



**Senator Tom Patton**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**STATEMENT FROM SENATOR TOM PATTON ON RECENT FLOODING IN  
BEREA**

*COLUMBUS – State Senator Tom Patton (R – Strongsville) issued the following statement today regarding the flooding issues affecting residents of Berea.*

“Over the past week, my office has received a high volume of calls and e-mails concerning the recent rash of flooding affecting hundreds of residents in the City of Berea. It is clear that this issue has become one of utmost importance to the safety and well-being of local residents.”

“As it turned out, I was the only public official in attendance at Sunday night’s town hall meeting where over 100 residents voiced their concerns over the city’s sewer problems. Some of the stories shared that evening were downright heartbreaking, and it is clear that something must be done expeditiously in order to bring relief to the people of Berea.”

“Though this is largely a local issue, I have begun reaching out to individuals at the State-level to identify what resources may be at our disposal. I have already been in touch with contacts at the Department of Public Safety and they are currently consulting people from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in hopes of identifying the sudden cause of flooding.”

“On Monday, the City of Berea launched a hotline help catalogue and address flooding concerns. If you or loved ones are being affected by these events, please call the hotline at (440) 826-5800 ext. 4270 or ext. 4271.”

“Finally, I would like to thank all those have reached out to my office and ask that you continue to keep me abreast of this situation over the coming days. I know from speaking to so many of you over the past week that this issue must be resolved as soon as possible.”

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*Senator Tom Patton serves the people of Ohio’s 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes part of Cuyahoga County.*