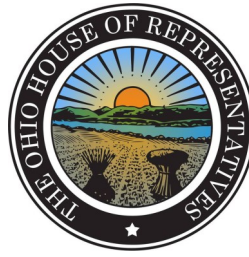


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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

Last month I challenged us all to reach out to someone who might need a little of our time at least once a month? I also suggested that if you are feeling a little lonely at times that you consider a visit to your local adult activities, senior, or recreation center.

On Thursday, September 18, I had the honor of visiting the Parma Donna Smallwood Activities Center, as I often do, to celebrate their 60th anniversary. While there I spoke to Parma resident **Linda Renfro**. She shared that after her mother's passing she was lost, depressed, and very lonely. She decided one day to visit the Smallwood Center, which changed her life. She told me with a smile about the many friends she now has and what joy the Center has brought to her life. I want this same blessing for anyone feeling lonely in District 14. Personally, I think I may have some type of separation disorder probably going back to when my dad abandoned me when I was a child. I just don't like being alone. In fact the toughest times are when I am in my hotel room in Columbus, especially being away from my wife. That's why I spend as little time in my room as possible and why I am out and about so much. I just love being with people, which is one of the greatest things about my position. So get out there - you have many friends you didn't even know about. Praying for your well being.

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

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

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

Seven Hills Recreation Center - 7777 Summit View Dr. 216-524-6262
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
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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Here I am with Linda Renfro - one of my many friends at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. If you have not visited, I highly recommend you do. You have many friends you have never even met!



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan's Utility Subsidy Fight Results in \$500 Million in Customer Savings

COLUMBUS — **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (Parma)** today announced that **House (HB) Bill 15**, which includes his provision to eliminate the controversial Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) coal plant subsidy, takes effect today.

“This is a big win for Ohio consumers,” said **Rep. Brennan**. “For years, Ohioans have been forced to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to subsidize two outdated coal plants — one of which isn’t even in Ohio. I’m proud that my provision in HB 15 finally ends this unnecessary, corruption-tainted subsidy.”

The OVEC subsidies were created in 2019 as part of the scandal-ridden House Bill 6, which federal prosecutors have called the largest public corruption case in Ohio’s history. Under the law, Ohio utility customers were required to pay monthly surcharges to subsidize the plants, regardless of whether they received electricity from OVEC. Since the policy took effect, Ohioans have paid hundreds of millions of dollars with no clear public benefit.

“With this provision, we’re putting an end to a bad deal for ratepayers and sending a message that Ohio’s energy policy should serve the public, not special interests,” said **Rep. Brennan**. “This is about protecting working families, lowering utility costs, and restoring integrity to state government.”

Rep. Brennan, who has repeatedly introduced and supported legislation to repeal the subsidies, said today's effective date marks a major step forward but also underscores the need to continue rooting out wasteful spending tied to HB 6.

“This fight was never about partisan politics — it was about doing the right thing,” concluded **Rep. Brennan**. “Ohio families deserve an energy policy that’s affordable, transparent, and focused on the future.”



State Representative Brennan Launches Flag Retirement Initiative

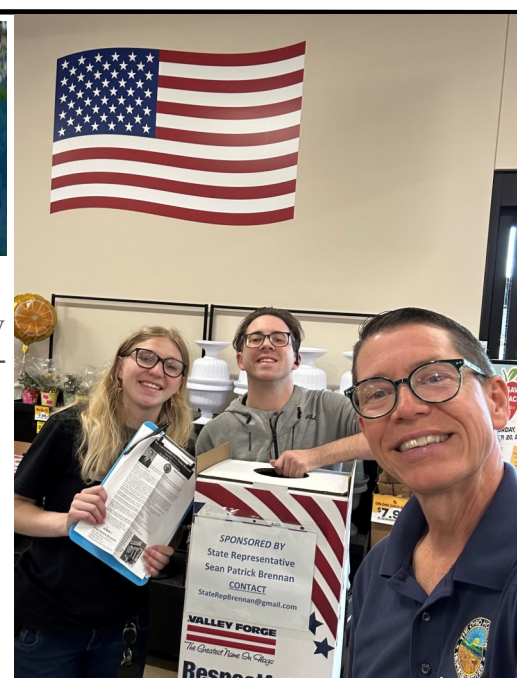
As a former civics teacher and the grandson of a U.S. Navy veteran, I’ve always believed that one of the most meaningful ways we can show respect for our nation is by honoring its most visible symbol - the American flag. That’s why I’m proud to announce the launch of my **Flag Retirement Collection Program**, designed to give residents a respectful and convenient way to retire worn or damaged flags.

Too often, people aren’t sure what to do with an old flag once it’s no longer suitable for display. Rather than letting them sit unused or disposing of them improperly, this program provides a simple and dignified solution.

Specially marked **collection bins** are now available at all **Cuyahoga County Public Library branches in Parma and Parma Heights**, as well as at **Grocery Outlet, 5721 Broadview Road**. Residents can drop off their flags at any time, knowing they will be retired with the honor they deserve.

The collected flags will be handled in accordance with the **U.S. Flag Code** and respectfully retired through ceremonies conducted by **local veterans organizations**. This ensures that each flag is laid to rest with the dignity befitting the ideals it represents.

This program is a **collaborative effort** between my office, local veterans groups, the Cuyahoga County Public Library system, and Grocery Outlet. It will operate **year-round**, giving everyone in our community ongoing access to a proper flag retirement option. I invite you to take part in this effort — not only to ensure our flags are treated with the respect they’ve earned, but also to honor the values and sacrifices they symbolize.



State Rep. Brennan Criticizes State Teacher Retirement System (STRS) Board Undemocratic, Unvetted Overhaul

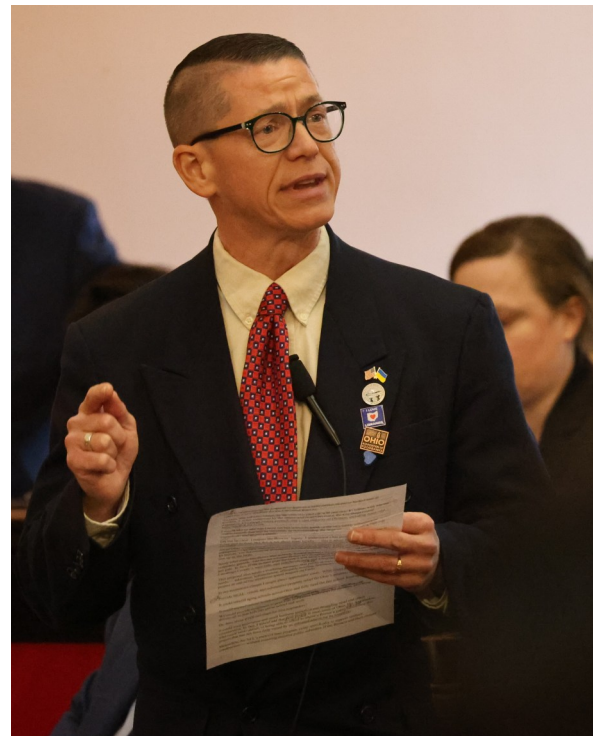
COLUMBUS – **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan**, a retired public school teacher and member of the House Pensions Committee and Ohio Retirement Study Council, today issued the following statement in response to a last-minute proposal to dramatically restructure the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) Board of Trustees:

“The move to strip directly elected teacher and retiree representation from the STRS Board is deeply troubling - both in its substance and the way it was pushed forward - literally in the middle of the night. This structural overhaul was introduced without meaningful transparency, without stakeholder input, and without the careful vetting a change of this magnitude demands. The other state pension systems should take heed, as they could be next.

I have said all along: the structure of the STRS Board is not the fundamental problem. The issue is whether the right people are elected and appointed—people who are ethical, informed, and accountable to the members whose retirement security is at stake.

Rather than strengthening the system, this proposal diminishes the voice of working educators and retirees—those who pay into and rely on STRS every day. Reducing the number of elected contributing and retired members and stacking the board with political appointees not only silences the voices of frontline educators, but risks turning this vital system into a tool for partisan control.

Let me be clear: I believe in oversight and reform when necessary. But reform should mean better transparency, improved member communication, and evidence-based decision-making—not sidelining the very people who built and fund the retirement system. Any change to the STRS Board structure should be developed in the open, with robust public dialogue and participation from the people most affected. This is not reform—it’s a power grab,” said **Rep. Brennan**.



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 remains an honor to serve you.

I attended a recent South Hills neighborhood meeting where I ran into my former student **Keith Kurak**! I am proud of him for volunteering to keep his neighborhood vibrant. We enjoyed a good conversation about his work.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Out and About



*Celebrating 100 years of Parma's German Central with **President Leonhard May** and hundreds of others at Oktoberfest; Honoring Parma's **John Criscione** on his 101st birthday; Welcoming Cuyahoga Community College's new **President Dr. Rebecca Rahschulte**; Attending an event at the wonderful Parma Animal Shelter where **Karen Peter's**, whom I used to teach with, works with many other volunteers.*



State Rep. Brennan Encourages Volunteering for the Parma Police Auxiliary Unit

The City of Parma is proud to have a dedicated group of volunteers who serve alongside our police officers to help keep our community safe — the **Parma Auxiliary Police Unit**.

The Auxiliary Police Unit supports the Parma Police Department by assisting with a wide range of public safety duties, including traffic control, security at local events, and patrol ride-alongs with full-time officers. These volunteer auxiliary officers are an invaluable part of our city's public safety team — helping ensure that community events run smoothly and that residents can enjoy them safely.



If you've ever wanted to make a meaningful difference in your community, consider joining this proud tradition of volunteer service. The Parma Auxiliary Police Unit offers residents an opportunity to contribute directly to public safety, build valuable skills, and work side-by-side with Parma's professional law enforcement officers.

For more information about the program — including how to apply — visit:
www.cityofparmapolice.com/auxiliary_police_unit.php