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### October Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

Happy fall, Ohio! As we enter this new season, I hope you and your family stay safe, healthy, and warm.

This October, my office has been busy hosting three townhalls across District 22. The first was a Small Business Town Hall and Resource Fair where attendees had the opportunity to network with each other and connect with state, local, and private small business resources. The second of the series was our Senior Issues Town Hall and Resource Fair. This event focused on aging in place and preparing for aging gracefully, with resources and education for seniors, caregivers, and families. The final event was the P.L.A.N. Ohio Town Hall which focused on gun violence prevention and safe firearm storage. The event included resources and education from Dion Green, Mom's Demand Action, the Maple Heights Police Department, and the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio.

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you have a plan to vote in this upcoming November election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard! The last day to vote early for the November 4th election is November 2nd between 1:00pm-5:00pm. Questions on voting? Visit [ohiovoterguide.org](http://ohiovoterguide.org).

As always, I love hearing from my constituents, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Darnell Brewer  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 22

## SNAP

As of tomorrow, November 1<sup>st</sup>, SNAP benefits will expire for nearly 1.4 Million Ohioans. The federal shutdown and a failure by the state republican majority to act, will cause the 190,000 Cuyahoga county SNAP beneficiaries to go without food assistance. Ohio's food banks are already strained as it is following the president's "One Big Ugly Bill" that cut SNAP federal spending and Ohio's state budget that provided \$7.5 million less for food banks compared to 2024.

Not only is this a humanitarian crisis, it is an economic one as well. Cuts would negatively impact Ohio's economy as every \$1 in SNAP spending generates \$1.54 in economic activity. That would be a huge blow to grocers, farmers, truckers, and small businesses across the state.

My office alongside the Ohio House Democratic Caucus has urged Governor DeWine and republican state lawmakers to immediately address this issue. While Governor DeWine issued an executive order to provide \$25 Million for food assistance, this is not enough. House Democrats raised the urgent issue of the SNAP funding crisis on the House floor earlier this week via an amendment that would provide full relief for Ohioans under SNAP. House Republicans voted down the proposed amendment, stating that SNAP benefit funding is not an Ohio issue. Overall, the federal shutdown will cost Ohioans a benefit loss of roughly \$200M per month, nearly eight times the amount of funding provided by the Governor's executive order. Ohio has a \$6 Billion rainy day fund that could help fund SNAP benefits and food pantries and keep Ohioans from going hungry. It is raining here in Ohio and the time is now to address this issue.

If you are in need of food assistance call United Way at 211 or the Greater Cleveland Food Bank at 216-738-2067. Current SNAP recipients should keep their paperwork up-to-date, maintain all program requirements, and keep recertifying your benefits as you normally would even if no new benefits are added in November. This is so when the shutdown ends and/or SNAP benefits return, you can continue to receive benefits as normal and potentially be owed back-benefits.



Rep. Brewer speaks at a press conference to urge action to address the SNAP crisis.

## HB 548 and HR 266

This month, Rep. Brewer introduced two pieces of legislation regarding police violence in Ohio.

**House Bill 548** requires testing for alcohol and drugs after an officers use of force, bringing heightened transparency to incidents of use of force involving a law enforcement officer. This bill aims to provide protections for officer's who are policing the right way, while guaranteeing accountability for those who are not. This bill is not about punishment. It is about transparency, accountability, and restoring public trust in our justice system.

**House Resolution 266** recognizes October 22 as the National Day Against Police Brutality in Ohio. . Since the mid-1990s, individuals and movements across the nation have held October 22<sup>nd</sup> as a day of protest and reflection on the impact of police brutality. Each year, the National Day Against Police Brutality is observed by advocates, faith leaders, and families who seek not division, but reform and healing. By recognizing this day in Ohio, we elevate our state's voice in that national movement, standing for justice, compassion, and systemic improvement. This legislation not only highlights this day of protest but remembers the more than 1,200 Ohioans who have tragically lost their lives to incidents of police brutality since the year 2000.

Rep. Brewer introduced this legislation on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, alongside advocates and families who have been impacted by police violence.

To learn more about this legislation and to view all legislation currently introduced by Rep. Brewer [click here](#).



Rep. Brewer introduces legislation alongside advocates.