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

Dear District 14 Resident:

Since you sent me to the Ohio Statehouse in January, 2023, I have worked hard to serve you well. I take my role as servant leader very seriously and not a moment goes by that I do not think about what I can be doing to help my constituents back home in Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland. Know that every vote I take, every meeting and conversation I have, every bill I work on, and every action I take as your state representative, I take with your best interests mind.

For decades in my American government courses, I taught my students about the importance of working hard, being professional, building relationships, and compromise. As state representative I strive to live up to what I taught and to be an honorable statesman. Serving you means that I have a responsibility to work well with everyone. I do all I can to be a positive role model for my constituents, my colleagues, and all Ohioans. As such, I have built strong relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, give every policy proposal fair consideration, remain accessible, listen attentively, and work hard.

My body of work and how I conduct myself at the Statehouse illustrate that I live up to my commitments to you. Never one to just sit and keep a seat warm, I have gained a reputation for respectfully asking a lot of tough questions in every committee hearing. I am also proud to say that I am working on many bills that will make the lives of Ohioans even better and that a great majority of them are bipartisan in nature.

I am very concerned about the divided nature of our state and nation. My daughter got married last year and I am very excited about the prospect of being a grandparent. I do not want my kids and grandkids to grow up in a community where their neighbors harbor animosity toward them simply because they have a yard sign in their yard for a candidate they do not support. This is not the Ohio and America any of us want for our young people. It is time to end the vitriol in our politics. We all must expect more from our elected officials and demand that they conduct themselves in a civil manner.

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. It is an honor to serve you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean".

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Getting things done at the Ohio Statehouse, just like anywhere else, involves working well with others and seeking common ground. Here I am with former Congresswoman and, now, fellow State Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland). She and I are working on a bill that will greatly help those seeking to purchase a home in Ohio.



House Bill (H.B.) 195 Now Goes to the Governor



House Bill 195 - 135th General Assembly

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Create an adaptive mobility dealer license Long Title +

The diagram shows the legislative process for H.B. 195. It starts with 'Introduced In House' and 'Introduced In Senate'. From 'Introduced In House', it goes to 'In House Committee', then 'Reported By Committee', and 'Passed By House'. From 'Introduced In Senate', it goes to 'In Senate Committee', then 'Reported By Committee', and 'Passed By Senate'. Both paths lead to 'Sent To The Governor'. The bill is sponsored by Sean P. Brennan (District 14 | D) and Steve Demetriou (District 35 | R).

I am very excited to share that on April 24, I passed my first bill out of the Ohio General Assembly and that it is now awaiting Governor Michael DeWine's signature. For those of you who read my monthly newsletter, you will recall that last May Rep. Steve Demetriou (R - Bainbridge Township) and I introduced House Bill (H.B.) 195. This bipartisan bill will create an adaptive mobility car dealer license in Ohio. Currently, car dealers who retrofit vehicles for the disabled community are operating in a gray area under Ohio law. H.B. 195 will clear up this area of the law to the benefit of legitimate car dealers and those they serve. Our bill will lead to more adaptive dealers entering the market and result in better quality, lower prices, more choices, and further innovations in the adaptive automobile space. In fact, our bill will benefit disabled and senior Ohioans in many ways, including giving them peace of mind that the vehicles they purchase are safe and reliable and that the vehicle warranties will be honored.

Making a state law is a very difficult process, which is why very few bills actually become law. After many meetings and calls with interested parties, Rep. Demetriou and I introduced H.B. 195 in May, 2023. It was then assigned to the Ohio House Committee on Commerce and Labor, where, after several hearings, it passed unanimously in October. It was then sent to the full House for a vote and passed 88-1 in December. Next, it was sent to the Senate Transportation Committee for hearings. It passed that committee unanimously on April 24. On that same day, it was passed by the full Senate 32-0. Because the bill was amended slightly in the Senate, it had to be passed again by the House, which was done a couple of hours later. A bill moving that quickly in one day is highly unusual, but it is testament to the hard work my colleague and I put in, a lot of help from a lot of folks, and the bipartisan nature of the bill.

Rep. Demetriou and I came to the General Assembly together in January, 2023, as freshmen. Our success is proof that bipartisanship is still alive and gives me hope for the future. We look forward to meeting with Governor Michael DeWine for an official bill signing ceremony.

- 05/30/23 - Introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives
- 06/07/23 - Referred to House Commerce and Labor Committee
- 10/03/23 - Passed by House Commerce and Labor Committee (9-0)
- 12/06/23 - Passed by the Ohio House of Representatives (88-1), Sent to Ohio Senate
- 12/11/23 - Introduced in the Ohio Senate
- 12/13/24 - Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee
- 04/24/24 - Passed by the Senate Transportation Committee (12-0)
- 04/24/24 - Passed by the Ohio Senate (32-0)
- 04/24/24 - Ohio House of Representatives Votes to Concur with Senate Amendments (91-2)

STAY TUNED: AWAITING SIGNING BY GOVERNOR MICHAEL DEWINE



Since I joined the Ohio General Assembly in January, 2023, 1,600 bills have been introduced with 20 becoming law. That's about a 1% chance of a bill becoming a law, which makes H.B. 195 particularly special.



State Rep. Brennan Supports Property Tax Relief Bills

From my 19 years on Parma City Council to my new role as state representative, I know the burden local property taxes pose on many homeowners. Below are the bills I am supporting that would provide property tax relief to Ohio homeowners. You can read more about each bill by visiting my website.

H.B. 57 - Index the Homestead Exemption to Inflation

H.B. 60 - Increase the Amount of and Expand the Homestead Exemption

H.B. 187 - Modify procedures to conduct property tax sales-assessment study

H.B. 254 - Regards homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans

H.B. 263 - Authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes

H.B. 274 - Authorize enhanced homestead exemption for certain homeowners

H.B. 378 - Permit homestead exemption-surviving spouses of service members



State Rep. Brennan Prioritizes Constituent Services

As I have mentioned many times in the past, one of my top priorities is constituent services. My staff and I are ready to assist you whenever you need assistance with state agencies. What an honor it is that so many of you call me for help. What an even bigger honor it is for me to be able to assist you. Thank you to the many of you who send us kind comments. Here are a few that we received recently that truly touched my heart.

“Thank you so much for your speedy and kind response! Wow! I did not expect Representative Brennan to contact the Director as quickly as he did and to receive this communication so fast. Representative Brennan and Legislative Aid's like yourself bring new meaning to the phrase "public service"! I am not only heartened by this response, I am also inspired with the knowledge that Representative Brennan is our state representative. His intelligent compassion shines through all aspects of his work! With deep gratitude and respect.” - Lisa T. (Parma)

“How great to have a person with your intelligence, professional skills and most importantly a high degree of integrity in such a position. I am sure Governor DeWine appreciates having you working with him. Thanks again keep it going.” - Tony D. (Parma)

“They called me! ODJFS called me today and we had my intake appointment! I have been approved for SNAP and Medicaid, and next month will be approved for TANF. This wouldn't have happened without the help of your office and I wanted to thank you so much for your persistence in helping me. Thank you so much!” - Nina M. (Cleveland)

“I just wanted to say thank you for your help throughout this process. It was like magic soon as I got you guys involved. It's been resolved and the debt cleared thru the ODJFS and OAG. All the stress from this has been lifted and my worries are gone. I really do appreciate all of your help and everything you did. I'm proud to know there's state officials like you that still exist and help the people of Ohio. You hear all these negative stories about politics nowadays. I'm proud to say I have a good story and will be sharing. Thank you again for serving me and the people of Ohio. I hope to see you do great things in your career.” - James C. (Cleveland)



State Representative Brennan Working Hard at the Statehouse and Back in the District

Clockwise: Greeting members of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association (C.P.P.A.) at my Statehouse Office; Calling bingo at Pleasant Valley Elementary Family Night; Hosting Parma Heights Mayor Marie Gallo and Parma Ward One Councilwoman Monica Wilson at Governor DeWine's State of the State Address; Greeting Parma Auxiliary Police Commander George Balasko at the Ohio Statehouse.



State Rep. Brennan Receives Award from The Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries



On April 9, I was very honored to receive the Good Partner Award from Goodwill Industries of Ohio for my work with them. Thank you to Mark Trew, Chief Operating Officer of Goodwill of Greater Cleveland, for presenting me with the award at the Statehouse.

