



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the 136th General Assembly! I wanted to welcome all of our new constituents to our monthly newsletter! Each month, you will learn about the different holidays my office honors, what is happening in Columbus at the Statehouse and events happening in the district. If there's a particular topic you would like to learn more about, we are always open to suggestions!

In my first months as your representative, my office recognized a few important dates and anniversaries. On January 20th, my office honored the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. This day was a great reminder that all Ohioans must stay committed to creating a more just, equitable society through civic action. "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We believe that every Ohioan, no matter who you are, deserves the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive. On January 24th, my office celebrated International Day of Education. We celebrated the power of learning that will shape a brighter future for all Ohioans. We honored educators, advocates, and learners worldwide. In January, we celebrated School Board Appreciation Month. We express our gratitude to our dedicated school board members who work tirelessly to enhance education for our students. We appreciate all that you do; your commitment is shaping the future of Ohio. In February, my office honored Black History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history. It serves as a crucial reminder of the struggles and triumphs of the Black community, highlighting the impact on culture, science, politics, and every facet of society. It encourages dialogue and a collective reflection on the ongoing journey toward racial equality. We also honored American Heart Month. As the leading cause of death in the United States, heart diseases impact millions of lives each year. This designated month is an opportunity to educate the public about risk factors, healthy lifestyle choices, and early detection of heart-related issues.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn about the start of the new General Assembly, my committee and ranking member assignments, and some fun community events I attended! If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out and I would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Derrick Hall

Here are some ways my office can assist you:

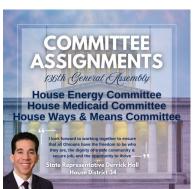
- Disputes with state government agencies;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters;
- Proposing bill ideas and law changes;
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

Helpful Contacts:

- BMV: (844) 644-6268
- Summit County Board of Elections: 330-643-5200
- Summit County Job and Family Services: 844-640-6446
- Community Legal Aid: 330-535 -4191
- Ohio Consumers' Counsel: 877-742-5622
- Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562

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Committee Assignments

I am honored to announce that I have been assigned to the House Medicaid, Energy, Veterans & Military Development, and Ways & Means Committees.

These assignments allow me to be a voice for our district and Ohio, whether it is advocating on behalf of our veterans, improving Ohio's Medicaid system, or fixing Ohio's property tax crisis. Committees are where the work of perfecting bills happens. I'm honored to serve on four committees that are instrumental in bettering the lives of Ohioans.

I was appointed as ranking member for the House Veterans & Military Development Committee for the 136th General Assembly. The House Veterans & Military Development Committee will be focused on making Ohio the most veteran-friendly state in the country by improving the VA and increasing care and benefits that veterans receive.

I am committed to using my committee and ranking member assignment to continue to ensure all Ohioans have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.

My First Day on the Job



On January 6th, I was sworn into the 136th General Assembly. It is an honor to represent the great people of the 34th District over the next two years!

I am excited to work with residents of our district, which encompasses Stow, Hudson, Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, Silver Lake, North Akron and Northwest Akron. I take being your representative very seriously and I will work hard every day to improve the lives of my constituents in District 34.

Going into my first term, my top priorities are solving Ohio's property tax crisis, strengthening Ohio's public education, and standing up for our veterans.

Representative Hall in the Community!



Stow Community & Senior Center Grand Opening

In January, I had the honor of joining Stow Mayor John Pribonic, members of City Council, the Stow Parks & Rec Board, Ohio Congresswoman Emilia Sykes and Ohio State Sen. Casey Weinstein to celebrate the grand opening of the city's new community and senior center. This new center is a vast improvement over the original center, and allows for an increased capacity to serve the community with various programs and classes for citizens of all ages.



Stow BMV License Bureau Tour

On February 21st, I had the opportunity to tour the BMV License Bureau in Stow. This locally owned business helps save taxpayers over \$200 million a year through the contract work they do with the state. I was joined by three generations of family who run the bureau. Pictured left to right is Haley, Cindi, myself and Debbie. Thank you to these ladies for their hard work and service to their community.



Skills USA Competition at the Northeast Ohio Carpenters' Training Center

I was honored to attend the skills competition held in February at the carpenters training center in Richfield. This facility is considered to be one of the top carpentry centers in the country and serves carpenter apprentices and journeymen from more than 27 counties in Ohio and even four counties in West Virginia. It was impressive to see their skills in action and I look forward to representing these talented workers and their industry in the legislature.

Representative Hall in the Community!



Fair School Funding discussion with Tallmadge School Officials

Last month, I met with Tallmadge City Schools Treasurer Jeff Hostetler and Board of Education Vice President Mike Passarelli and board member Chad Davis to discuss ways to improve school funding in the State of Ohio.

The Fair School Funding Plan would allow local schools to receive the necessary state funding to meet the individualized needs of each school district. I am thankful to Jeff and members of the board for their insight on the needs of Tallmadge City Schools and how I can best represent them in Columbus.



HD-34 Leadership Council Meeting

One of my campaign promises was that I would create a House District 34 Leadership Council comprised of elected officials throughout the district to foster a direct line of communication on the issues facing our communities.

We held our first meeting on February 10th, hearing from local leaders about budget requests for local projects. Thank you to the local elected leaders who attended. These conversations will inform my representation over the next two years.



Toast to Hudson

I was thrilled to support Hudson Community First's "Toast to Hudson" last month. This event helps fundraise to benefit mental wellness programs, leadership opportunities, and drug and alcohol prevention initiatives for Hudson youth.

It was a great to meet so many members of the community and celebrate such a wonderful cause.

If you see me at an event, please introduce yourself—I'd love to meet you!