

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

This summer, Northeast Ohio experienced extreme heat and rolling power outages, impacting thousands households. These outages resulted in losses in groceries, time taken off work, and widespread panic and distress. My office received countless calls from across the district of people concerned for their elderly neighbors, their newborn babies, and people with sensitive health conditions having to brace the heat with no way of getting relief. This is not okay.

I remain steadfastly committed to finding policy solutions that improve our systems, enhance reliability, and hold parties accountable for the failures of our utilities to provide services.

In the meantime, I encourage all Northeast Ohioans to check in on their neighbors in these moments. [Find cooling centers](#) near you if your power goes out by calling 211 and avoid going outside for during the hottest hours of the day.

Residents who lost food purchased with SNAP during power outages last four hours or more can apply to have these benefits replaced by completing a [JFS Form 07222](#) within 10 days of the outage and submit it to the [Cuyahoga County Department of Jobs and Family Services](#).

Please always feel free to reach out to my office in these moments of crisis for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Tristan W. Rader in black ink.

Tristan Rader

State Representative, Ohio House District 13

## DEFENDING OHIO'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Ohio's public lands are our state's lungs and these lands are being threatened.

Earlier this month, I went to [Marietta, Ohio](#) to learn more about the continued mismanagement of fracking waste that is threatening the region's water supply from the people it is most intimately impacting - local residents.



I learned that the [state intakes fracking waste](#) from other states and injects it into the ground here in Ohio. This part of Ohio has more injection wells than all of the surrounding states combined and it takes a real toll on our forests and waterways.

To add insult to injury, the federal government is opening up 3,000 acres of Ohio's only national forest to additional fracking. Refer to the Bureau of Land Management's [project page](#) on Wayne National Forest to learn more and what you can do.

From Ohio's North Shore on Lake Erie, to the hills and forests of Southeast Ohio, I am dedicated to protecting Ohio's natural resources.



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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:

- **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.

- **Stop Fracking Under Lake Erie and State Parks - *HB 399***

- [House Bill 399](#) would prohibit oil and gas extraction from under our state’s most prized natural resources.

- **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.



## WORKING FOR YOU

Despite the fact the Legislature is on recess right now, my team and I are still fighting for District 13 both in and out of the Statehouse.

- Continuing to advocate for data centers to pay their fair share and be subject to waste water regulations
- Advancing food security efforts so all of our neighbors can access healthy foods
- Championing progressive policy to build the future we want and need

As always, feel free to reach out to my office any time to express your concerns.



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