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Dear Neighbor,

July Newsletter

I hope you have been enjoying the summer months and have managed to stay cool throughout this heat. The Ohio Legislature has slowed down this summer, but in July we were called back to session to vote on an override of the Governor's veto of a budget line item. Line-item 66 would eliminate several types of levies, limiting the choices voters have in how to support their schools and local governments, and would not provide real property tax relief to Ohioans. I voted to not override the veto, but unfortunately it was overridden. I voted 'NO' because many schools across Ohio are forced to rely on the levies eliminated with this legislation. The legislature has had the opportunity to provide the substantial property tax relief that our constituents need, but we have failed to deliver.

Instead of the state providing real tax relief, Republicans continue to prioritize property tax proposals that benefit the wealthiest Ohioans and that give handouts to billionaires for sports stadiums.

During this General Assembly, House Democrats have introduced several bipartisan pieces of legislation to help Ohioans lower their property taxes that the Republican supermajority have failed to act on. They include:

- [HB 103 \(Troy, T. Hall\)](#) - Double Homestead Exemption for Seniors
- [HB 143 \(Brennan, Mathews\)](#) - Double Homestead Exemption for Long-Term Homeowners
- [HB 156 \(Isaacsohn, T. Hall\)](#) - Freeze Property Taxes for Seniors
- [HB 365 \(Brennan, D. Hall\)](#) - Enact the Property Tax Refund Act

The legislation introduced by House Democrats would bring about real property tax relief that is targeted, state-funded, and wouldn't come at the expense of our local communities.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to represent you.

Sincerely,

Darnell Brewer
State Representative
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Parks and Recreation Month and HB 328

More than 276M people in the United States visited a local park or recreation facility at least once during the past year. During Park and Recreation Month, we celebrate the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.



In an effort to build and revitalize our community parks and recreation areas, I introduced **HB 328, the Fit, Safe, and Strong Communities Act**. This legislation provides local governments with up to a 75% reimbursement for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational spaces. This is an opportunity for the Ohio Legislature to invest in safe, modern, and ADA-compliant playgrounds and recreation centers in neighborhoods across Ohio. **HB 328** has been assigned to the House Finance Committee and awaits sponsor testimony.



To see a full list of Rep. Brewer's introduced legislation, follow the QR Code Above!



World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

July 30, 2025

Ohio ranks seventh for human trafficking incidents in the United States in 2025. House Democrats want to ensure Ohioans are equipped with the resources necessary to combat this frightening trend.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:
888-373-7888
Text: Info or Help to BEFREE (233733)



National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month



July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make healthcare more accessible for all. Visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#) or the [Ohio Commission on Minority Health](#) to learn more.

