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From the desk of Rep. Crossman

Dear Neighbor,

Every two years at the beginning of a new General Assembly, we take the oath of office—our pledge to uphold the constitution and honor our constituents through our service. On Monday, January 4, I proudly joined my colleagues to take that oath for a second time and with it, reaffirm my commitment not only to serving this great state, but also to representing you, your family and all those who call our statehouse district home.

Days later, the world watched in horror as violence erupted in our nation's capital.

Federal officials will conduct their investigations. Congress will hold hearings. But I believe that here in Ohio, we, too, can play a part in the healing of our nation through our dedication to the democratic process and through our work on behalf of our constituents.

This new year brings challenges and opportunity—the continued challenge of navigating the ongoing global pandemic, but the opportunity to come together to get conquer this virus and return to normalcy. The challenge of lost jobs and struggling businesses, but the opportunity to build back our economy stronger than before. I know we can make real progress on these issues if we are willing and dedicated to work together.

During the General Assembly, both Democrats and Republicans worked together in a bi-partisan manner to deliver real results for the people of Ohio—passing tax cuts for working families, investing in job training, and increased funding for roads, bridges and our children's schools.

This General Assembly, our priority is the same as it's been: to check our egos at the door and to work for you, our constituents, to deliver on the promise of better lives, better jobs, and brighter futures for all of us.

Together we can make progress on the issues facing our state and I hope that you will take the time to reach out to me so I can hear your concerns and be your voice as we move forward.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Crossman".

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Rep. Crossman Proud of Key 2020 Victories & Focused On Priorities For the 134th General Assembly



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As the 133rd General Assembly concluded in December, Rep. Crossman noted several key priorities accomplished during 2020, including securing \$4.53 billion in funding to assist local communities, front line workers, first responders, schools, small businesses, and Ohio's working people and families affected by coronavirus and ongoing economic uncertainty.

While 2020 saw the end of the two-year 133rd General Assembly, Rep. Crossman is as determined as ever to focus on delivering results for constituents. Rep. Crossman assisted in passing 109 bills out of the Ohio House in the 133rd General Assembly by either drafting the legislation or co-sponsoring the legislation. This included the passage of House Bill 230 to designate May as Brain Cancer Awareness Month in the State of Ohio, which he crafted in honor of his mother and the thousands of Ohioans who are affected by this disease each year. This legislation will allow for organizations to fundraise, raise awareness, and progress treatment in hopes to help those fighting brain cancer and brain tumors.

There were significant successes in the last General Assembly; however, several key priorities will receive renewed attention as the 134th General Assembly begins. Including, Rep. Crossman's work to ensure every Ohioan has access to quality, affordable healthcare. In the 133rd General Assembly, Rep. Crossman filed HB 390 which would protect every Ohioan from losing their insurance due to a pre-existing condition. Rep. Crossman is working now on building additional support for this legislation and will be re-filing the bill again soon.

"We did a lot last in the last General Assembly, but there is far more to still do," said **Rep. Crossman**. "I look forward to working with my legislative colleagues and with our constituents on addressing additional priorities this term, especially finally getting our school funding reform bill passed and signed by the Governor."

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Cuyahoga County

- **Link for residents to register for the vaccine in Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Phases 1A & 1B:** <https://www.ccbh.net/vax/>. Those groups are able to submit their contact information online.
- **Vaccine links:** www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine (a list of documents and graphics are available)
- **Myth vs. Facts:** <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/19-vaccine-myths-vs-facts/covid-19-vaccine-myths-vs-facts>
- **FAQ:** <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/general-resources/frequently-asked-questions+covid-19-vaccine>
- **Vaccine Data:** <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/vaccination-dashboard/covid-19-vaccination-dashboard>

House District 15 Utility Resources

First Energy: [The Illuminating Company \(firstenergycorp.com\)](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)

The link above provides a great deal of information about various support programs, payment plans and other resources. While the site contains helpful information customers may always call our customer care department at **1-800-589-3101**.

Cleveland Power Company: <https://www.cpp.org/Payment-Options>

If you are worried about your bill, received a disconnection notice, your electricity has been disconnected, or need to set up a payment plan call the Customer Care Representative to help you.

Payment Assistance- (216)-664-2782,

You can make payments by mail, phone, online, or in person.

If you are paying online and your balance is over 30 days old, contact the Call Center at 216-664-4600 and report your payment to prevent disconnection of service.

Dominion Energy: <https://www.dominionenergy.com/ohio/billing>

Higher energy bills can be common in the winter, but Dominion Energy gives you payment options to make sure an unexpected bill doesn't put a chill on your winter season. The link above guides your through options for payment plans for your bills.

Dominion can also help with your questions at **800-362-7557**

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

For legal help, call (216) 687-1900
<https://laslev.org>

Cleveland Tenants Organization Cleveland

216-432-0617
<http://www.clevelandtenants.org/>

Housing Center, Housing Research and Advocacy Center Cleveland

216-361-9240
<http://www.thehousingcenter.org/>

Heights Community Congress Cleveland Heights

216-321-6775
<http://www.heightscongress.org/>



Ohio Governor Announces Covid-19 Vaccine Schedule

Gov. DeWine recently announced that beginning January 19, vaccines will be available to those 80 and older.

Each week following this, the minimum age to be vaccinated will decrease by 5 years, with those 75 and older being able to get vaccinated the week of Jan. 25, 70 and older the week of Feb. 1, etc.

Frontline healthcare workers, including nursing home workers, are already eligible to be vaccinated and have been receiving vaccines since Dec. 14.

To learn more about the vaccination process, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

It might be a new year, but COVID-19 hasn't gone away. Take these precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

- Stay home as much as possible to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Wear a mask when around people who are not in your household.
- Do not hold large in-person gatherings. If holding smaller parties, limit attendance to 10 or fewer people and hold the event outside if possible.
- Wipe down commonly used surfaces such as light switches, countertops and door knobs daily with disinfectant.
- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.

Getting a flu vaccine is an easy and quick way to protect yourself and others from the flu and its complications.



Since it is likely that flu viruses and COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter, it's more important than ever to get a flu vaccine to prevent healthcare systems from being overwhelmed with flu and COVID-19 patients this year.

Visit vaccinefinder.org to find nearby locations that offer the flu vaccine.