



# *A Legislative Report from* **Rep. Timothy J. DeGeeter**

Representing the 15th District of Ohio • Cities of Brooklyn, Linndale, Middleburg Heights, and Parma

**Dear Constituents,**

We in the Ohio House of Representatives have begun the Fall Session schedule of the General Assembly.

While all of our legislative priorities have not been finalized as of this publication, several important issues have moved to the forefront of statewide debate. One of the major issues is electricity restructuring. Governor Strickland and his staff have recently unveiled a proposal to address what many argue are shortcomings of the 1999 deregulation of Ohio's electricity market.

The competition expected to follow that bill's passage never materialized, and with current rate stabilization plans set to expire at the end of 2008, the time to work out a viable solution to protect Ohioans from potentially out-of-control rates is now.

Future energy policies must enhance energy sufficiency, and renewable wind energy has the potential to save billions of dollars a year sent out of state to import energy, by keeping more Ohioan's dollars in the state to boost the economy. By harnessing wind energy resources, we can foster wind energy development.

A multitude of Ohio businesses have the capacity to make component parts and materials used in wind turbines. By generating wind energy, and taking advantage of the renewable energy that Lake Erie has to offer, we can reduce Ohio's rank as having the fifth highest energy cost burden in the nation. And by increasing the energy we use from wind, we can begin to foster true energy development and lead Ohio toward energy independence.

Please feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Sincerely,**

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State Representative

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