



**Coshocton Environmental and Community Awareness Inc.**

Newsletter

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## UPDATES

### **Website updated - Legislation Page added**

The Ohio Legislature is pushing bills through as fast as it can while folks are focused on Christmas. Many of these bills are not popular with large segments of the public and they would love to get them passed with minimal accountability and citizen input. You will find links to the Legislation page, its content and discussions about the issues on our HOME page or you can find a tab in the Navigation Header at the top of every page on the site.

### **No Decision yet on Permit and Meeting**

We contacted Chris Weiss at the OEPA to ask about the status of the Buckeye Brine Permit and the new Information Meeting that we have requested. We were told that before any decision can be made all of the comments would have to be reviewed. Because of the large number of comments that were submitted they do not see a decision coming soon. They are responding to all of the 1900+ citizens who signed the petition as well as those who sent comments. CECA is planning a meeting after the holidays.

### **Urgent! Senate Bill 250 has passed the Senate!**

As the petroleum and waste corporations continue to build heavy toxic industries in the center of residential areas across the state they have found a champion in Ohio Senator Mark Hoagland. The ex-Navy Seal has decided to make his fortune by raising private armies to protect the gas, oil, and waste barons from Ohioans who object to having their communities appropriated and their health and property threatened. His SB 250 adds penalties beyond the legal norms for trespassing or in any way harming or interfering with "critical infrastructure" operations. It changes penalties from misdemeanors to felonies. You can be held accountable to trumped-up felony charges for the actions of another protestor. If someone else attending is adjudged to have violated this broad vague law you can be fined up to 10 times the amount usually imposed for criminal mischief. It is designed to do one thing; stop the right of citizens and unionists to protest the conditions and risks that these companies force them to endure. We already have laws that protect private property from misguided individuals. This law protects billionaires from accountability.

Write to [Representative Larry Householder](#) (click link) to register your opposition to the bill. (I don't know what the house is calling its version of the bill yet.) Here are some ideas you can copy and paste to start your letter if you want to:

- I am opposed to SB 250 because we do not need laws protecting toxic industries from Ohio citizens. We need laws protecting Ohio citizens from toxic industries.
- I am opposed to SB 250 because there are already laws that protect private property from an individual with bad intent. This law targets citizens who are exercising their right to dissent from unjust policies forced on them by a legislature that is harming their communities and not representing their interests. This law builds on those policies. It would never have even been drafted if we had legislators who represented us.

- I am opposed to this law because it is cookie cutter legislation that was written by corporate lobbyists and has appeared simultaneously in several states controlled by the oil industry. It has the American Legislative Exchange Council's stench all over it.
- Follow links for more information - <https://www.nlg.org/new-anti-protesting-legislation-a-deeper-look/>  
More info at: <http://www.cecaaware.org/legislation.php>

## **“Medicare for All” styled Healthcare Bill is before the Ohio House**

Many in our county are concerned about the current health care policies in our state. Coshocton is one of the counties that have seen medical coverage severely restricted by the insurance industry’s response to recent actions by Congress that changed the Affordable Health Care Act. Many residents must now travel to Newark and beyond to find a hospital that will cover their policies. A solid majority of the American people are now supporting the Medicare for All Healthcare that is similar to programs found in all other developed nations around the world. At the national level it has been introduced as the Medicare for All Bill in the Senate. An bill at the state level has been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives:

**Ohio House Bill 440** is a bill that would expand Medicare type coverage to all Ohioans. Nations around the world have adopted this model because;

- It covers everyone;  
Medical treatment and results have been proven superior to the US system;
- It costs less and delivers more services;
- You can choose any doctor you want;
- Your physician won’t have to fight the insurance industry to give you the medically necessary treatment you need.
- Instead of paying an insurance company to administer the program you pay your premium to the government.
  - That is all you pay;
  - There are no copays or deductibles;
  - Prescription drugs are paid for;
  - You can’t be driven to bankruptcy by medical bills, they are all paid;
  - You can’t be denied coverage for pre-existing conditions; – all costs are covered.
- Insurance companies must add a profit margin to their costs. Currently 18 cents of every dollar we spend on healthcare goes to insurance companies just to administer the program and pay their investors and CEO’s. The government currently spends 3 cents of every dollar to administer the Medicare Program.

Go to the CECA website for more information. [www.CecAware.org](http://www.CecAware.org)

## **Summary of Bills Sent to Governor - Lawmakers plan to return to Columbus on Dec. 27 to vote on any vetoed bills.**

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, sent to Governor by the House**

**HB 41 VOTER REGISTRATION** Will modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and absent voting, and to change the manner in which counties may use reimbursements for voting machine acquisitions.

**HB 58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING** Will require the Department of Education to include supplemental instructional materials in cursive handwriting in the English language arts model curriculum.

**HB 92 PUBLIC INDECENCY** Will require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving exposure of private parts likely to be viewed by minors and

for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender if the judge orders registration.

**HB 119 SNAP** Eligibility and benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program and the Medicaid program and the use of the term substance abuse disorder in statutes regarding the Board of Nursing.

**HB 131 PHYSICAL THERAPY** Will modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy.

**HB 156 VISION CARE INSURANCE** - Limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services.

**HB 271 ACCESSIBILITY LAWS** Will authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation.

**HB 286 PALLIATIVE CARE** Will create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and a related education program, to require identification of patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care, to authorize hospice care programs to provide palliative care in their inpatient facilities or units to non-hospice patients, to specify that Medicaid coverage for palliative care is not being expanded, to modify the pain management clinic licensing law relative to certain palliative care patients, and to authorize the Director of Health to approve the transfer of certain nursing home beds to a facility in a contiguous county.

**HB 291 GOVERNMENT INSURANCE** Will allow certain political subdivisions to adopt a policy authorizing the use of an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.

**HB 402 TELEPHONE REGULATION** Will revise state regulation of telephone companies.

**HB 454 CEMETERY LOTS** Will require a township to offer compensation to responsive owners of certain unused cemetery lots and rights.

**HB 464 STROKE PATIENTS** Will provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

**HB 480 MULTI-PARCEL AUCTIONS** Will establish requirements governing multi-parcel auctions and to amend Ohio's foreclosure procedures.

**HB 494 FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS** Will specify that a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee or employee of a franchisee for purposes of the Minimum Fair Wage Standards Law, the Bimonthly Pay Law, the Workers' Compensation Law, the Unemployment Compensation Law, and the Income Tax Law and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish the women-owned business enterprise program.

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**SB 51 LAKE ERIE-** Will authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement, to revise other laws governing taxation and public property and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to make appropriations.

**SB 86 DAY DESIGNATION-** Will designate multiple memorial highways and bridges, to create multiple nonstandard license plates, to create multiple special designations, and to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

**SB 119 OPIOID MEDICATIONS** Regarding naloxone, naltrexone, and medication-assisted treatment.

**SB 145 ABORTION-** Will criminalize and create a civil action for dismemberment abortions.

**SB 158 ELDER FRAUD-** Will develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly.

**SB 259 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS-** Will revise the laws regulating physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, and expanded function dental auxiliaries.

**SB 263 NOTARY PUBLIC-** Will enact the Notary Public Modernization Act, to create the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System Utilization Study Committee, to limit the circumstances under which a clerk of court may issue salvage certificates of title until January 1, 2021, to make changes to the law related to motor vehicle salvage data collection, and to revise Ohio law regarding oil and gas land professionals.

**SB 273 RATING AGENCIES-** Will enact for the Revised Code a definition of the term "insurance rating agency"; to establish standards for data security and for the investigation of and notification to the Superintendent of Insurance of a cybersecurity event; regarding motor vehicle ancillary product protection contracts and motor vehicle service contracts; to authorize domestic surplus lines insurers; regarding cancellation of certain insurance policies; and regarding the regulatory authority of the Superintendent of Insurance.

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## **Governors Vetoes - Dec. 2018**

**SB 296 VETOED** - A [pay raise bill](#) for Ohio legislators and government employees.

**HB 228 VETOED** - A ["stand your ground" gun law](#)

**HB 258 VETOED** - Forces a woman seeking an abortion to bear a child if a fetal [heartbeat](#) is detected.

Merry Christmas from CECA



*Click on Santa to open your present!*