

A Legislative Update from  
**Representative Tristan W. Rader**  
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Dear Neighbor,

As we begin the New Year and a new legislative session at the Ohio Statehouse, I want to thank you for the continued trust you place in me as your State Representative. I enter 2026 with a renewed commitment to fighting for practical, people-centered solutions that will benefit all Ohioans.

Ohioans are still feeling the negative impacts of policies that prioritize the wealthy over working families. In 2025, we saw Republican-led bills that cut income tax for corporations, cut Medicaid, left schools stretched thin, and provided no property tax relief.

Still, I remain committed to protecting Ohioans from rising costs and weaker regulations. As Ranking Member of the Energy Committee, I co-authored a bipartisan letter with 18 other members to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio urging them to reject FirstEnergy's request to weaken electric reliability standards. I made clear to PUCO, *Ohio deserves a grid that works, not a utility that dodges accountability.*

This year, I am dedicated to working to lower costs for families, providing access to healthcare and nutrition assistance, and holding interest groups accountable.

There is much work ahead of us and I'm glad to have you with me in this effort!

Sincerely,

Tristan Rader

State Representative, Ohio House District 13

## UPCOMING COFFEE WITH REP. RADER

- **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
- **April 24th**, 10am- 12pm @ Civilization Coffee
  - 2366 W 11th St, Cleveland, OH 44113

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!

## ICE: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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If ICE Stops You



#### REMAIN SILENT

You have the right to remain silent.



#### DO NOT SIGN

Do not sign anything ICE gives you.



#### ASK FOR A LAWYER

Ask for a lawyer and an immigration hearing.



#### DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR

If the agents come to your home, do not open the door unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.

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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:

- **HR 211** - Support a constitutional amendment that would abolish corporate personhood
  - This resolution would call on legislators at the state and federal level to support a constitutional amendment that would end corporate personhood and the doctrine that money equals speech. Democracy should belong to human beings, not the highest bidder.
- **HB 439** - Brine Ban Act: Keep Radioactive Waste Off Our Roads
  - This legislation will prohibit the surface application of brine on roads/highways across Ohio—permanently closing the loophole used to justify “beneficial use” spreading. Public investigations have shown that brine products like AquaSalina exceed EPA safe drinking water limits for radiation by hundreds of times.
- **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.



## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

For many of our neighbors, last year felt like a series of never ending attacks by our government. 2026 presents an opportunity to stay engaged and let our voices be heard in the upcoming midterms. This starts with making sure that you are registered to vote --or that your registration is updated – before the April 6th deadline for the primaries and the October 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for the general election in November. Whether you have moved, recently changed your name, or simply haven’t checked in a while, now is the time to do so. Voters are also encouraged to talk to family, friends, and neighbors as well about the importance of these elections, especially those who may be voting for the first time. And, importantly, civic participation does not start on Election Day; it starts with being prepared, informed, and engaged.

### 2026 ELECTION SCHEDULE

**Primary Election Day – May 5, 2026**

Petition Filing Deadline – 4 p.m. February 4  
 Filing Deadline for Write-In Candidates – 4 p.m. February 23  
 Voter Registration Closes – 9 p.m. April 6  
 In Person Absentee Opens – April 7

**General Election Day – November 3, 2026**

Petition Filing Deadline – 4 p.m. August 5  
 Filing Deadline for Write-In Candidates – 4 p.m. August 5  
 Voter Registration Closes – 9 p.m. October 5  
 In Person Absentee Opens – October 6

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