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## **DeGeeter to continue top committee assignment**

State Representative Timothy J. DeGeeter, D-Parma, announced today that he has been reappointed as the ranking Democratic member of the House Criminal Justice Committee. Rep. DeGeeter served as ranking member in the 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Selections for Democratic House members are based on recommendations by House Minority Leader Joyce Beatty, D-Columbus.

“I’m extremely pleased to name Rep. DeGeeter as our ranking member,” said Beatty. “Tim is a valued member of our team and I am confident he will do a wonderful job leading us on the Criminal Justice Committee.”

DeGeeter said he is excited to continue his role on the committee and expressed optimism at the chance to work with both Republicans and Democrats towards enacting legislation that will protect Ohioans from crime. DeGeeter said today he will continue to push for legislation to set criminal penalties for sexual predators who live within 1,000 feet of a school.

“I look forward to working closely with both sides of the aisle on legislation that reflects Ohio’s no tolerance for criminal behavior,” DeGeeter said. “Clearly, there is no excuse for predators within our state, and it is our responsibility to ensure protection from those who wish to harm others.”

DeGeeter said today he will also serve on the Public Utilities, Civil and Commercial Law, and Healthcare Access and Affordability committees. The Healthcare Access and Affordability Committee, new for the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, is expected to explore strategies for limiting the burden of health care costs on Ohio families.

DeGeeter is beginning his second full term in the House. The 15<sup>th</sup> House District includes Brooklyn, Linndale, Middleburg Heights and Parma.

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