

# A Legislative Update from Representative Tristan W. Rader

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Dear Neighbor,

The 2026 legislative session officially began this February at the Ohio Statehouse, and I am excited to get back to work on behalf of the families in Lakewood and the West Side of Cleveland. As we begin this new session, my focus remains clear: Meeting the moment with solutions that protect consumers and put people first.

I was proud to introduce House Bill 706 on a bipartisan basis alongside Representative David Thomas. This bill would establish responsible regulations of data centers to protect consumers from bearing the financial burden of increased infrastructure demands with the growth of Artificial Intelligence.

In the coming weeks, I will introduce legislation alongside House Democrats that will prevent the sale of Ohioans' personal data to U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. Families deserve protection from the misuse of their data; this bill will safeguard personal liberties and ensure accountability with the use of our information.

From affordability to privacy, I am focused on the issues families are discussing at their kitchen tables. There is important work ahead, and I am grateful to have you alongside me in it.

Sincerely,

Tristan Rader

State Representative, Ohio House District 13

## UPCOMING COFFEE WITH REP. RADER

- **March 27th**, 10am - 12pm @ [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
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, 10am -12pm @ [Atmos Coffee](#)
  - 5509 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102

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!

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

2026 is an important election year. Make sure you're registered to cast your ballot:

- Register by **April 6** to vote in the May 5 Primary Election.
- Register by **October 5** to vote in the November 3 General Election.

In Ohio, you must be registered by the deadline to participate—don't wait until the last minute.

And remember: bring your friends, bring your family, and [bring the appropriate identification](#) and any required documents to ensure a smooth voting experience.

Your vote is your voice—make it heard!

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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 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 399** - Prohibit oil and gas removal from under Lake Erie or a state park
  - This legislation would prohibit new permits, leases, or authorizations that would allow drilling under some of our most treasured natural resources. By protecting Lake Erie and Ohio's state parks from oil and gas development, this bill safeguards drinking water, public lands, and outdoor spaces for future generations.



## LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHT: THE HEALTHY CARDIAC MONITORING ACT

House Bill 437, or the [Healthy Cardiac Monitoring Act](#), passed out of the House with 88 affirmative votes on March 4th, 2026. The bill is a bipartisan effort I led alongside Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland) to revise cardiac monitoring for young athletes. The bill would require standardized cardiac screenings as part of participation physicals and direct the Ohio Department of Health to develop guidance and educational materials on sudden cardiac arrest.

February is American Heart Month, a time to recognize the importance of early detection and prevention of heart conditions in young athletes.

