Fighting for Affordable, High-Quality Healthcare and Education

In August, U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) held separate events on healthcare and education, including her Healthcare Listening Session and Roundtable for Ohio’s Third Congressional District and a Community Conversation on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

More than 30 healthcare executives, community leaders, government officials, and nonprofit organizations participated in the August 15th Listening Session and Roundtable, sharing their perspective on improving the access and delivery of healthcare, as well as fresh ideas to make sure more individuals and families can live happier, healthier lives. Attendees discussed the social determinants of healthcare and how to help people overcome obstacles to obtaining healthcare.

“This event is all about strengthening the dialogue between policymakers, stakeholders, and the healthcare community in Central Ohio. My constituents are concerned about rising healthcare and prescription costs and quality of care.” Beatty continued, “Your insight will allow me to work closely with my Congressional colleagues to develop positive, sustainable policy solutions to the important healthcare issues facing our nation.”

The August 14th Community Conversation at St. Stephen’s Community House served as an opportunity for constituents of Ohio’s Third Congressional District to speak one-on-one with Beatty and to get an update on the positive impact of STEM in Central Ohio.

“We need a highly trained workforce ready for the jobs of tomorrow. Unfortunately, our country is facing a massive shortage of workers skilled in these areas. To help fill the void, St. Stephen’s Community House, countless local nonprofits, and stakeholders are working overtime to equip more people with the much-needed tools, expertise, and education to succeed in the 21st century, and I am working in Congress to make it a reality.”

Get Covered Now!

Individuals and families looking to enroll or change their healthcare plan can do so from now until December 15, 2018. This is a shorter Open Enrollment Period than in previous years, so customers are encouraged to enroll ASAP.

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Congresswoman Beatty recently lead a press call with national and local media, highlighting her commitment to better jobs, better healthcare, and a better future for all Americans. Coinciding with the call, Democrats released a new report on the economic struggles facing hardworking families and middle-class Americans. Highlights from “For the People: Report on Impacts of GOP Agenda on Health and Economic Security of Ohioans” include:

- 78 percent of full-time workers are living paycheck-to-paycheck.
- Real wages have fallen in Ohio since 2017.
- One million Ohio taxpayers will see no tax benefit by 2019.
- Health coverage for more than 4.8 million Ohioans with pre-existing conditions is in jeopardy if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.

Reacting to the new report, Beatty said, “Americans want a government for the people. This report shows that many of my constituents, their families, and our seniors are struggling to simply make ends meet. That is why I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure all their voices are heard, and that we work to close the wage gap and growing wealth inequality.”

During a press call, Beatty talks about her work to expand jobs, increase take-home pay, and improve access to affordable, high quality healthcare and education. (October 12, 2018)

Working to Improve Central Ohio’s Mail Delivery

Following several complaints about mail being delivered to incorrect addresses, unacceptable delays, and—even worse—lost mail, Congresswoman Beatty sprung into action.

Since first becoming aware of potential problems in March 2018, she and her District staff have held weekly phone calls with local and regional officials regarding service, hiring efforts, and individual cases. Staff has traveled across the state on multiple occasions for one-on-one meetings with United States Postal Service (USPS) leadership and secured a commitment from the agency to hire more than 800 carriers throughout the area. Also, the USPS created a new Consumer Advisory Council to provide feedback and suggestions on how to improve quality of services. This is the third such council ever created and came about after communication between Deputy U.S. Postmaster General Ronald Stroman and staff.

Please note, residents of Ohio’s Third Congressional District with unresolved issues are strongly encouraged to call the USPS consumer affairs line at (513) 684-5794 or Beatty’s District Office at (614) 220-0003 for assistance.

Looking Toward the New Year and New Congress

As the 115th Congress comes to a close, and with the New Year and new Congress on the horizon, it is my hope that 2019 will usher in a sense of urgency and renewed commitment to civility.

Still today, too many hardworking Ohioans and middle-class families are struggling to make ends meet and want Congress to do something about it. They want better wages, better jobs, and a better future. They want affordable, high-quality healthcare, education, and childcare. They want to be able to pay their bills, afford a mortgage, save a few extra dollars at the end of the month, and equal opportunity at the American Dream. Finally, and equally as important, they want a government that is accountable to the people.

In that spirit, I will work in Congress with Democrats and Republicans to deliver real progress on these issues and the many economic, social, and global challenges facing our country.

Unfortunately, civility and bipartisanship are sorely missing right now. It is time we move beyond the divisive and hurtful rhetoric poisoning our political landscape and realize we are ALL Americans first and foremost. Violence cannot be the answer. That is why I will continue to fight in D.C. and Central Ohio to be a bridge-builder and spearhead efforts in Congress to ratchet down the rhetoric.

I look forward to talking, listening, and working with you in the weeks and months ahead to make these goals a reality.

Best wishes in the New Year!

Sincerely,

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Congresswoman Beatty provides an update on mail delivery, speaking with ABC6’s Terri Sullivan. (October 15, 2018)

Pictured above, Congresswoman Beatty convened a meeting on October 9, 2018, between representatives of Central Ohio’s Mauritanian community, national experts, and various stakeholders to discuss the plight of local families facing deportation because of recent executive action.

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