

# State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan

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Dear District 14 Resident:

It was an honor to be sworn in earlier this month with my wife of 28 years, Deena, holding the family Bible and our children and friends by my side in the historic Statehouse in Columbus. To be one of 99 Ohioans to represent our fine state in Ohio House of Representatives is an indescribable honor. Rest assured that I will remember my oath “to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio... as I shall answer unto God” in my daily work on your behalf.

I began serving as your District 14 state representative on January 1. District 14 encompasses all of Parma, Parma Heights, and portions of Cleveland’s historic West Park neighborhood, including streets in Wards 11, 16, and 17. Please know that I am in constant contact with Parma Mayor Timothy DeGeeter, Parma Heights Mayor Marie Gallo, Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, as well as your members of city council. As a former member of Parma City Council for nearly two decades, I know how important a partnership between state and local government is to crafting policies that promote the quality of life of those we are elected to serve.

I also want you to know that I have been busy at work building relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle here at the historic Statehouse to promote policies that will improve the lives of, not only those who live in our district, but the entire state of Ohio. With 99 members of the Ohio House of Representatives and 33 members of the Ohio Senate, building friendships and communication are the keys to getting things done in Columbus.

If you are ever in Columbus, please feel free to stop by the office. It is especially helpful if you let me know in advance of your visit.

I look forward to seeing you at events throughout the district. Please feel free to say hello if you see me.

If my office may ever be of assistance, please feel free to reach out to us. One of my priorities is to always be an accessible representative.

It is truly an honor to serve as your state representative. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023!

Sincerely,

**Sean Patrick Brennan**

Ohio State Representative, District 14





## House Democrats Deliver \$5.8 Billion to Invest in Caregiving, Education, and Healthcare

COLUMBUS – **Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma)** today announced House Bill (HB) 45, which will allocate \$5.8 billion in mostly federal COVID relief funding to support education, improve mental healthcare infrastructure, and strengthen caregiving networks across Ohio, was signed into law.

HB 45 accomplishes House Democrats' top legislative priority during the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly lame duck session, which was to make sure the almost \$2 billion remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were allocated to programs that would keep Ohio's communities safe and healthy, support working families and caregivers and create good-paying jobs.

"I ran for the Ohio House of Representatives because I want to work with my colleagues on both sides of aisle to improve the quality of life of the nearly 12 million Ohioans that we represent. I look forward to building on the progress that has been made," said **Rep. Brennan**.

HB 45 includes:



- \$1.75 billion to schools for pandemic relief;
  - \$350 million to nursing facilities for workforce support;
  - \$168.5 million for healthcare provider relief payments for critical access and rural hospitals;
  - \$150 million for lead prevention and mitigation;
  - \$112 million for school building security and safety enhancements;
  - \$90 million to improve the mental healthcare infrastructure;
  - \$85 million to recruit and retain behavioral health workers;
  - \$50 million to expand the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
  - \$40 million to support the assisted living workforce;
  - \$30 million to support the hospice care workforce;
  - \$25 million to community food banks;
  - \$15 million to dialysis centers;
- \$5 million to the Law Enforcement Reimbursement Training Pilot Program;
  - Creates a temporary tax amnesty program that would forgive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes and fees for businesses and taxpayers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Brennan Collaborates with Colleagues For Martin Luther King Day

Prior to joining the Ohio General Assembly, I was a U.S. History and Government public school teacher. In my classes I worked hard to impart on my students the importance of civic engagement – how we all have a responsibility to do our part to make a difference in our community. I would often invoke the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in my lessons.

In honor of Dr. King, I asked a diverse and bipartisan group of my colleagues to join me in reading Dr. King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. Dr. King's words prove timeless, as they are in many ways as relevant today as they were when he wrote them in 1963.

This project is modeled on the reading done annually by Senator Sherrod Brown and his U.S. Senate colleagues. To watch the video, feel free to visit: <https://youtu.be/QQpz62ty0mY>.



## District Spotlight

I am pleased to announce that UH Parma Medical Center has been awarded \$855,000 from the federal government to help fund the development of a breast cancer clinic. As the son of a mother who lost the battle, I was honored to support this project.



## Statehouse Spotlight

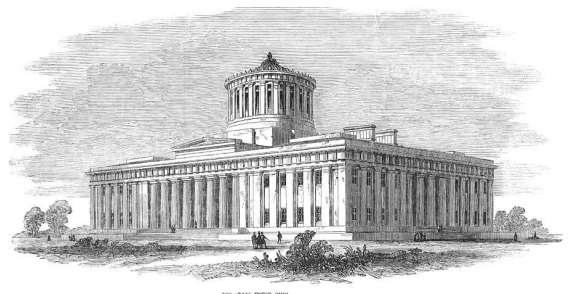
I was excited to cast my first votes as a member of the Ohio General Assembly this month. They included voting for our new speaker and other leadership positions, as well as the rules for the Ohio House of Representatives. Once we are assigned to committees, our work on bills will begin.



## Brennan Requests Committees

Earlier this month, Ohio House of Representatives Minority Leader Allison Russo requested a list of committees upon which I would like to serve. Instead of sending her a list, I wrote her a letter explaining how my many years of experience as a public school educator, union member, and city council member inform my choices. I want to use my expertise in education, labor issues, local government, safety issues, and others to benefit the cities of Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland. Below are the committees that I requested, all of which are of great importance to District 14. She is currently working with the Speaker of the House to assign representatives to committees and we should hear their decisions soon.

- **Primary and Secondary Education**
- **Higher Education and Career Readiness**
- **Public Utilities**
- **State and Local Government**
- **Energy and Natural Resources**
- **Public Safety, Corrections, and State Security**



## Resident Spotlight

What an honor it was to be joined by Bishop Bohdan Danylo of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma at the Statehouse recently. Bishop Danylo delivered an inspirational blessing at the Governor's swearing-in ceremony. Thank you for your service Bishop!