

Getting to Know the District: Highlighting Grove City, Ohio

Grove City is in southwestern Franklin County and is one of the municipalities that make up Ohio's Third Congressional District. Grove City was founded on March 5, 1866 and is home to nearly 42,000 Central Ohioans and 1,200 small businesses.

As the Member of Congress for Ohio's Third Congressional District, Congresswoman Beatty and her staff are working with Grove City officials to grow the local economy and make the community stronger. In addition, they are helping residents resolve problems with their Social Security, Medicare, VA benefits, and many other federal issues. Most recently, District Office staff met with Mayor Richard "Ike" Stage, toured the Grove City Museum, and discussed the summer reading program and the Library of Congress' Surplus Book Program with Southwest Public Libraries Manager Bethanne Johnson.

Going forward, the office looks forward to continuing to foster strong relationships to build an even brighter future for Grove City.



District Aide Trenton Weaver meets with Bethanne Johnson to discuss federal reading and education initiatives. (July 24, 2019)

Apply for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congresswoman Beatty is accepting Service Academy applications. The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. Nominees must be 17 to 23 years old (17 to 25 years old for the Merchant Marine Academy), a U.S. citizen, and a permanent resident of Ohio's Third Congressional District, among other eligibility requirements. For more information and to fill out an application, visit www.beatty.house.gov/ServiceAcademyNominations or contact Casework Manager Sandra Jackson at 614-220-0003.

Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2019.



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Making a Difference in Affordable Housing, Youth and Veterans' Housing

U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) is fighting to increase housing opportunities for young people and veterans, as well as affordable housing nationwide.

Her bipartisan affordable housing bill (H.R. 2162) was passed unanimously by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 10, 2019. The bill would give first-time homebuyers who complete a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-certified counseling course a discount on their mortgage insurance premium.

"This common-sense bill will incentivize first-time homebuyers to take greater control of their financial futures and provide more Americans the opportunity to realize the dream of homeownership in a financially responsible way," Beatty said. "Whether managing your credit, creating a budget, saving for retirement, or purchasing a home, understanding the basic principles of planning, saving, and investing for the future is vitally important."

Beatty also has helped obtain more than \$40 million for the Family Unification Program (FUP), a

national initiative to prevent family separation and homelessness among foster care aging-out youth. Prior to her strong advocacy, FUP had not been funded since Fiscal Year 2011. Additionally, she authored legislation to expand federal housing assistance for young people, and her efforts proved crucial in getting a \$6.07 million two-year funding agreement for the City of Columbus' Community Shelter Board to tackle area youth homelessness.

For veterans and service members struggling with homelessness, Beatty has continued to work in a bipartisan way to expand federal funding for community shelter boards, nonprofits, and government agencies working to find permanent housing. Moreover, she authored a bipartisan bill to provide veterans who are homeless free legal services that can help them successfully transition to safe, secure, stable housing.



During a July 11th Financial Services Committee hearing, Congresswoman Beatty highlights her work to expand financial literacy and the need for more outreach among her constituents and all Americans.

Telephone Town Hall on Healthcare, Jobs, and the Economy with Millennials in Attendance

Congresswoman Beatty held a telephone town hall on June 20th open to all constituents of Ohio's Third Congressional District. The event was streamed live on her Facebook, Instagram and official congressional website. Topics included: healthcare, the gun violence epidemic, veterans' issues, education, criminal justice reform, Social Security, the economy, jobs, and trade.

The town hall was also an important opportunity to update participants on her work for the people. Since coming to Congress, Beatty has authored 70 pieces of legislation and cosponsored nearly 1,400 bills. Several of these bills have become law, including the Human Trafficking Accountability Act last year. Additionally, she has brought back tens of millions of federal dollars to Central Ohio and has recouped more than \$3 million owed to constituents.

"Whether in Central Ohio or the nation's capital, my main priority is to serve you and to be your voice,"

Beatty promised. "My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need assistance."



Congresswoman Beatty holds a June 20th telephone town hall to discuss the critical issues facing Central Ohio and the nation. In the audience were students from The Ohio State University and college interns from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. (June 20, 2019)

Beatty Believes in Healthcare for All Central Ohioans

Congresswoman Beatty is continuing her work to protect 130 million people with pre-existing conditions, 20 million newly insured Americans, and even those with private health insurance in the 116th Congress.

"On the first day of the new Democratic majority, I was proud to join my colleagues to pass a measure defending the Affordable Care Act in the courts, and later in support of sweeping legislation ensuring that no man, woman, or child has to fear losing their healthcare coverage because of a pre-existing condition," she said. "The fight to defend healthcare is far from over."

According to the Urban Institute, ACA repeal means:

- 4,830,900 Ohioans with pre-existing conditions would lose vital protections.
- 741,000 Ohioans would lose healthcare coverage, resulting in a 105 percent increase in the state uninsured rate.
- 214,388 Ohio seniors could have to pay more for their prescription drugs.
- Ohioans over the age of 50 could face a \$3,329 "age tax."
- 81,000 young Ohio adults could lose the ability to remain on their parents' health insurance.



Congressional Art Competition

On May 6, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty co-hosted a community event at the Columbus Museum of Art to celebrate the 2019 Congressional Art Competition grand prize winners from Ohio's Third, Twelfth, and Fifteenth Congressional Districts. Each 1st place piece of art will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building for one year. Pictured to the right, are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries from Ohio's Third Congressional District and volunteers from the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc.

In the Community: South Central Hilltop Cleanup and Expanding Education Opportunities



District Staff joins constituents in a community-led event to beautify the Hilltop community. (May 4, 2019)



On June 8, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty speaks with the United Negro College Fund about her ongoing work in Congress and Central Ohio to expand opportunities to higher education for more young people.

Raising the Wage for Hardworking Families

On July 18, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty voted in support of the *Raise the Wage Act, H.R. 582*, historic legislation to give tens of millions of Americans a pay raise by increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.

"I am proud to support this desperately needed bill that will

provide a much-needed and meaningful pay raise to more than 27 million hardworking Central Ohioans and families across this great country," she said. "Still today, there are too many individuals and families being left behind—and many more people working multiple jobs just to keep their heads above water. The Raise the Wage Act will make a real difference in their lives

by putting more money in their pockets and ensuring that the federal minimum wage remains a livable wage for years to come."

The *Raise the Wage Act* is now awaiting further consideration in the Senate.

Time to Put Tubman on the Twenty

Congresswoman Beatty is leading the charge to ensure a woman finds her rightful place on the new \$20. In addition to reintroducing the *Woman on the Twenty Act, H.R. 3082*, she successfully added an amendment to appropriations legislation to encourage Treasury to put famous abolitionist Harriet Tubman on the \$20. Further, she organized two national press conferences demanding the Trump Administration put Tubman on the new \$20 bill.

On June 27, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty leads a press conference with Majority Leader Hoyer and other Members of Congress to call on Secretary Mnuchin to put Tubman on the new \$20.

