

State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan

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*Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights,
and Cleveland's West Park Neighborhood!*

Dear District 14 Resident:

Recently, I have been making my monthly rounds throughout the district. Two of my favorite places to visit are the Donna Smallwood Activity Center (formerly the Parma Senior Center) and the Parma Heights Senior Center. I have always had a special place in my heart for my elders. It all goes back to the great love I had for my grandparents. Many of you know that my Grandma Brennan raised me on her farm from seventh grade until my college years. Fun fact, I always called my grandparents "Mom" and "Dad."

Recently, one of the folks at one of my senior talks asked me what my priority is at the Ohio Statehouse. If you read my newsletter each month, you will probably find it no surprise that I answered, "Building relationships with my colleagues." After serving students in the classroom for 30 years, one learns fast that when you build a relationship of trust and care with your students, they will respond by achieving to their potential. At the Statehouse, the relationships I have built with my 131 colleagues has translated into tangible results for you and all Ohioans.

I am very proud of my legislative record after only serving for about twenty months in the Ohio House of Representatives. In fact, here are a few of my stats:

- *Sponsored more bills than any other member of the Ohio General Assembly (266)
- *Multiple bills have had or are pending hearings in various House committees
- *Seven bills passed out of committee to the full Ohio House of Representatives
- *Seven bills passed out of the Ohio House of Representatives and sent to the Ohio Senate
- *Five bills pending in the Ohio Senate
- *Two bills signed into law by Governor DeWine

I am also proud of the excellent record of constituent work my office does day-in and day-out for the residents who call, email, and write my office in need of assistance. You are always my priority.

In short, I am not just keeping the seat warm. I understand the importance of my office, the faith you have put in me, and the great responsibility I have to deliver the best service I can possible provide to you. Know that I continue to be very honored to be your servant at the state Capitol.

As always, if my office may be of service, please contact us via phone or email. I also invite you to visit my website to learn more about how I am serving you and to sign up for this monthly newsletter. You can also read all of my past newsletters going back to January, 2023. It is an honor to serve you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean".

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It is an honor to support the fine members of the Ohio National Guard in my work at the Ohio Statehouse.

Thanks to them and their families for their selfless service to our state and nation!



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Thanks His Wife for 30 Years of Matrimony

I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to my wife, Deena, for being my rock for the past 30 years. Back when we were undergraduates at the University of Dayton, we met and I literally fell in love at first sight. God brought her to me at the perfect time in my life. Then, she brought me home to meet the wonderful Denk family on Pinegrove Avenue. Her dad made us pierogies for dinner and I knew Parma was the place for me!

Deena stuck with me even though she knew I came from very humble beginnings. That is how I knew her love was real. She is a true salt-of-the-earth Parma girl who doesn't care what you wear, what car you drive, or what kind of home you live in.

We were married by Father Carlin at our beloved St. Charles Borromeo Parish and soon bought our house on Hampstead Avenue where we raised our two beautiful children.

Thank you for your love, patience, counsel, support, and faith, my darling wife. I will always love you.



State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Sets In-District Office Hours

Friday, August 16

10:00 am – 11:00 am: Parma Heights Library

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Parma-Powers Library

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Parma-Snow Library

Please join me for office hours! There is no RSVP needed. Meetings are private with me and a member of my staff. If the times are not convenient for you, please contact my office to schedule a meeting. First Come-First Served.

OHIO'S 10-DAY BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

JULY 30TH THROUGH AUGUST 8TH

- INCLUDES:
- BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHES
 - ITEMS THAT COST \$500 OR LESS
 - DINE-IN MEALS IN RESTAURANTS
 - ONLINE PURCHASES

COLUMBUS – **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (Parma)** announces Ohio's back-to-school sales tax holiday will be extended to ten days through 11:59 pm on August 8th. During the sales tax holiday, there will be no state or local sales or use tax on any tangible personal property priced at \$500 or less, dine-in meals in restaurants, or online purchases. Watercraft and motor vehicles, alcoholic beverages, and any item containing tobacco will remain taxable. *"I was honored to vote for House Bill 33 to expand items that qualify and to extend the sales tax holiday. All of Ohio's families need relief from rising prices. This provides folks an opportunity to purchase school supplies in preparation for a successful school year. I encourage all Ohioans to take advantage of this tax cut,"* said **Rep. Brennan**. For more information, please visit the Ohio Department of Taxation's website.

State Rep. Brennan's Second Bill Signed by Governor DeWine Consumer-Friendly Real Estate Agreements Now Required in Ohio

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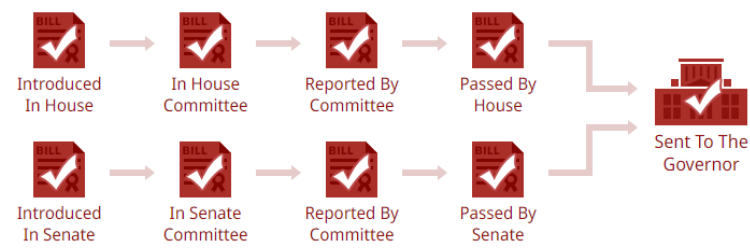


Requires written real estate agency agreement for representation

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I was very excited recently when I got word from the Governor's office that he was going to sign House Bill 466. H.B. 466 establishes minimum standards for written real estate representation agreements between real estate professionals and homebuyers. In fact, under this legislation, parties will be required to enter into a written representation agreement before a seller may show a property or a buyer may make an offer to purchase a property.

Written representation agreements must include an expiration date, information on fair housing and blockbusting laws, whether the relationship is exclusive or nonexclusive, and terms of compensation.

After teaching American Government to middle and high school students for 30 years, I am literally living my life's work. If you have been keeping up on my work for you at the Statehouse, you will recall that H.B. 466 is a collaboration between me and my esteemed colleague Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland). She and I became fast friends in the State Legislature because of our mutual love of running. In fact, although I have run 115 full marathons, she has almost completed 200! What is particularly fascinating about this bill is the swiftness that it moved from introduction to the Governor in just a few months—a testament to working in a bipartisan fashion.

This law promotes transparency and protects all parties involved in the homebuying process. It will be especially helpful to new homebuyers by educating them on the various aspects of the transaction. I am honored to join Rep. Schmidt on this very important and needed legislation.

STEPS TO PASSAGE

3/27/24 - Introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives

4/2/24 - Referred to the Ohio House Committee on Civil Justice

5/1/24 - Passed by the Ohio House Committee on Civil Justice

5/8/24 - Passed the Ohio House of Representatives (88-1)

5/14/24 - Introduced in the Ohio Senate

5/22/24 - Referred to the Ohio Senate Select Committee on Housing

6/26/24 - Passed by the Ohio Senate Select Committee on Housing

6/26/24 - Passed by the Ohio Senate (30-1)

6/26/24 - Ohio House of Representatives Concurrency with Ohio Senate Amendments (92-0)

7/24/24 - Governor Michael DeWine signs the bill into law.



State Representative Brennan Staying Busy In the District and at the Statehouse



1 - Over a decade ago I combined by love of public service, running, and pierogies and put together the Parma Run-Walk for Pierogies charity race. Here I am with this year's top male and female.

2 - Rep. Justin Pizzuli and I recently introduced H.B. 525. Currently, it is a felony to assault a teacher, administrator, or bus driver in an Ohio school. Our bill would expand this protection to all schools employees and volunteers. Here we are with members of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) who came to the Statehouse to support the bill.

3 - The Ohio Statehouse is known as *The People's House*. As such, it is very accessible to the public. Each day I walk the halls of the Statehouse I thank the members of the Ohio Highway Patrol for their service keeping visitors, employees, and my colleagues and I safe.

4 - Anyone who knows me, knows that I love a little tea with my locally produced honey. Some of the best is produced by Mike Krawetz's bees. His *Oh Honey!* brand is excellent! Located at 6621 W. Ridgewood Drive in Parma.

5 - Below I am watching Governor Michael DeWine sign H.B. 466 into law at the Ohio Fairgrounds on opening day of the Ohio State Fair. He graciously gifted me one of the pens he used.

