Fighting for Middle Class and Working Families

Congressional Republicans passed their tax reform bill, H.R. 1, by a vote of 224 to 201 in the U.S. House of Representatives and 51 to 48 in the Senate—which Americans opposed by a 2 to 1 margin based on findings from the Monmouth University Polling Institute. The bill will add at least $1.4 trillion dollars to the national debt according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), and the Tax Policy Center concluded that 83% of the bill’s benefits will go to the wealthiest Americans in 2027.

“Tax reform should help Americans most in need: the middle-class, seniors, veterans, students, small business owners and hardworking families,” U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) said. “Unfortunately, I believe this plan does the exact opposite—giving a totally unnecessary, budget-busting tax cut to the super-wealthy and well-connected at the expense of ordinary Americans. This bill’s $1.4 trillion price tag (CBO) paves the way for future cuts to vital programs that help many Americans like Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.”

An Eye on the New Year: The Work Continues

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Dear Friend,

As the second session of the 115th Congress begins, it is my hope that Democrats and Republicans strive to work together to make a real difference in the lives of all Americans. Our country and economy have made great strides over the last decade, yet that progress has not been fully realized by the middle-class, working families, and our fellow citizens across the country.

Ohioans and all Americans are clamoring for action. They want better wages, better jobs, better opportunities and a better future. They want affordable and high-quality healthcare and childcare. They want the ability for their children and/or grandchildren to obtain an education that prepares them for the future no matter their zip code. Most importantly, they want an economy that works for everyone—not just the super-wealthy and well-connected.

That is why I will continue to work hard in Washington and central Ohio to be a bridge-builder and to find bipartisan solutions to tackle the many economic, social and global challenges our country faces.

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

All the best to you in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty
Emphasizing the Power of One

Congresswoman Beatty closed out the year by holding a Community Leaders Forum, “The Power of One: We Are Walking In It,” to discuss the power of diversity, inclusion and community, and their importance on the legislative work of Congress during the Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks.

At the forum, Beatty highlighted several landmark laws, including the Equal Pay Act, Civil Right Act, Voting Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, that have been enacted since Rosa Parks’ arrest. She argued that while these laws have expanded equality and opportunities, more progress must be made.

She cited the need to close the gender wage gap, the wealth disparity between White and minority households, and the poverty rate among people with disabilities—emphasizing how Rosa Parks, through The Power of One, can help make it all possible.

Get to Know the District in 2018:

Highlighting Bexley, Ohio

Just east of downtown Columbus is the City of Bexley. One of 29 municipalities that makeup Ohio’s Third Congressional District, Bexley was founded in 1908—when the neighborhoods of Bullit Park and Pleasant Ridge merged—and was officially designated as a city in 1932.

Today, more than 14,000 people call Bexley home and share in the City’s vision of a “community centered on families of all kinds, opportunities for learning, and one that is adaptable for the future, while maintaining classic strengths.” To learn more about the City of Bexley, please visit: www.bexley.org.

As the Member of Congress for Ohio’s Third Congressional District, Congresswoman Beatty works closely with Mayor Ben Kessler, city officials, local law enforcement, and community leaders to make a difference in the lives of all residents. She has spoken before the Bexley City Council about the need for greater coordination of effective community relations, and she is working with Capital University President Beth Paul to ensure the University and its students succeed in and outside the classroom.

“By refusing to give up her seat, Rosa Parks showed how the ‘Power of One’ individual can forever change the world,” Beatty said. “I look forward to building upon that legacy legislatively in Congress.”

Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005. The following day, then-State Representative Joyce Beatty introduced legislation to honor Parks permanently, making the Buckeye State the first state in the nation to recognize “Rosa Parks Day” on December 1st of each year.

In the Community: Legends & Legacies

Congresswoman Beatty received the prestigious 2017 Legends and Legacies Award for her work in Congress and Central Ohio to expand affordable housing, healthcare, and education. (Oct. 18, 2017)

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