



A legislative update from

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## From the Desk of Representative Hall

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the 136th General Assembly! I want 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 at the Statehouse, and events happening in the district. If there is a particular topic you would like to learn about, we are always open to suggestions!

As the summer comes to a close, I am looking back on the events and celebrations I've shared with constituents. On August 23rd, I walked in the Akron Pride Parade to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and their accomplishments, and to reaffirm my commitment to fighting for equity for all. On September 1st, I took part in the Barberton Labor Day Parade to honor the workers, unions, and movements that make Labor Day so special. As a legislator, I am dedicated to advocating for strong unions and fair working conditions for all Ohioans. September was also National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Please take a moment to check in with your loved ones this month. Compassion and conversation can go a long way.

In this month's newsletter, you will learn more about the community events I have attended recently, my new committee and ranking member assignments, and my legislative priorities and goals as I come back into session with my colleagues. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out! I would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

### 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:

- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988
- 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: (614) 466-8574
- Unemployment Compensation Hotline: (877) 644-6562



# Representative Hall in the Community!



## Annual Akron Pride Parade

Every August, my hometown hosts the Akron Pride Parade, also known as the Akron Equity March! I am honored to have been able to join in the celebration, and share the celebration with my constituents. I look forward to seeing you there next year!



## Barberton Labor Day Parade

It was an honor to be a part of the Barberton Labor Day Parade this year! I walked alongside Local 306, Akron's electricians union, in support of the important work that unions and labor movements have accomplished throughout history.





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## Stow Fourth of July Parade

Earlier in the summer, I celebrated the Fourth of July with my constituents in Stow! It was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate our community. The City of Stow Commission on Inclusion provided Sensory Bags for this event, so that every family could join the fun. Just in time for the start of Disability Pride Month!



## Akron Bicentennial Downtown Parade

Happy 200th anniversary, Akron! On July 5th, I had a fantastic time walking in the parade, visiting with neighbors, and learning more about my hometown.



# Legislative Updates

## Committee Assignments



I am honored to announce that I have been appointed as ranking member for the Insurance Committee for the 136th General Assembly. The House Insurance Committee has a full agenda right now. House Bill 105 has the attention of many legislators and stakeholders. This bill aims to alter third-party funding policies in certain court cases. Look for updates from my office as we continue this work!

I will be maintaining my role as a member of the Energy, Medicaid, and Veterans & Military Development Committees. These assignments will allow me to continue advocating for my constituents in District 34 and for all Ohioans in many different ways.

I am saddened to announce that I will be leaving the Ways and Means Committee. I will continue to follow the work of this committee, and Representative Glassburn will be taking over my role. I have full faith that his expertise and leadership will be beneficial to the work of the Ways and Means Committee.

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## Property Tax Relief

Since the beginning of my term, my constituents have made it clear that the property tax crisis is one of the most pressing issues in Ohio. My fellow Democrats have already put forward legislation to solve this issue by properly funding schools, modernizing and increasing the homestead exemption, and providing refunds to taxpayers. The state has failed to follow through with these bills. After months of brainstorming, hearing from stakeholders, and making edits, I am proud to share my progress with you. Soon, I am releasing my own bill to help solve the property tax crisis. The Property Tax Relief and Stability Act is designed to eliminate property taxes for any owner occupied property. This means, if you live in the home you own, you will no longer pay property taxes on your house, but instead, a one-time fee when the house is sold. This bill also gives more control to each local government in Ohio. Voters will be able to make income taxes progressive and decide what their tax dollars are spent on. For this to succeed, we will need to band together to support our local communities. You can follow the progress of my bill and learn more about it on the Ohio Legislature website: [Legislature.Ohio.gov](http://Legislature.Ohio.gov), or by contacting my office.





## A Message from the Statehouse

### **Committing to Small Businesses**

Recently, Representative Hall met with a small business owner in Stow who had concerns about dealing with a state agency. The Stow business owner had spent many hours on phone calls and with paperwork for necessary licensures and approvals. What started as a conversation about the difficulties that small business owners have when navigating Ohio agencies turned into an opportunity for Representative Hall to show how his office can help!

A state legislator's job to represent their constituents in Columbus goes beyond writing and voting on legislation. It also means providing assistance when the gears of government grind too slowly or come to a halt.

Legislators can't change or bend the rules, but they can make sure that their constituents' issues are being managed in the most efficient way possible. What does that entail? For Rep. Hall, the best way to alert him of an issue with a state agency is to contact his office by phone or email. His legislative aide will take detailed notes on the issue and may ask for supporting documentation so the office fully understands the issue. Once that's done, Rep. Hall and his team will discuss the issue and may reach out to the involved parties to try to reach a suitable resolution. For small business owners in District 34, this might mean helping to get cases started, receiving an update on a case, or being referred to other helpful resources.

Rep. Hall understands the importance of small businesses to the health of our local economy and to the well-being of the families that own them. At the same time, he knows that with limited staffing, these businesses may struggle when having to navigate complex governmental systems. He and his team are committed to helping businesses get the help they need to keep their businesses running smoothly.

For assistance with working with state agencies, contact Rep. Hall's office at 614-466-1177 or email [rep34@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep34@ohiohouse.gov).

