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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:

One of the greatest honors of serving as State Representative for Ohio's 14th House District is the opportunity to help constituents navigate challenges that directly impact their daily lives. Whether it's cutting through red tape, solving a problem with a state agency, or simply connecting someone with the right resource, my team and I believe that public service starts with being present, responsive, and compassionate.

Recently, my office received a heartfelt message that truly underscored why this work matters. A constituent reached out to share his gratitude for the assistance my team provided to his 94-year-old mother. He wrote:

"McKenna was precise, sincere, and fully engaged from start to finish. She took the time to truly understand our situation and guided us every step of the way... Thanks to her effort—and your support—my mother was able to successfully reapply for and obtain her State ID... That ID means so much to her because it allows her to continue receiving the World War II pension benefits my late father earned."

Stories like this remind me why I ran for office in the first place. Legislative debates and statewide initiatives are important, but the moments that stay with me the most are when we can make a real, meaningful difference for someone who needs help. A State ID may seem like a small thing on paper, but for this family, it meant preserving hard-earned benefits and honoring the legacy of a World War II veteran.

I could not be more proud of McKenna and my entire team. They embody the values of respect, integrity, and dedication that I strive to bring to this work every day. And I am deeply grateful to constituents like Nino Seritti who take the time to share their experiences with us.

To everyone in District 14: please know that if you ever need help navigating an issue with the state, my office is here for you. Serving you isn't just part of the job—it's the heart of the job. As such, I welcome your calls and emails, if my office may ever be of assistance. Best wishes for a bless Christmas and Holiday Season. See you out in the district.

Sincerely.

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Thank you to all of our military Veterans for your service to our exceptional nation!

## State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Honored As Energy Champion

COLUMBUS — State Rep.
Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) has been selected as an inaugural recipient of the NOPEC Energy Champion Award in recognition of his leadership in passing landmark pro-consumer and pro-competition energy reforms in House Bill 15 and Senate Bill 2 earlier this year.



"I have always believed that government should be on the side of the people, not powerful

special interests," said **Rep. Brennan.** "That's why I've worked so hard on energy reform—to increase transparency, strengthen competition, and put more money back into the pockets of hardworking Ohioans. I am honored to receive this award from NOPEC, and I will continue to fight every day for policies that protect consumers and ensure fairness in our energy markets."

In announcing the award, NOPEC leaders commended Rep. Brennan and his colleagues for enacting policies that maximize consumer benefits while ensuring system reliability, maintaining competition, and improving transparency.

The award was presented to Rep. Brennan in person at the Statehouse in November.

NOPEC, the largest governmental energy aggregator in Ohio, provides electricity and natural gas to nearly 250 communities across 20 counties, serving more than 930,000 residential and small business customers.



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 Parma Height's Vincent Cantavenera who recently turned 101! 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 Rep. Brennan Stands With Ohio's First Responders Suffering In Silence

I am proud to share that the Ohio House of Representatives has passed House Bill 184, a major step forward in supporting the mental health and well-being of our first responders. This legislation allocates \$40 million to ensure that firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and dispatchers can access Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) benefits *without* having to prove a physical injury once the General Assembly finalizes the structure to accept and process claims.

For nearly three years, I have worked alongside public safety professionals across our state to make meaningful progress on this issue. As the ranking member of the House Public Pensions & Insurance Committee, I have seen firsthand how outdated rules have failed to recognize the seriousness of psychological trauma experienced in the line of duty. HB 184 finally acknowledges what first responders have told us for years: while the body may leave the scene of a crisis, the mind often stays behind.

PTSI is real. It can be just as debilitating as any broken bone, even though the wounds are often invisible. With HB 184, the Ohio General Assembly has taken a long overdue step to support the men and women who protect our communities every single day.

Standing with Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters President Jon Harvey at the Ohio Statehouse following the vote on H.B. 184.

This legislation carries deep personal meaning for me. I have experienced the loss of loved ones to suicide, my father-in-law proudly served as a firefighter, and our community continues to mourn the tragic loss of Officer Kandice Straub of the Parma Police Department—the first female member of the department's SWAT team. Kandice's death shook many of us, and it should compel all of us to action.

In her honor, I am personally naming HB 184 **The Kandice Straub First Responder PTSI Support Act**. Too many first responders suffer in silence. Too many families have faced heartbreak alone. Kandice's legacy, and the sacrifices of countless others, demand real and lasting change.

The \$40 million included in HB 184 will form the foundation for treatment, claims processing, and comprehensive support for PTSI sustained in the line of duty. We cannot continue requiring proof of a physical injury before extending help. Psychological injuries are every bit as real — and every bit as deserving of care.

Our first responders run toward danger when the rest of us run away. With this bill, the Ohio House ran toward them.

This is not the end of our work, but it is an important and meaningful step forward — one I have been honored to fight for throughout my service in the General Assembly. HB 184 now heads to the governor for final approval.



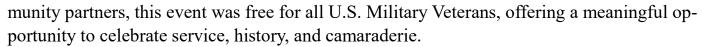
Congratulations to my friend Bill Burkley for his over 50 years of service to the city of Parma. Congratulations also to Cleveland Division of Police's Maya Latson who was honored on Veterans Day for her service in the U.S. Army and her continued distinguished service. It was an honor to stand with her and Cleveland Police Chief Dorothy Todd.





Last month I was honored to help coordinate an unforgettable experience for local Veterans as Honor Flight Cleveland hosted a special one-day bus trip from Cleveland to Columbus—a day filled with remembrance, fellowship, and deep appreciation for those who served.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of local American Legions, VFWs, and other com-



Our journey began at the National Veterans Memorial & Museum, the only museum in the nation dedicated to telling the stories of Veterans from every branch and every era. It's a place where service comes alive—through personal artifacts, immersive exhibits, and powerful testimonies that honor the sacrifices and triumphs of those who wore the uniform.

It was a moving experience for all who attended and a reminder of our shared history and the bonds that unite Veterans across time.

Next, the group enjoyed a hearty lunch buffet at the iconic Schmidt's German Village Restaurant—home to classic German fare and their famous cream puffs. The meal offered not only great food but also a chance for Veterans to sit together, share stories, and enjoy the fellowship that makes these trips so special.

The final stop of the day was a guided tour of the historic Ohio Statehouse, where I had the privilege of welcoming our Veterans and leading them through this remarkable 19th-century landmark. It was an honor to offer an insider's look at how our state government serves Ohioans and to personally thank our Veterans for their service.

This special Honor Flight Cleveland excursion exemplified what we can accomplish when communities come together to celebrate and uplift those who served. From meaningful conversations to moments of quiet reflection, the day reminded all of us of the incredible sacrifices made by our Veterans—and of the importance of honoring them not just with words, but with action.

To all who participated, supported, or helped organize this event: thank you. And to our Veterans: your service continues to inspire us.



I'm excited to share that Parma Heights has been awarded a \$150,000 grant through the Ohio NatureWorks Local Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to replace the Greenbrier Commons playground.

This grant is part of \$2.97 million in statewide NatureWorks funding awarded this year for outdoor recreation improvements. With more than 140 applications submitted, I'm proud that Parma Heights' proposal rose to the top.

Greenbrier Commons holds a special place in my heart — it's where my wife and I used to take our own children to play. Knowing that this project will create a safer, more accessible space for today's families means a great deal to me.

I want to thank Mayor Marie Gallo and her team for their leadership and hard work in securing this funding. Their commitment to strengthening our community continues to inspire me.

I look forward to watching this project come to life and to seeing families enjoy Greenbrier Commons for generations to come.