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PRESIDENT MATT HUFFMAN

OHIO SENATE, 12TH DISTRICT



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Hello,

I trust this newsletter finds you well! On January 4, 2021, I was sworn in to serve as President of the Ohio Senate for the 134th General Assembly, and it has been a true honor to serve you, and our state, in this capacity. My colleagues and I have been working diligently to build back our communities and our state stronger than ever, and below you will find an update on our work so far this year.

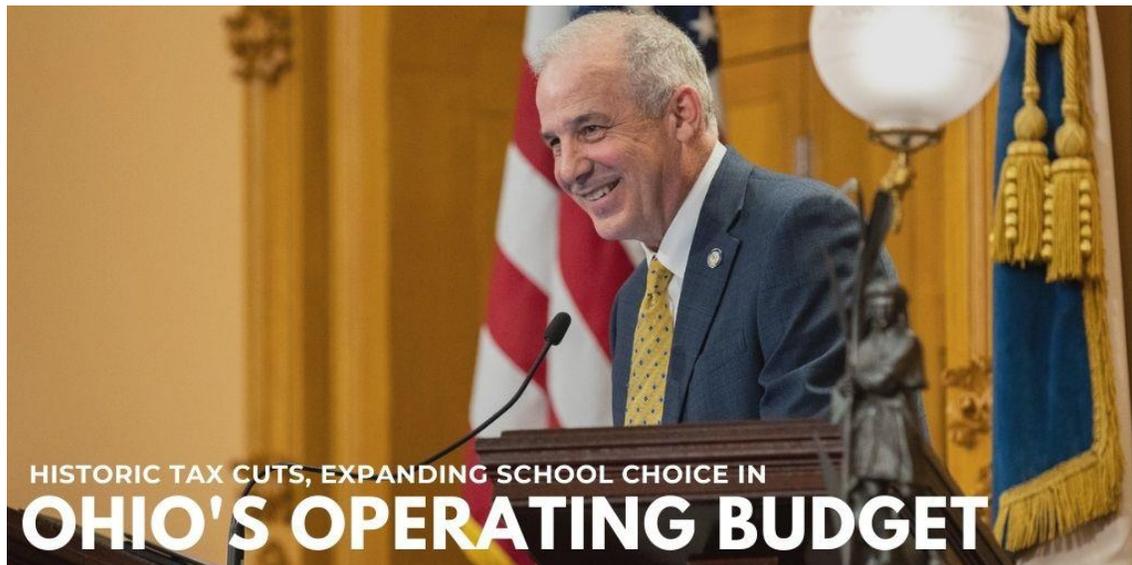
Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you have ideas or need help accessing state resources. I'm available at Huffman@OhioSenate.gov or by phone at (614) 466-7584.

Look forward to hearing from you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Huffman".

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Ohio's biennial state budget is one of the most important pieces of legislation considered by the General Assembly. Over the last several months, my colleagues and I have worked hard to deliver a balanced, fiscally responsible budget that invests in essential services, like education, workforce development and returns money to Ohioans.

The budget includes historic tax cuts, reflecting my belief that it is your money first, not the government's. A few specifics in the bill include:

- \$1.6 billion in **personal income tax cuts**
- **100% income tax cut** for those earning \$25,000 or less
- Maintained the continued **consolidation of tax brackets**
- **Repealed the sales taxes** on hiring and recruiting companies that work to fill job openings around the state

The budget expands school choice for Ohio families and reflects my ongoing commitment to reassure parents that we trust them to know what educational opportunities best serve their children. The budget improves school choice opportunities for parents, whether it involves public schools, charter schools, or non-public schools.

At the end of a long budget process in Columbus, it was good to be back in the great City of Lima, with my friend, and Speaker of the House, Bob Cupp to sign and seal the deal on the state's historic budget agreement! ➡ □



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Last month, the Senate passed a comprehensive sports gaming bill, that is now in the House with expectations of it making it to the governor's desk later this year. [Senate Bill 176](#) is the product of months of conversations with Ohioans, professional sports teams, and other stakeholders who are excited about providing a new, interactive way for Ohioans to enjoy their favorite sporting events.

Whether you are at the game in person, watching from a local bar or restaurant, or at home with your family, there will be options to place bets and cheer on your favorite teams from anywhere in the state. I'm excited for this new economic opportunity, and I will continue to work with my colleagues in the House to ensure this ground breaking-legislation crosses the finish line (or goal line).

Additionally, I'm happy to announce that we included an amendment in the budget that will allow veteran organizations and other fraternal groups the ability to offer charitable gaming at their locations. I'm pleased this finally resolves eight years of debate and uncertainty in our state. Our veterans served our country and veteran organizations continue serving their communities through these types of charitable donations.

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A reduced tax burden on businesses and people helps build the foundation for a stronger economy. Last month, I helped cut the ribbon for a major concrete plant expansion at C.F. Poeppelman Inc, Pepcon in Bradford, Ohio. The business represents more than a century of raw material production right here at home.



Congratulations to Pepcon, a family business that represents the hard-working pride of west central Ohio communities.

Watch our video celebrating this expansion!

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RETURNING LOCAL CONTROL, PROTECTING PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR
OHIO'S COMMUNITIES

Economic development and improving Ohio's energy grid is a crucial part of Ohio's future stability and success. However, as we look at new projects in the state, it is important that we continue to respect personal property rights, and ensure local governments have a say in where massive wind and solar farms are located.

I was proud to work with local elected officials and landowners in our district to ensure they continue to have a voice when new projects are being proposed in our backyards. [Senate Bill 52](#) is a win-win, striking the balance between economic development, and protecting the rights of everyone in our community.

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RESTORING THE BALANCE OF POWERS, REPRESENTING THE VOICES OF
OHIO'S CITIZENS

There is no doubt that the last year has posed a number of challenges for businesses, families and workers. Unfortunately, many of the people who were impacted by unilateral health orders did not feel like their voices were heard, and as a result, their

livelihoods suffered.

I was proud to lead the effort to restore the balance of powers during a health emergency, ensuring we, as your elected representatives, can fight for the best interests of our communities. [Senate Bill 22](#) gives the Ohio legislature the authority to reign in health orders, ensuring there is a proper balance when these important decisions are being made on behalf of all Ohioans.

Additionally, we voted on a number of relief bills that will direct federal funding to those who need it most as they recover from the pandemic. Please take the time to [check out](#) new grants that are now available for many of the job creators in our community. Ohio certainly has a bright future, and hopefully these grants will give Ohioans the boost they need.

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Hope to see you and your family at one of our local fairs:

- **Allen County Fair**, *August 20-28*
- **Auglaize County Fair**, *August 1-7*
- **Champaign County Fair**, *August 6-13*
- **Darke County Fair**, *August 20-28*
- **Logan County Fair**, *July 11-17*
- **Mercer County Fair**, *August 13-19*
- **Shelby County Fair**, *July 25-31*

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Please feel free to contact me. My office can help:

- ★ Assist in dealing with state agencies.
- ★ Research information on bills and committees.
- ★ Share your opinions on pending legislation or your ideas for new legislation.
- ★ Honor outstanding accomplishments and milestones.
- ★ Request a meeting at the Statehouse or in the district.
- ★ Schedule a tour of the Ohio Statehouse.



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