

A Legislative Update from Representative Tristan W. Rader

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Dear Neighbor,

My first year in the Ohio House of Representatives, we saw what happens when lawmakers prioritize handouts to the wealthy over investments in everyday Ohioans: income tax cuts that largely benefitted the wealthy and corporations, cuts to Medicaid and public schools, and a failure to provide meaningful property tax relief to everyday Ohioans.

However, this year we also saw some important wins, especially on energy and environmental policy including:

- Expanded community solar and clean energy programs
- Creating reliability and accountability standards for utilities
- Rolling back outdated coal subsidies

This year, I also was appointed Ranking Member on the House Energy Committee and have been working to move forward bipartisan, consumer-focused policies. I also have continued to push for economic security by introducing bills to fix SNAP EBT cards and stop theft of benefits and fighting for universal healthcare for Ohioans.

These progressive wins are silver linings in an otherwise difficult year in the Ohio Legislature, but they're not enough for me.

I'm excited to continue working to advance practical, people-centered solutions to improve life for everyday Ohioans.

Sincerely

Tristan Rader

State Representative, Ohio House District 13

UPCOMING COFFEE WITH REP. RADER

- **January 23rd**, 10am- 12pm @ Phoenix Coffee Company
 - 3000 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113
- **February 20th**, 10am - 12pm @ Root Café
 - 15118 Detroit Ave. Lakewood, OH 44107
- **March 27th**, 10 - 12am @ Las Villas Deli and Pastries
 - 3216 W 41st St, Cleveland, OH 44109

Come join me at our monthly coffee chats for a chance to connect, discuss the issues that matter most to you, and work together for a stronger community! I want to hear from you!



A YEAR IN REVIEW

- Introduced 16 bills tackling climate change, encouraging affordability, and protecting LGBTQ+ rights
- Cosponsored 112 bills championing beneficial changes for the working class
- Connected with thousands of constituents
- Hosted 8 "Coffee with Rep Rader" events

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

While we continue to work on initiatives that will better Ohioans, we have already introduced the following pieces of legislation:

- **HB 467** - Prohibit public utilities from recovering political expenditures
 - This legislation will ban public utilities from making their customers brunt the cost of their political expenditures such as campaign donations or lobbying. This bill is directed at lowering costs for working families and increasing transparency in government.
- **HB 163** - Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act of 2025 / **HB 174** - No Hungry Families Act
 - House Bill 163 will require the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to equip all SNAP EBT cards with chip technology to prevent theft from skimming and cloning at the card reader. Paired with HB 163, House Bill 174 would continue the federal program that was discontinued and allowed families to be reimbursed their SNAP benefits if they're the victims of theft or fraud.
- **HB 439** - Prohibit the surface application of brine from oil and gas wells
 - This legislation would ban the surface application of brine from oil and gas wells on roads and highways, and prevent this radioactive by-product from being used as a deicer in the cold seasons. This bill will protect water and soil quality by keeping these contaminants off of our roadways.



WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU

I know for many of our neighbors, this year has felt like a series of never ending attacks by our government. From cuts to vital services at the state and federal level, rollbacks of critical regulations, and threats to our immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities, I recognize that this year has not been easy for anyone. I also know that many of you have responded to the changes this year with solidarity, action, and care and I am proud to stand with you all in this struggle. Whether I'm at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus or standing alongside you on the picket line, I am here for you. I am excited to come back in the new year and fight for affordability, the environment, and our neighbors. I believe in a better future, and I'm excited to build it with you all.



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