

Guest Column from Representative Tony Burkley

A Welcome from the Ohio Statehouse

I have happily called Northwest Ohio home for most of my life, so it was an honor to be selected to represent Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and part of Auglaize counties. I look forward to all of the hard work ahead and encourage the people of the 82nd House District to keep in touch with my office to provide feedback and opinion for what needs to be done for our region and the state as a whole.

The responsibility is not to be taken lightly, and I am joining a group of people who have laid the groundwork over the past couple years that I believe is moving the state in the right direction. By taking moves such as eliminating the estate tax and putting in place policies that will hold government agencies more accountable, Ohio is becoming friendlier to business, as evidenced by the more than 120,000 jobs created in the state since January 2011.

But everyone knows the job is not complete. There is still a long way to go, which is why I pursued the seat in the 82nd District. My more than 40 years of private sector experience have taught me a lot about what it takes—both from business and government—to create jobs. Needless regulations hinder businesses from hiring workers because, often, the regulations impose additional costs on the business. It takes people from many different backgrounds to look at all angles of an issue, and I am eager to offer my insight from a small business perspective.

The 82nd District has a lot to offer to the people of Ohio, particularly in agriculture and other related industries, which is why I was honored to be appointed to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The issues that will be debated in that committee will have a direct impact on Auglaize, Defiance, Paulding and Van Wert counties.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time regarding state matters. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Ohio's 82nd House District and look forward to working with you to affect positive change for the state.

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