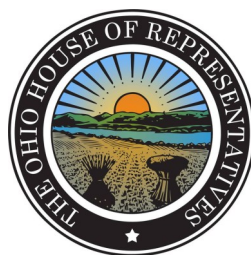


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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

As we move through a busy spring at the Ohio Statehouse, I remain focused on one fundamental principle: protecting the public's trust in government.

This month, I announced forthcoming legislation known as the Ohio Public Employee Event-Wagering Ethics Act. As new online platforms, like Kalshi and Polymarket, emerge that allow people to wager on everything from sporting events to elections and public policy outcomes, Ohio must ensure that our ethics laws keep pace with rapidly changing technology and financial markets.

My legislation would prohibit public officials and state employees from participating in event-based wagering platforms and establish safeguards to prevent the misuse of nonpublic information or conflicts of interest. The goal is straightforward: Ohioans deserve confidence that decisions made by public servants are acting solely in the public interest and not influenced by personal financial gain. I want to prevent even the potential of the appearance of impropriety.

This proposal is not about traditional sports betting, which is already regulated under Ohio law. Rather, it is about preserving integrity, transparency, and accountability in government as new forms of wagering and prediction markets continue to expand.

The people of Parma, Parma Heights, Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Clark-Fulton, and Brooklyn Centre expect their elected officials to uphold the highest ethical standards. I share that expectation. Whether I am working to strengthen government accountability, support public education, improve neighborhood quality of life, or create economic opportunity, my focus remains on delivering results that put our communities first.

As always, it is an honor to serve the residents of Ohio House District 14. Thank you for your engagement, your ideas, and the trust you place in me to be your voice in Columbus. Know how incredibly humbled I remain.

As always, if my office may be of service, please reach out. Best wishes for a beautiful June. In fact, as we prepare for Flag Day on June 14, please consider flying *Old Glory* at your home, if you do not already do so.

Sincerely,

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Recently, I had the honor of attending the moving retirement ceremony of Parma Fire Chief Michael Lasky. In my comments about Chief Lasky, I mentioned the word I associate most with him—TRUST. I trusted him to run an excellent department, I trusted him to be honest about the needs of the department in the many years that I served on Parma City Council, and I trusted him to keep my family and neighbors safe each and every day. God-speed Chief Lasky and thank you for your fine service!



State Representative Brennan Leads on Protecting Ohio Consumers from Data Center Energy Use

COLUMBUS – **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma)** recently sent a letter to the Ohio Select Committee on Data Centers urging lawmakers to adopt policies that ensure Ohio consumers are not forced to bear the costs associated with the rapidly growing energy demands of data centers.

Rep. Brennan warned that without appropriate safeguards, residential customers, small businesses, schools, and local governments could face higher utility bills as Ohio experiences an unprecedented expansion of data center development.



“Ohio families should not be subsidizing the energy needs of some of the wealthiest corporations in the world,” said **Rep. Brennan**. “Economic development is important, but it must not come at the expense of consumers who are already struggling with rising utility costs.”

In his letter, **Rep. Brennan** cited concerns recently raised by PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission organization that manages Ohio’s electric grid. PJM warned that absent clear protections, costs associated with serving data centers could be shifted to other utility customers.

Rep. Brennan noted that concern over potential cost-shifting was the primary reason he agreed to co-sponsor the legislation creating the Select Committee on Data Centers. He was the only Democratic member of the Ohio House to sign onto the co-sponsorship request when it was circulated.

“I supported the creation of this committee because I believe Ohio needs a thoughtful, bipartisan examination of how large-scale data center development could affect our electric grid and utility bills,” continued **Rep. Brennan**. “My goal from the beginning has been simple: make sure Ohio consumers are protected.”

The Parma lawmaker called on the committee to recommend policies that:

- Require data centers to bear the full costs of transmission, generation, distribution, and capacity investments attributable to their energy demands;
- Prevent costs from being shifted to residential and other utility customers;
- Increase transparency regarding energy usage and grid impacts;
- Establish long-term commitments from large-load customers to prevent stranded costs; and
- Prioritize affordability and reliability for Ohio ratepayers.

Rep. Brennan emphasized that consumer protection and economic development are not mutually exclusive goals. “Ohio can continue attracting investment and creating jobs while ensuring that the costs associated with that growth are borne by those creating the demand,” concluded **Rep. Brennan**. “The committee has an opportunity to establish a fair framework that protects ratepayers while supporting responsible development.”

A copy of **Rep. Brennan**’s letter has been provided to the committee’s co-chairs and members for consideration as they continue their review of data center policy and its impact on Ohio’s energy infrastructure.



If you or someone you care about is struggling with addiction, please know that help is available. The Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board connects individuals and families with vital mental health and recovery resources, offering hope and support when it is needed most. This issue is deeply personal to me, as I lost a niece and an uncle to addiction and understand the pain so many families carry. That is why I have worked hard to advocate for stronger mental health and addiction services in our community. In 2025, I was very honored to receive the ADAHMS Board Helping Hands Award in recognition of my advocacy. No one should face addiction alone - please reach out for help at www.adamhscc.org or (216) 241-3400.

State Representative Brennan Spotlights the Ohio School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

One of my responsibilities in the Ohio House of Representatives is serving on the House Public Pensions and Insurance Committee and the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC), where I help oversee Ohio's five public pension systems. These retirement systems serve hundreds of thousands of current and former public employees who dedicate their careers to serving our communities.



There is often a misconception that public pensions are simply funded by taxpayers. The reality is that Ohio's public servants contribute a portion of every paycheck toward their retirement, and their employers make negotiated contributions as part of the employees' overall compensation package. These pensions are earned benefits that workers invest in throughout their careers.

Here in Ohio House District 14, thousands of our neighbors are members of Ohio's pension systems. Over the coming months, I will be highlighting each of these retirement systems and the important role they play both in supporting retirees and strengthening our local economy.

This month, I am spotlighting the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), which serves Ohio's nonteaching public school employees. These are the bus drivers, custodians, administrative assistants, food service workers, educational aides, and other support professionals who help our schools function every day. As a classroom teacher for 30 years, I saw firsthand how essential these dedicated professionals are to student success.

SERS has a significant presence in House District 14. Currently, there are 1,302 active SERS members, 1,701 inactive members, and 660 retirees and beneficiaries living in our district. Together, these retirees receive more than \$12 million annually in pension benefits.

Those retirement dollars do not sit idle. They are spent at local grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, hardware stores, and other neighborhood businesses. Pension benefits help support local jobs, generate economic activity, and strengthen communities. Statewide, SERS pension payments contribute more than \$1.5 billion annually to Ohio's economy.

SERS is the 61st-largest public pension system in the nation and manages approximately \$21.4 billion in assets. Its members are among the lowest-paid participants in Ohio's public retirement systems, with an average age of 46.6 years and an average salary of \$28,647. For many of these workers, their pension represents a critical source of retirement security after years of public service.

Among SERS's 83,327 retirees, disability recipients, and survivors, the average beneficiary receives \$17,282 annually, or about \$1,440 per month. While modest, these benefits often mean the difference between financial stability and economic hardship. The average recipient is 75.2 years old, and 91 percent of retirees remain in Ohio, meaning the benefits they earned continue supporting Ohio communities long after retirement.

Strong pension systems help Ohio attract and retain talented public servants. Whether it is a school bus driver safely transporting children, a cafeteria worker making sure students are fed, or an educational aide helping students succeed in the classroom, these employees deserve the opportunity to retire with dignity after a career of service.

As policymakers, we have a responsibility to keep SERS and all five of Ohio's public pension systems strong and sustainable. Doing so honors the commitments made to public employees and helps ensure that future generations of Ohioans will continue choosing careers in public service.

State Representative Brennan Out and About



Clockwise: Congratulations to Mr. O'Donnell's Normandy High School students who recently came in 5th in a national stock market game competition and are on their way to the nation's capital to receive their award; It was an honor to meet with members of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP at the Statehouse recently; Congrats to Parma's newest Corrections Officers Cayli Wellman and my good friend Todd Wasil - he and I taught in the same school district for many years; Meeting with doctors at MetroHealth main campus to talk about issues important to their profession and the patients they serve; It was an honor to march in the oldest Memorial Day parade in Ohio and greet so many friends in Parma Heights; Happy 101st birthday to the amazing Mrs. Koval; Saying hello to Bruce Page—owner of Parma and Old Brooklyn's Honey Hut; Snapping a pic with the members of S.W.A.T. in the Memorial Day parade; I was honored to present a certificate of honor to the members of the Parma Police Department upon the unveiling of the new Police Memorial; Speaking to members of the Cleveland Teacher's Union Local 279 at the Teacher Leader Research Showcase.

Rep. Brennan & Honor Flight Cleveland



One of the greatest privileges of my many years of public service has been volunteering as a guardian with Honor Flight Cleveland. Most recently, I had the honor of accompanying Vietnam Veteran Donald Meyers on a trip to Washington, D.C., where the Veterans visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice.

These experiences are a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment of those who served our nation. If you are a Veteran interested in participating in a future Honor Flight, I encourage you to learn more and apply at honorflightcleveland.org.

