

A Legislative Update from Representative Tristan W. Rader

May and June 2026



Dear Neighbor,

The Legislature is on recess until the fall, but we are still busy here at the Statehouse.

This month, I was proud to celebrate the passage of the SNAP Protection Act - [HB 163](#) through the House and the passage of its companion bill, [SB 315](#), through both chambers. This legislation protects Ohioans from benefits theft through updated chip-enabled EBT cards. This will effectively stop tens of millions of dollars from being stolen from tens of thousands of Ohioans, many seniors and children.

I have also continued fighting for progressive changes across the board - introducing legislation to combat [corporate welfare](#), pushing for [stronger consumer protections](#), and [standing up for workers](#) whenever possible.

There is more work to be done - the majority decided to go on recess with no answer to the data center question. I have been working tirelessly to repeal the data center sales tax exemption that has [cost Ohioans \\$1.6 B dollars](#) and [shield everyday Ohioans](#) from footing their electric bill.

I remain committed to fighting for the people of District 13, and I hope to see you around the community this summer!

Sincerely,

Tristan Rader
State Representative, Ohio House District 13

CELEBRATING WINS FOR DISTRICT 13 IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET

The Capital Budget is a biennial opportunity for local governments and non-profits to apply for state funding for projects relating to buildings and facilities.

This is such an important opportunity to infuse resources back into our communities and I am so proud of the projects that made it over the finish line. Priorities like affordable housing, bikeability and walkability, and food security investments are all things that were funded in Northeast Ohio!

See select funded projects below:

- Edgewater Park Shared Use Path, \$100,000
- Habitat for Humanity, \$200,000
- FoodStrong, \$100,000
- Lakewood Pool Modernization, \$400,000

Thank you to every organization that applied, it really is your work that makes District 13 such an amazing place to live.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

- **Legalize Plug-in Solar - *HB 755***
 - [House Bill 755](#) would formalize balcony or “plug-in” solar panels that can plug directly into walls and offset electric bills.
- **Strict Regulations on PFAS in Drinking Water - *HB 815***
 - [House Bill 815](#) would require the EPA to adopt rules on currently unregulated contaminants such as PFAS.
- **Tuition Free College and Trade Schools - *HB 854***
 - [House Bill 854](#) would create a tuition-free public college education for students in Ohio, funded by returning to a progressive income tax system that makes Ohio’s ultra-wealthy pay their share.



MARCHING ON

As your State Rep., I am proud to stand alongside you in your advocacy.

Thank you for continuing to use your voices to stand for peace, human rights, a dignified workplace, and environmental justice. Your passion and drive for change is a motivating force for me at the Statehouse and I am honored to be your voice here.

I hope my office is always a tool for your advocacy and a space where you can feel heard.

