

# State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan

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***Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights,  
and Cleveland's West Park Neighborhood!***

Dear District 14 Resident:

When I took my solemn oath of office to serve as your state representative back on January, 3, 2023, I made a commitment to be your voice and to work with both my Democratic and Republican colleagues to promote policies that improve the quality of life for you and all Ohioans. Throughout my career as an elected official, I have prided myself on being a public servant, not a politician. I am proud of the body of work that I have accomplished in the short 15 months I have served you at the Statehouse and I think you will be, too.

First, and foremost, I am hyper-focused on constituent services, as anyone elected to office should. Everyone who contacts my office is treated with respect and compassion. In fact, when hiring someone to work in my office, the number one quality I am looking for is *empathy*. Being able to see things from someone else's perspective is so important when folks are calling my office about their unemployment benefits, child support issues, public assistance, among a plethora of other issues. I am very proud of my hard working staff who care so very deeply for others.

Next, the bills I have introduced and supported are overwhelmingly bipartisan. Check my website for yourself to check them out. I am especially proud to say that I have passed two bills out of the House of Representatives and have more that are very close! In fact, by the time you read this, I will have given sponsor testimony on H.B. 195 in the Senate Transportation Committee, which will create an adaptive mobility vehicle dealer license in Ohio. My Republican colleague, Rep. Steve Demetriou, and I are very optimistic this bill, which will really help our disabled and aging population in Ohio, will become law. The fact that only 17 bills have become law since I was sworn in and that I am in my first term, makes me especially proud. But, when you treat your colleagues with the respect they deserve, even when you do not agree, you can get good things done together.

I am very blessed to represent a very compact district that encompasses Parma, Parma Heights, and about one-third of Cleveland's West Park. Many of my colleagues in the Ohio General Assembly represent multiple counties! I am personal friends with all of our elected leaders and their staffs, I see constituents everywhere I go, and I am able to attend hundreds of community events each year. In fact, not a day goes by that I do not have conversations with multiple constituents. Being accessible makes me a better legislator. Each conversation I have is a learning experience that I can take back to the Statehouse when we are creating policy. So, thank you for sharing your stories, your concerns, and your wishes, for, by doing so, you make me a better public servant!

As always, if my office may be of service, please contact us via phone or email. I also invite you to visit my website to learn more about how I am serving you and to sign up for my monthly newsletter. I hope that you will stop by my legislative update meeting that will be held at the *Parma-Powers Library (6996 Powers Blvd.) on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm*. It is an honor to serve you!

Sincerely,

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*Speaker of the House Jason Stephens and I have an excellent working relationship. The fact that he has supported several of my bills is testament to the trust we have built and proof that Republicans and Democrats can and do work in good faith, despite the fact that this often goes unreported in the media.*



# Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Introduces Bill to Honor Slain Local Trainman

**COLUMBUS:** State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan (D-Parma) has introduced legislation to designating exit 12A at W. 150<sup>th</sup> Street off of I-480 in Cleveland as the “Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange.”

On March 7, 2023, Lou Shuster, a proud member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainman (BLET), was riding his Norfolk-Southern railcar near the Cleveland Cliffs steel mill in Cleveland, when around 1:19 am a dump truck driver stopped at a stop sign at the railroad tracks and then proceeded forward, striking the front left side of the first train car. Shuster was positioned on the outside of the train car and was struck and crushed. Shuster was only 46 years old.

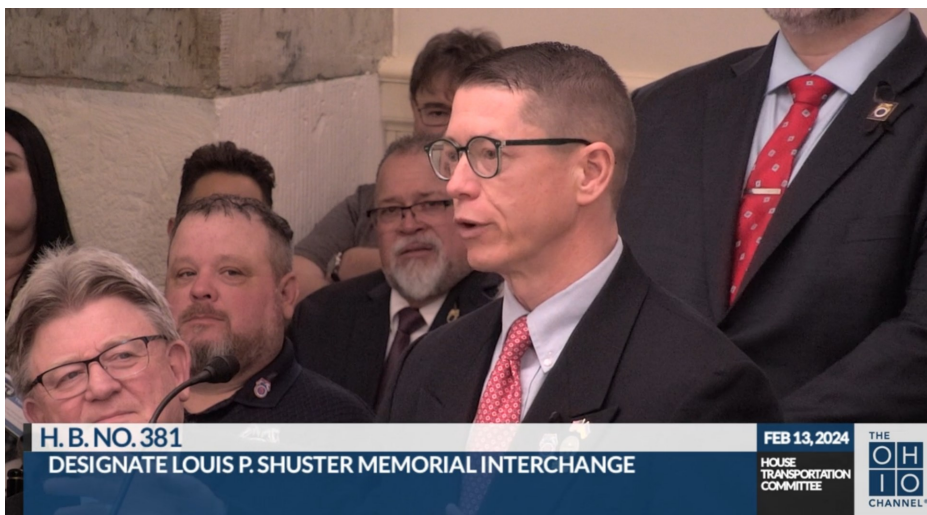
“Naming the West 150<sup>th</sup> Street exit in honor of Brother Lou is a beautiful tribute that his fellow union brothers and sisters will see each shift they go to work in the train yard located at the end of the exit ramp,” Brennan said, adding, “It will also remind us all of the importance of rail safety and of being extra cautious when entering a railroad intersection.”

Beginning his railroad career as a conductor in 2005, after serving our country in the U.S. Army, Shuster was promoted to locomotive engineer in 2014. He became a member of the Brother of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen in 2016 and served on the Board as the Veterans Affairs Delegate for Norfolk-Southern and the Wheeling-Lake Erie. He was a 1995 graduate of South High in Cleveland.

At home, Shuster was a son and caregiver for his parents, Louis and Paulette, a father of 16-year-old Ethan, and a loving brother. The Shuster family is incredibly close, with three generations living together, as Lou shared a home with his brother George, who sadly died a couple of months earlier, his son Ethan, and his, also now late, parents. He was also the dearest brother of Annie Frazee, and uncle to Christopher, Nicholas, Katherine and Benjamin.

Pat Redmond, local chairman of BLET Division 607, says that Shuster “was a passionate and dedicated union brother. He was always there for his co-workers. He was very active in helping veterans who worked on the railroad and veterans all across our community.”

H.B. 381 passed the Ohio House Transportation Committee unanimously on February 13 and is now on its way to the full House for consideration.



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## State Rep. Brennan Sets District 14 Legislative Update Meeting

**COLUMBUS:** State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan (OH-14) announced he will host a legislative update meeting with constituents on **Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm**. The Representative invites constituents of the 14<sup>th</sup> District to attend. The meeting will begin with a presentation about the *Citizens, not Politicians* constitutional amendment issue, followed by Rep. Brennan giving an update on legislation he is working on.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library**

**Parma-Powers Branch**

**6996 Powers Boulevard**

**Parma, Ohio 44129**

Rep. Brennan represents Ohio's 14<sup>th</sup> House District which includes Parma, Parma Heights, and portions of wards 11, 16, and 17 in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood. Rep. Brennan is ranking member of the House of Representatives State and Local Government Committee and sits on the Ways and Means, Primary and Secondary Education, Public Utilities, and Public Pensions Committees. Before joining the Ohio General Assembly in 2023, he served as a public school teacher for three decades. While teaching, he also spent 19 years on Parma City Council as ward two councilman from 2004-2010 and President of City Council from 2010-2022. For more information visit [ohiohouse.gov/members/sean-p-brennan](https://ohiohouse.gov/members/sean-p-brennan).



## State Representative Brennan's Ohio General Assembly Primer

As I am out in the community, many residents ask me questions about the Ohio General Assembly. I always love these questions because I taught American Government and American History for three decades. So, I thought I would dedicate this space to a primer about the legislative or law-making branch of Ohio's state government.

First, the Ohio General Assembly is a *bicameral* legislature, meaning it has two branches or houses: the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. I serve as one of the 99 members of the Ohio House of Representatives. Each of us has our own district composed of around 120,000 constituents—those who live in our district that we represent. We have 2-year terms and are limited to four consecutive terms.

On the other hand, the Ohio Senate is composed of 33 members, each with their own district. A Senate district encompasses three House districts. Senators have a 4-year term and are limited to two consecutive terms.

In order for a bill to become a law in the state of Ohio, it must pass both the House and Senate. First, a bill is introduced by a member of the House or Senate. Once introduced, it is then sent to the appropriate committee to be vetted. If the bill passes committee, it is then sent to the floor of that house for a vote. If the bill passes the floor vote, it is sent to the other house and referred to committee. Should it pass that committee, it is sent to that house's floor for a vote. If it passes, it is then sent to the governor. The governor may sign the bill into law or veto the bill. If the governor vetoes the bill, the House and Senate can override the veto with a 3/5 majority vote of both houses. If that occurs, the bill becomes a law without the governor's signature. Keep in mind that this is the simplified process, as there are other things that go on and other steps that may occur.

All committees and sessions are aired live on the Ohio Channel and archived for future viewing. You can find the Ohio Channel online at [ohiochannel.org](https://ohiochannel.org).



*The Ohio General Assembly meets in the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.*

# State Representative Brennan Out in the Community



- 1: I was honored to stand tall with the members of our Ukrainian veterans community recently.
- 2: Visiting Cement Masons Local 404 to observe their training facility.
- 3: Meeting with leaders of the North-Shore AFL-CIO to talk about job creation & worker rights.
- 4: Meeting with Parma Schools Superintendent Charles Smialek & Parma Councilman Al Divis.
- 5: Congratulating Parma Police Chief Joseph Bobak on his retirement. Thanks for your service!
- 6: Visiting Rudy's Strudel in Parma to celebrate Paczki Day with owner Lidia Trempe.
- 7: Honoring my friend Fr. John Nakonachny, Pastor of Parma's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, on his retirement.
- 8: Enjoying coffee with Cleveland Councilwoman Jasmin Santana at Dahlia Coffee on W. 25th.
- 9: Excited that my favorite Mexican restaurant, Cozumel, is now open in Parma at 2075 Snow Road near the Parma-Snow Library. Here I am with co-owner Ramon Aguirre and his granddaughter.