought a rate increase from the PUCO, which would raise residential base rates by nearly \$4 per month for those using an average of 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month. AEP noted that resources such as payment arrangements and energy management tools are available to assist customers.

The PUCO's review process for these rate increases is expected to take more than a year.

<https://cwcolumbus.com/news/local/ohio-lawmakers-scrutinize-firstenergys-proposed-190m-rate-hike-public-utilities-commission>



Since you selected me to serve you in the Ohio House of Representatives, I have been a stalwart consumer advocate. My empathy for folks who are struggling with finances these days stems from my childhood when my single mom worked many hours a week and still struggled to make ends meet. Rest assured that you have someone who sincerely cares about you and your quality of life at the Ohio Statehouse! My service on the Ohio House Energy Committee places me in the perfect position to be your voice to push back on utilities who constantly

State Representative Brennan Supports Legal Aid Society

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland provides free services in civil (not criminal) matters, including the areas of consumer rights, disability, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities, and taxes. Below is an upcoming free clinic in District 14:

Saturday, Sept. 20 (10:00 - 11:00 am) - Parma
Cuyahoga County Public Library - 6996 Powers Blvd.

888-817-3777 - lasclev.org



State Rep. Brennan Passes Bipartisan Reform Bill to Protect Children

I am pleased to share that the Ohio House of Representatives recently passed (97-0) House Bill 168, legislation I sponsored with Rep. Josh Williams (R-Sylvania Twp.) to strengthen Ohio's child enticement statute while ensuring it is both constitutional and enforceable.

This bipartisan bill is an important step forward in keeping children safe while also upholding the constitutional protections all Ohioans deserve.

The need for this legislation stems from a 2014 Ohio Supreme Court ruling (*State v. Romage*) that found the existing statute overly broad and unenforceable. That ruling left law enforcement without a clear tool to prosecute dangerous behavior. HB 168 provides that much-needed clarity

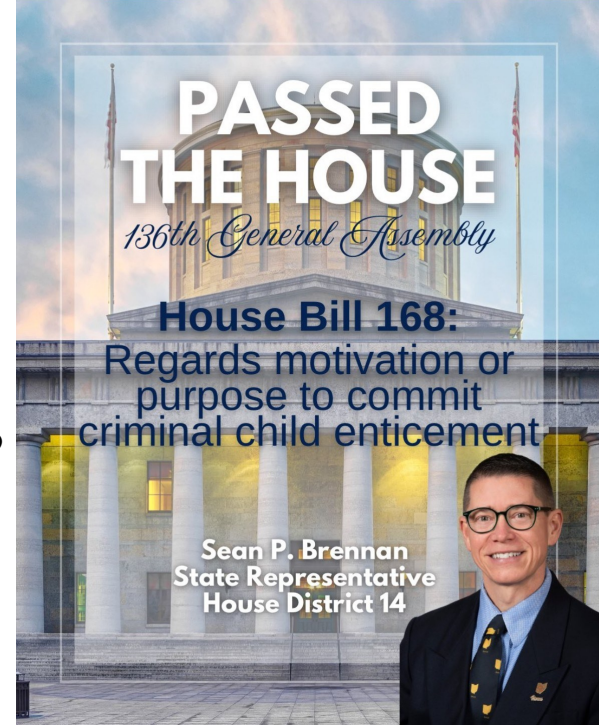
Key provisions of HB 168 include:

- Narrowing the law so that it applies when a child is enticed with sexual motivation or an unlawful purpose.
- Increasing penalties for sexual-motivation cases, elevating them from a first-degree misdemeanor to a fifth-degree felony, with further enhancements for repeat offenders.
- Clarifying what constitutes "unlawful purpose" in non-sexual cases.

Law enforcement leaders have told us they need this fix, and their input helped shape the bill. I also want to recognize former State Rep. Richard Dell'Aquila, who introduced a version of this legislation in the last General Assembly and laid important groundwork for our success.

As I said on the House floor: "We must protect our children from harm—but we also must ensure our laws are constitutional and targeted. House Bill 168 strikes that balance."

The bill now moves to the Ohio Senate for further consideration. I look forward to continuing this bipartisan work to protect Ohio's children.



State Rep. Brennan Strives to be an Accessible Public Servant

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 Out and About

L-R: The love of my life and I celebrated 31 years of matrimony recently. Thank you for being my rock, Love. Saying hello to members of Parma's elite police department at the Ukrainian Independence Day parade. Meeting with Metrohealth CEO Dr. Christine Alexander-Rager to talk about healthcare issues. Meeting with Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent Dr. Lisa Petit. Greeting new Parma teachers.



State Rep. Brennan Selected for Prestigious National Leadership Development Fellowship

COLUMBUS — **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan** today announced that the Council of State Governments (CSG) has named him among the 48 public servants from 34 states and U.S. territories selected to the 2025 class of the CSG Henry Toll Fellowship.

The nation's most prestigious leadership development program for state government officials will gather the selected Toll Fellows in Lexington, Kentucky for the program's 38th convening.

"I'm honored to be selected for the Toll Fellowship by the Council of State Governments. This opportunity to learn alongside innovative leaders from across the country will help me better serve the people of Ohio. I look forward to bringing home fresh ideas, deeper connections, and new tools to tackle the challenges facing our communities. I also want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who nominated me for this honor," said **Rep. Brennan**.

Rep. Brennan is a lifelong educator with 30 years of experience in middle and high school classrooms. **Rep. Brennan** also served on Parma City Council for 19 years, including 13 years as council president. Previously recognized as the "Most Bipartisan Legislator" and holding a 96% bipartisan voting record, he serves as the ranking member of the Public Insurance and Pensions Committee and also sits on the Ohio House Education, Energy, and Local Government committees, the Ohio Retirement Study Council, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Since 1986, CSG has welcomed a new class of CSG Henry Toll Fellows to its community of state elected and appointed officials for this immersive five-day training. Program sessions equip Toll Fellows to communicate, collaborate and lead more effectively — while fostering lasting, nonpartisan relationships.

"The challenges facing today's state leaders are daunting and the pace of change is accelerating," said **CSG Executive Director/CEO David Adkins**, a former Kansas state senator and 1993 CSG Henry Toll Fellow alumnus. "Now, more than ever, our nation needs state leaders who know how to bring people together to get stuff done. The CSG Toll Fellows are among our nation's best leaders. I hope this program helps empower them to deliver results for the citizens they serve."

Toll Fellows are selected through a competitive process led by program alumni, with nominations submitted by peers. Those selected participate in "graduate-level" programming that builds on CSG regional leadership development efforts.

