

- 1. Homelessness: The first thing we need to do is address the reason for homelessness. Then, we can tackle the problem accurately. Yes, the state must help provide solutions and maintain shelters for short-term homeless people. As I see it now, this is mainly handled by nonprofits and volunteers. These solutions are understaffed and always under the gun to raise money. Good short-term shelters could relieve the police, firefighters, and EMC staff if the homeless were off the streets and safe. A shared tax dollar from the community and the state would provide this solution.
- 2. Housing Challenges in Rural Ohio: These communities are often forgotten. I have a very large rural community in my district, 22. Driving around the counties, I see so much need for help. These housing issues need individual aid. There is no city or large community to help, so it is up to the elected officials of these areas to know their people and work to improve their living conditions. I will learn more and communicate to help improve these areas.
- 3. Ohio Housing Trust Fund: Yes, if the state can give away 2.6 billion dollars to First Energy, then it can afford to help with the housing fund. No questions asked. I will remind Columbus that this is for the people of our state.
- 4. I would also like rent control for affordable housing residents. I need more information on this idea; however, it has worked in other areas. Thank you for the opportunity to answer your questionnaire. I look forward to hearing from you again.

## Sincerely,



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