



2024 Year In Review

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Dear Neighbor,

As your representative in Congress, I have, from day one, prioritized bringing your voices with me to Washington and reconnecting our communities to Congress. This year, I focused on lowering costs, making our communities safer, protecting your freedoms, and improving and expanding our infrastructure.

I know Northeast Ohioans are feeling the impact of higher prices of everything, especially housing. Corporations play a huge role in rising housing costs, buying up large amounts of homes and forcing people out of neighborhoods and communities they've been a part of their whole lives. That's why I introduced the **Stop Predatory Investing Act** and the **Keep Affordable Housing in Forgotten Communities Act**, to lower the cost of housing in our communities.

Improving public safety is another important priority of mine because every person deserves to feel safe and secure in their communities. I'm committed to making Ohio's 13th Congressional District a safer place to live, work, and grow up. My common sense, bipartisan legislation – the **Law Enforcement Scenario-Based Training for Safety and De-Escalation Act** – would create a real-life, scenario-based training curriculum for law enforcement, so they are better prepared to serve you. A variety of local and federal stakeholders support this legislation including the national Fraternal Order of Police, the Akron NAACP, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

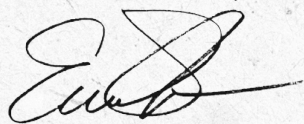
We must also ensure that we fight for those who have protected us. I introduced the **Extension of Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act**, which was signed into law in September. This bill reauthorizes several key veteran programs and services. I am also a strong supporter of the **PACT Act** – the most comprehensive legislation to date to treat toxic exposure as a cost of war and ensure that all toxic-exposed veterans can access the care and benefits they've earned. I even invited Tim Hauser, a local veteran and PACT Act advocate, to attend this year's State of the Union as my guest.

I will not stop fighting to defend your freedoms. This year, I introduced the **Reaffirming Emergency Abortion Care for All Resolution**, which would protect access to emergency abortion care in every state. All women, no matter where they live, should be able to receive the emergency care they need, including abortion. I also cosponsored the **Access to Family Building Act**, which would guarantee all Americans have the statutory right to access assisted reproductive technology, including IVF.

Finally, I am proud to have delivered **\$157,265,405** in federal funds to Ohio's 13th Congressional District. These are your tax dollars coming back to our communities to support infrastructure, job growth, first responders, public education, and more. I'm very proud to report I helped deliver **\$51 million** for the Akron Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub to create good-paying jobs and grow our local economy. This investment will ensure Northeast Ohio remains a global leader and trailblazer in polymer science and polymer engineering, reaffirming our district's legacy as the Rubber Capital of the World.

I'm confident we will continue to deliver results and expand opportunities for everyone. I'll keep putting people before politics and working across the aisle to secure meaningful results for our district and country. I am proud to work for you. My office can help with issues you may be having with the federal government such as delayed or incorrect Social Security benefits, veterans benefits, passports, and IRS casework. If I can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate to contact my office at (330) 400-5350 or sykes.house.gov.

Yours In Service,



Emilia Sykes
Member of Congress
13th Congressional District of Ohio



Putting partisan politics aside to deliver bipartisan results for Ohio's 13th Congressional District

Lowering Costs

- From day one, I have been working to lower everyday costs by:
- Advocating for the Affordable Connectivity Program to be fully funded so Ohioans can connect to affordable high-speed internet;
 - Introducing the *Stop Predatory Investing Act* to lower home prices and stop greedy corporations from buying up homes;
 - Cosponsoring the *Keep Affordable Housing in Forgotten Communities Act* to lower housing costs and protect longtime residents from being displaced from their neighborhoods.



Keeping Our Communities Safe

This year, I introduced the *Law Enforcement Scenario-Based Training for Safety and De-Escalation Act*. This bipartisan legislation would create real-life, scenario-based training curriculum for law enforcement personnel based on the wide range of issues they encounter while serving our communities. A variety of local and federal stakeholders support this legislation including the national Fraternal Order of Police, the Akron NAACP, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.



Supporting Our Veterans

Our veterans have bravely served our nation and it is through our actions, by providing the care, benefits, and respect they deserve, that we can truly honor their service and sacrifices. I introduced the *Extension of Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act*, which was signed into law in September of this year. It reauthorizes several key veteran programs and services. I am also a strong supporter of the *PACT Act* – the most comprehensive legislation to date to treat toxic exposure as a cost of war and ensure that all toxic-exposed veterans can access the care and benefits they've earned.





Delivering Results for Ohio 13

762

constituents assisted with casework

\$3,509,645

returned to constituents

Over 51,000

emails sent to constituents about the issues that matter most to them

\$339,625,801

secured in federal grant funding for local organizations and governments



“I was getting the run around from Medicare and Social Security about a refund relating to my mother's estate. It took two years of me calling and submitting documents and getting the run around before I finally decided, on the advice of a friend, to call Congresswoman Emilia Sykes. Once it was in her hands, things resolved extremely quickly and I was able to get the refund that I had been waiting on for nearly three years.” – **Susan from Akron**

“I contacted Emilia Sykes' office with an issue I had signing up for Medicare in a timely manner. Long story short, I quickly heard from the SSA who let me know I would receive my Medicare card shortly, which is exactly what happened! I am so grateful for the assistance I received from Emilia Sykes' office to expedite this hurdle. I cannot adequately express how impressed I am with Emilia Sykes' efforts to reach out to her constituents to make sure they know that she is there to assist them. Despite not ever having met me, at her direction, her staff did their very best to help me promptly and effectively when dealing with a federal office. She would do the same for any of her constituents!” – **Mary from Massillon**

“I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Congresswoman Emilia Sykes and her dedicated team for their swift and effective action. Because of their efforts, I was able to get my job back and move forward with the important process of closing on our home. This outcome has brought immense relief and stability to my family during a critical time. We are deeply appreciative of the Congresswoman's dedication to helping her constituents, and we cannot thank her and her team enough for their professionalism, empathy, and efficiency in handling our case. The support they provided truly means the world to us.” – **Hema from Twinsburg**

“Thank you for helping me resolve my issue with the IRS. Your staff worked quickly with a Taxpayer Advocate on my behalf to resolve the issue I was trying to handle myself for over six months. Without your help, I'm sure I would still be waiting.” – **Jessica from Barberton**

“I reached out for help when my income tax refund was delayed for several months. As a widow on a fixed income, this was an important issue for me. Thank you for helping me resolve it!” – **Kay from North Canton**

“My 2022 income tax return was never filed by the tax preparer, even though I paid for their services. I was owed a refund, but could not get it in a timely manner. I tried everything I could think of and could not speak to anyone at the IRS so I reached out to Congresswoman Emilia Sykes. Her Constituent Advocate responded immediately and reached out to the IRS on my behalf. I received my refund with interest within 70 days. Thank you!” – **Steven from New Franklin**

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white textured suit, is smiling and waving her right hand. She is wearing a small green pin on her lapel and a ring on her left hand. The background is dark blue.

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**Community
Conversations**

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**Congress In Our
Community events**

6

**Telephone
Townhalls**



Working for you in our nation's Capitol

2

bill signed into law

14

bills introduced

501

votes cast on behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District

62

bills cosponsored

30

bipartisan bills cosponsored

81

legislative advocacy letters



People *over* Politics

Empowering Working People

I'm working to grow the middle class by creating an economy that works for everyone, especially working people. This year, I introduced the ***Retreaded Truck Tire Jobs, Supply Chain Security and Sustainability Act***. This bipartisan legislation is good for both the economy and the environment, and will protect thousands of good-paying manufacturing jobs here at home. I also helped deliver \$51 million for the Akron Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub to create good-paying jobs and grow our local economy. This investment will ensure Northeast Ohio remains a global leader in sustainable polymers.



Protecting Reproductive Freedoms

I introduced the ***Reaffirming Emergency Abortion Care for All Resolution*** to reaffirm access to emergency abortion care for all Americans. This resolution would reaffirm that the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act protects access to emergency abortion care in every state, and that all women, no matter where they live, should be able to receive the emergency care they need, including abortion.



Strengthening Our Infrastructure

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I'm committed to strengthening our infrastructure. I'm working to secure federal funds to fix our roads and bridges as well as invest in our airports. This year, I delivered \$10,129,784 in community project funding for infrastructure projects across Ohio's 13th Congressional District. I also cosponsored the ***Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act*** to support local transit authorities through federal grants, because I know that reliable transit systems are vital to a thriving community for all people.



We work for you, the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

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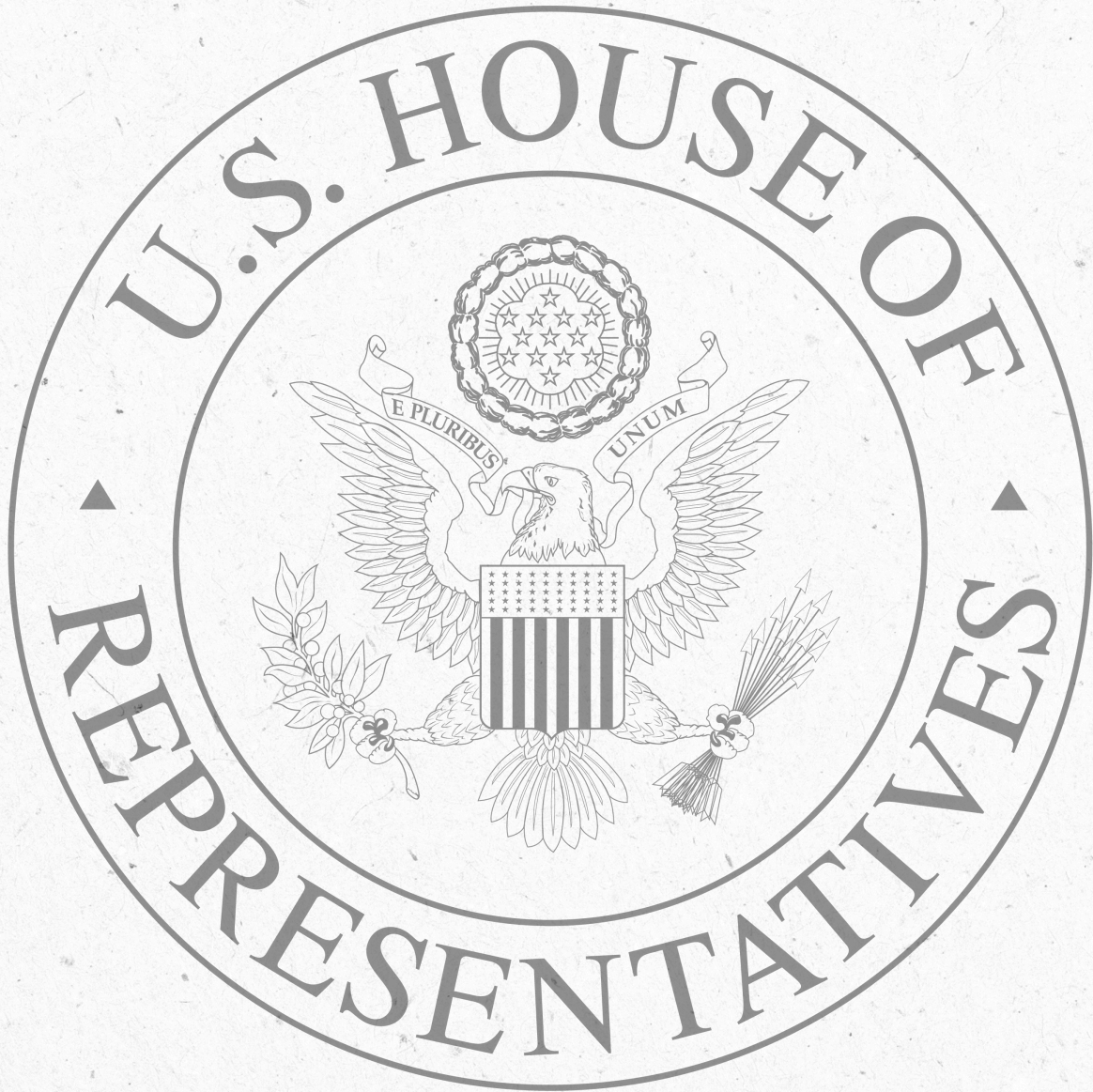
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