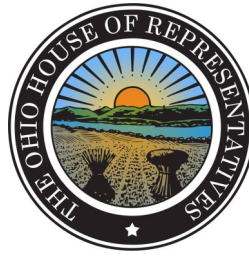


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Dear District 14 Resident:

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, I find myself reflecting on a simple but important principle: government should work for the people who pay the bills—not the special interests who profit from them.

I have made protecting Ohio consumers one of my top priorities. Whether taking on powerful utility companies or challenging long-standing policies that put corporate interests ahead of the public, I have worked to ensure that ordinary Ohioans have a strong voice in Columbus. That work has produced real results.

I led the fight to reform Ohio's flawed submetering system because I believe every utility consumer deserves the same rights and protections. No Ohioan should become a second-class utility customer simply because a third-party company inserts itself between them and the utility service they depend on. This year, the Ohio Supreme Court affirmed that submetering companies can be treated as public utilities, and Governor DeWine vetoed legislation that would have weakened consumer protections and moved Ohio backward.

I also spoke out against FirstEnergy's attempt to weaken electric reliability standards. Ohio families and businesses deserve dependable service, not lower expectations. I testified before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and I was pleased to see the Commission reject FirstEnergy's request and stand with consumers.

And after years of advocacy, Ohio has finally ended the corrupt OVEC coal plant subsidy created as part of the HB 6 scandal. My provision in House Bill 15 eliminates this hidden charge on electric bills and will save Ohio consumers nearly \$500 million.

These victories are important, but they are part of a larger commitment. I will not give in to wealthy and powerful interests when Ohio families are counting on someone to stand up for them, despite their bullying tactics. To those who feel their voices are no longer heard, I want you to know: I see you, I hear you, and I care about you.

As your State Representative, I will continue doing everything in my power to protect consumers, strengthen our communities, and ensure every Ohioan has the opportunity to enjoy the highest possible quality of life.

From my family to yours, have a safe and happy Independence Day as we celebrate 250 years of the American experiment and the enduring promise of government of, by, and for the people.

Sincerely,

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**Presenting
Mayor DeGeeter
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Rep. Brennan's Testimony Before the PUCO Leads to Win for First Energy Customers

COLUMBUS – State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (Parma) today applauded the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) decision to deny FirstEnergy's request to weaken the minimum reliability performance standards for The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison, and Toledo Edison.

The decision means that the existing reliability standards will remain in place, preserving the expectations Ohio consumers have for dependable electric service.



"I commend the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for standing with Ohio consumers instead of lowering the bar for one of the state's largest utility companies," said **Rep. Brennan**. "Families and businesses deserve reliable electric service, not weaker standards that make it easier for utilities to rationalize constant outages."

Rep. Brennan testified before the PUCO during public hearings on the proposal, arguing that lowering reliability standards would send the wrong message to customers who already experience frequent and prolonged power interruptions. The Commission's order specifically referenced **Rep. Brennan's** testimony, underscoring the importance of the concerns raised by consumers, stakeholders, and elected officials throughout the proceeding.

"I am grateful that the Commission carefully considered the testimony presented and recognized that the answer to reliability challenges is investing in the grid and improving performance—not redefining success by accepting more outages and longer restoration times," added **Rep. Brennan**. "Ohioans pay significant amounts for their electric service and deserve a system that works when they need it most. Our voices were heard, and today's decision reflects that."

As a Member of the Ohio House Public Utilities Committee, **Rep. Brennan** will continue advocating for policies that promote accountability, transparency, affordability, and reliable electric service for all Ohioans.

Rep. Brennan Leads on the Fight Against First Energy's PUCO Request to Electricity Raise Rates

The victory described above demonstrates what can happen when we stand up to powerful interests and put people first. But the fight for affordable, reliable utility service is far from over. I recently submitted testimony to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio opposing FirstEnergy's request for a three-year increase in the distribution charges that appear on electric bills.

If approved, the proposal could increase the monthly bills of a typical residential customer by as much as \$15.90 per month by 2029, on top of rising generation and transmission costs that are already driving bills higher.

I recognize the importance of maintaining and improving our electric grid, but before Ohio families are asked to pay billions of dollars in additional costs, FirstEnergy must clearly demonstrate that every proposed expenditure is necessary, cost-effective, and will result in measurable improvements in reliability and customer service.

Ohio consumers are already facing higher costs for groceries, housing, gasoline, and other necessities. Utility affordability matters. That is why I urged the Commission to closely scrutinize this request and reject any costs that are not fully justified and in the public interest.

As your State Representative and a member of the House Public Utilities Committee, I will continue fighting for affordability, transparency, reliability, and accountability in Ohio's utility system. When utility companies seek to charge Ohioans more, they should expect tough questions and rigorous oversight.

Governor's Veto at Rep. Brennan's Request is a Win For Ohio's Utility Consumers

COLUMBUS – **State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan** (D-Parma) today applauded Governor Mike DeWine's veto of House Bill 173, legislation that would have weakened consumer protections for Ohioans served through submetering arrangements.

Rep. Brennan has been a leading advocate for strengthening oversight of submetering companies and protecting the rights of utility consumers. Earlier this General Assembly, Brennan joined with State Representative Tex Fischer (R-Canfield) to introduce bipartisan legislation addressing consumer protections and accountability in Ohio's submetering system.



"Governor DeWine made the right decision in vetoing HB 173," **Rep. Brennan** said. "The fundamental issue has never been whether someone rents an apartment, owns a condominium, or lives in any other type of housing. The issue is whether all Ohio utility consumers are entitled to the same rights, protections, and access to assistance programs. No Ohioan should receive fewer consumer protections simply because a third-party company inserts itself between the customer and the utility service they depend on. Creating a second class of utility consumers is bad public policy, and this veto helps ensure that every Ohioan is treated fairly."

The governor's veto follows an April decision by the Ohio Supreme Court recognizing that submetering companies may be treated as public utilities and therefore subject to oversight and consumer protection requirements. In his veto message, Governor DeWine described the current submetering model as "fundamentally flawed" and expressed concern that HB 173 would have weakened protections for Ohio consumers while legitimizing that flawed model.

Rep. Brennan said the veto preserves important safeguards for Ohioans, including access to regulatory oversight, consumer complaint processes, transparency in billing practices, and utility assistance programs.

"For years, I have argued that utility consumers should not lose basic rights simply because a middleman stands between them and their utility provider," **Rep. Brennan** said. "Whether someone receives service directly from a utility company or through a submetering arrangement, they deserve the same protections and the same ability to seek help when problems arise."

Rep. Brennan also thanked Rep. Fischer for partnering with him on bipartisan legislation aimed at ensuring fairness and accountability in the submetering industry.

"I appreciate Representative Fischer's willingness to work across party lines on this issue," **Rep. Brennan** added. "Consumer protection should never be a partisan issue. Ohioans expect us to stand up for fairness, transparency, and equal treatment under the law."

Rep. Brennan said he will continue working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure all Ohio utility consumers receive the protections they deserve and that Ohio's laws reflect the principle that access to essential utility services should be accompanied by meaningful consumer rights and oversight.

Rep. Brennan Fights Corruption - Saves Ohio Electric Customers \$500 Million

After years of fighting to repeal the OVEC coal plant subsidy created as part of the HB 6 scandal, I am proud to report that my provision in House Bill 15 has finally eliminated this hidden charge from Ohio electric bills. For years, Ohio families and businesses were forced to subsidize two aging coal plants—including one located outside Ohio—through monthly surcharges that provided little benefit to consumers. With the repeal now in effect, Ohio ratepayers will save nearly \$500 million that otherwise would have been collected in the coming years. This is a major victory for consumers, government accountability, and common-sense energy policy. Ohio's energy laws should serve the public interest, not special interests, and I will continue working to ensure that utility customers are treated fairly and their hard-earned dollars are protected.

State Representative Brennan Out and About in District 14's Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland



(L-R) Giving a legislative update to the Old Brooklyn Crime Watch attendees; Celebrating the grand opening of the Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar on Pearl Road in Parma Heights; Meeting Cleveland Hispanic Liaison Emily Lebron at the Old Brooklyn Safety Fair; Visiting the Food Pantry at CCC-West; Speaking at the Ribbon Cutting of the new Outpatient Center at MetroHealth; Speaking to the nearly 100 class of 2026 grads of Old Brook High School; Snagging a pic with members of the Parma Police Department at Parma's annual Rib 'N Rock; Catching up with Parma Heights Councilman Tom Rounds at Café Blanc on Pearl Road; Attending the festival at the Islamic Center of Cleveland in Parma with Mayor DeGeeter and some of the Center's top brass; Taking popsicles to the Tot T-ball team I sponsor in Parma; Congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Voegerl for achieving 238,900 miles on their motorcycle - the distance from Earth to the Moon!