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Democrat Candidate for Attorney General of Ohio



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## Redistricting Lawsuit

- ▶ **In May 2022, Crossman filed a criminal complaint against the five Republican members of the state’s redistricting commission, a day after the Ohio Supreme Court rejected the commission’s legislative maps for the fifth straight time. Crossman said the filing sought charges of dereliction of duty and of civil rights interference, on grounds that gerrymandering in Republicans’ favor diluted Democratic votes, harmed voter confidence, and prevented all votes from being equal.**

- > *The Associated Press*, May 26, 2022: “The Democratic nominee for Ohio attorney general filed a criminal complaint against the five Republican members of the state’s redistricting commission Thursday, a day after the Ohio Supreme Court rejected the commission’s legislative maps for the fifth straight time.

“State Rep. Jeff Crossman said the filing seeks charges of dereliction of duty and of civil rights interference, on grounds that gerrymandering in Republicans’ favor dilutes Democratic votes, harms voter confidence and prevents all votes from being equal. He has framed his campaign against Republican Attorney General Dave Yost as a fight against corruption in Columbus.”<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman filed the criminal complaint a day after missing votes on two proposed constitutional amendments: one revising rules on bail for criminal suspects, and one restricting noncitizens from voting in local elections. Crossman had written permission to miss part of to the House session “due to illness,” despite attending a political event the night before.**

- > *The Associated Press*, May 26, 2022: “The Ohio Republican Party criticized Crossman for plugging the criminal complaint a day after missing votes on two proposed constitutional amendments: one revising rules on bail for criminal suspects, and one restricting noncitizens from voting in local elections. Crossman reported to Cupp mid-session that he had become ill.”<sup>2</sup>

- > *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 2022: “Ohio Republican Party spokesman Dan Lusheck, meanwhile, took Crossman to task for submitting written permission to miss part of Wednesday’s House session ‘due to illness.’ Lusheck, pointing to a tweet showing Crossman at a political event Wednesday night, accused Crossman of faking illness to avoid votes on two proposed constitutional amendments that would change Ohio’s bail rules and a separate proposed amendment that would prohibit non-citizens from voting in local elections.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “Ohio attorney general nominee wants GOP mapmakers charged,” *The Associated Press*, May 26, 2022

<sup>2</sup> “Ohio attorney general nominee wants GOP mapmakers charged,” *The Associated Press*, May 26, 2022

<sup>3</sup> “Ohio Democrat asks highway patrol to investigate redistricting commission Republicans for dereliction of duty,” *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 2022

- ▶ **Ohio Republican Party spokesman Dan Lusheck: “Jeff Crossman faking an illness to avoid voting on legislation that will impact public safety and the integrity of Ohio elections is a slap in the face to his constituents and voters across Ohio,” and added, Crossman “did what any coward would do.”**

- > *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 2022: “Ohio Republican Party spokesman Dan Lusheck, meanwhile, took Crossman to task for submitting written permission to miss part of Wednesday’s House session ‘due to illness.’ Lusheck, pointing to a tweet showing Crossman at a political event Wednesday night, accused Crossman of faking illness to avoid votes on two proposed constitutional amendments that would change Ohio’s bail rules and a separate proposed amendment that would prohibit non-citizens from voting in local elections.

Jeff Crossman faking an illness to avoid voting on legislation that will impact public safety and the integrity of Ohio elections is a slap in the face to his constituents and voters across Ohio,’ Lusheck said in a statement, adding that Crossman ‘did what any coward would do.’

“Crossman told cleveland.com that he was actually sick on Wednesday.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> “Ohio Democrat asks highway patrol to investigate redistricting commission Republicans for dereliction of duty,” *Plain Dealer*, May 26, 2022

## Gun Rights

- ▶ **Crossman has said that Attorney General Dave Yost’s decisions on controversial bills, like the Stand Your Ground Law and a bill that would repeal conceal-carry gun laws has put Ohio in a dangerous landscape.**
  - > *Sandusky Register*, March 8, 2022: “Crossman said that Yost’s recent decisions on controversial bills, like the ‘Stand Your Ground Law’ and an upcoming bill that would repeal conceal-carry gun laws put the state in a dangerous landscape.”<sup>5</sup>

## Mandatory Trigger Locks

- ▶ **In 2022, Crossman introduced legislation that would require federally licensed firearm vendors to attach a trigger lock to every gun sold in their stores.**
  - > WCMH, May 22, 2022: “Hicks-Hudson and Rep. Jeffrey Crossman (D-Parma) recently introduced House Bill 661, which would require federally licensed firearm vendors to attach a trigger lock to every gun sold in their stores, a device that blocks the trigger and aims to prevent accidental discharge or a firearm ending up in the wrong hands.”<sup>6</sup>
- ▶ **Chris Dorr, executive director of Ohio Gun Owners, said trigger locks thwart a gun owner’s attempts to quickly use the firearm in life-or-death situations – and often end up in the garbage.**
  - > WCMH, May 22, 2022: “But Chris Dorr, executive director of Ohio Gun Owners, said trigger locks thwart a gun owner’s attempts to quickly use the firearm in life-or-death situations – and often end up in the garbage.  
  
“Most gun owners like me throw them right in the trash if they’re included with a new firearm because we own our firearms in order to have quick access to them in case we’re ever forced to use them,” Dorr said.”<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> “Columbus’ culture of corruption,” *Sandusky Register*, March 8, 2022

<sup>6</sup> “Should Ohio gun vendors include trigger locks with sale of firearm?” WCMH, May 22, 2022

<sup>7</sup> “Should Ohio gun vendors include trigger locks with sale of firearm?” WCMH, May 22, 2022

## Stand Your Ground

- ▶ **In 2020, Crossman voted against the “Stand Your Ground” bill. The controversial bill removed the legal duty for someone to first try to remove himself from a dangerous situation before using deadly force as long as he is in a public place where he’s legally allowed to be. The bill was an expansion of Ohio’s existing Castle Doctrine, which already removed the duty to retreat when people are confronted at home or in their vehicles.**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020: “Just before midnight, the Ohio House Thursday night voted 52-31 largely along party lines for a controversial ‘stand your ground’ bill, removing the legal duty for someone to first try to remove himself from a dangerous situation before using deadly force as long as he is in a public place where he’s legally allowed to be. The bill is an expansion of Ohio’s existing Castle Doctrine, which already removes the duty to retreat when people are confronted at home or in their vehicles.”<sup>8</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2020 Session: On Dec. 17, 2020, Crossman voted against S.B. 170, a bill granting civil immunity-injury, death, loss from carrying handguns. (Passed 52-31).<sup>9</sup>
  
- ▶ **Crossman described the “Stand Your Ground” law as “Shoot first and ask questions later.”**
  - > *Sandusky Register*, March 8, 2022: “‘Shoot first and ask questions later,’ is how Crossman described the ‘Stand your Ground Law.’  
  
“‘If someone is not using deadly force against you don’t get the right to use deadly force against them,’ Crossman explained. ‘Now in Ohio, if someone threatens you in anyway you can use deadly force even if they were never intending on using deadly force.’”<sup>10</sup>
  
- ▶ **Crossman: “This is not the legislation that the people of Ohio called for when they shouted for us to ‘do something’ after last year’s shooting in Dayton.”**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020: “‘We know the impact of shoot-first legislation like this on the general population,’ said Rep. Jeff Crossman (D., Parma), a ‘no’ vote. ‘This is not the legislation that the people of Ohio called for when they shouted for us to “do something” after last year’s shooting in Dayton.’”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> “Ohio lawmakers OK gun, abortion bills amid late session,” *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020

<sup>9</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 175](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>10</sup> “Columbus’ culture of corruption,” *Sandusky Register*, March 8, 2022

<sup>11</sup> “Ohio House approves ‘stand your ground,’ abortion bills during lame-duck session,” *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020

## Concealed Carry

**Editor's Note:** In 2021, Crossman voted against, and the Ohio House passed, a similar but separate "constitutional carry" bill, H.B. 227. That legislation idled in the Ohio Senate.<sup>12</sup>

► **In 2022, Crossman voted against legislation allowing people in Ohio to carry a concealed handgun without a permit or training.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022: "Ohio lawmakers on Wednesday passed legislation to allow people in the state to carry a concealed handgun without a permit or training and no longer require them to proactively tell law enforcement during traffic stops that they're armed.

"Senate Bill 215, which now heads to Gov. Mike DeWine, is just one of several Republican bills under consideration that would loosen gun restrictions in Ohio. The bill passed the House 58-36 on Wednesday, then soon afterward passed a Senate concurrence vote 24-9."<sup>13</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2022 Session: On March 2, 2022, Crossman voted against S.B. 215, a bill regarding concealed handgun licensee duties. (Passed 58-36).<sup>14</sup>

► **The legislation would allow anyone 21-years-old or older to carry a concealed firearm unless state or federal law prohibits them from possessing a gun. Ohio would become the 22nd state to allow conceal-carry in public without needing a license.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022: "The legislation would allow anyone 21 or older to carry a concealed firearm unless state or federal law prohibits them from possessing a gun. Ohio would become the 22nd state to allow conceal-carry in public without needing a license, according to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Ohio currently requires conceal-carry applicants to take eight hours of training and pass a background check."<sup>15</sup>

► **The bill would also no longer require motorists to tell law enforcement about concealed handguns in their vehicles, though drivers would still have to truthfully say whether they have a gun with them if an officer asks.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022: "SB215 would also no longer require motorists to tell law enforcement about concealed handguns in their vehicles, though drivers would still have to truthfully say whether they have a gun with them if an officer asks.

"Right now, drivers who fail to pre-emptively notify an officer in Ohio that they have a gun with them face a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to six

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<sup>12</sup> "Ohio House poised to eliminate permit requirements for carrying concealed weapons," *Plain Dealer*, March 1, 2022; The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 227](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>13</sup> "Ohio legislature passes bill to allow people to carry guns without training or permits," *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022

<sup>14</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 215](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>15</sup> "Ohio legislature passes bill to allow people to carry guns without training or permits," *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022

months in jail, a \$1,000 fine and suspension of their concealed-handgun license. SB215 would eliminate that penalty.”<sup>16</sup>

### **Police Notification**

- ▶ **In 2019, Crossman voted against eliminating the duty to “promptly notify” a police officer that you’re carrying a concealed firearm and replace it with a duty to notify in response to a direction question about whether you’re armed. It would also significantly lower the penalty for failure to notify.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, June 13, 2020: “Motorists who don’t tell law enforcement about concealed handguns they have in their vehicle would no longer face any penalty, under legislation passed by the Ohio House 58-32 late Thursday night.

“Right now, people who fail to notify an officer in Ohio that they have a gun with them face a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail, a \$1,000 fine, and suspension of their concealed-handgun license. HB 425 would eliminate that penalty.

“The bill would also change the state’s current requirement that drivers must ‘promptly’ notify an officer if they have a gun with them.

“Even if the bill passes, drivers with guns would still be required to keep their hands in plain sight during traffic stops and can’t lie if an officer asks if they have a gun in the vehicle, among other rules.”<sup>17</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2019 Session: On June 11, 2020, Crossman voted against H.B. 242, a bill modifying duty-notify police if carrying a gun when stopped. (Passed 58-32).<sup>18</sup>

### **Arming Teachers**

- ▶ **In 2022, Crossman voted against allowing teachers to carry guns in the classroom after 24 hours of training.**

- > NPR, June 14, 2022: “Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed a bill on Monday allowing teachers to carry guns in class after 24 hours of training, over opposition from teachers and a police group. Backers say the policy will make schools safer, but critics say that’s not the case, citing experts’ analysis.”<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> “Ohio legislature passes bill to allow people to carry guns without training or permits,” *Plain Dealer*, March 2, 2022

<sup>17</sup> “Confederate memorabilia ban voted down Memorabilia,” *Plain Dealer*, June 13, 2020

<sup>18</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 425](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>19</sup> “Ohio Gov. DeWine signs a bill arming teachers after 24 hours of training,” NPR, June 14, 2022

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2022 Session: On June 1, 2022, Crossman voted against H.B. 99, a bill regarding persons authorized to go armed within school safety zone. (Passed 56-35).<sup>20</sup>
- ▶ **The bill, signed by Gov. DeWine, reduces the amount of training a teacher must undergo before they can carry a gun in a school safety zone. Instead of more than 700 hours of training, school staff who want to be armed would get training that “shall not exceed” 24 hours.**
- > NPR, June 14, 2022: “The new law dramatically reduces the amount of training a teacher must undergo before they can carry a gun in a school safety zone. Instead of more than 700 hours of training that’s currently required, school staff who want to be armed would get training that ‘shall not exceed’ 24 hours, House Bill 99 states.”<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 99](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>21</sup> “Ohio Gov. DeWine signs a bill arming teachers after 24 hours of training,” NPR, June 14, 2022

## Law Enforcement

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman voted against a bill to create new crimes around interfering with an officer and enhance penalties for existing crimes committed during protests that turned violent.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021: “The GOP-led Ohio House passed a bill to create new crimes around interfering with an officer and enhance penalties for existing crimes committed during protests that turned violent.  
  
“House Bill 22 cleared the Ohio House on a party-line vote of 61-32 and is headed to the Senate for consideration.”<sup>22</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On June 25, 2021, Crossman voted against H.B. 22, a bill expanding the offense of obstructing justice. (Passed 61-33).<sup>23</sup>
  
- ▶ **Republicans said expanding the definition of obstruction of justice would better protect Ohio’s law enforcement officers. But Democrats said the bill would have let officers in Minnesota arrest bystanders who shouted at Derek Chauvin to get off George Floyd’s neck.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021: “Republicans said expanding the definition of obstruction of justice would better protect Ohio’s law enforcement officers. But Democrats said the bill would have let officers in Minnesota arrest bystanders who shouted at Derek Chauvin to get off George Floyd’s neck.”<sup>24</sup>
  
- ▶ **The bill would expand the crime of obstructing justice to include not following a lawful order, distracting an officer, or getting within about an arm’s length of an officer without permission.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021: “House Bill 22 would expand the crime of obstructing justice to include not following a lawful order, distracting an officer or getting within about an arm’s length of an officer without permission.”<sup>25</sup>
  
- ▶ **Violating these statutes would be a second-degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine. But the crime could rise to a fifth-degree felony if a person’s actions risked physical harm. The penalty would be up to one year in prison and a \$2,500 fine.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021: “Violating these statutes would be a second-degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine.

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<sup>22</sup> “Ohio House passes bill increasing penalties for disobeying police,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021

<sup>23</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 22](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>24</sup> “Ohio House passes bill increasing penalties for disobeying police,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021

<sup>25</sup> “Ohio House passes bill increasing penalties for disobeying police,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021

But the crime could rise to a fifth-degree felony if a person's actions risked physical harm. The penalty would be up to one year in prison and a \$2,500 fine."<sup>26</sup>

▶ **Crossman: "People shouldn't be forced to stand idly by if they believe they're witnessing a murder."**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021: "'People shouldn't be forced to stand idly by if they believe they're witnessing a murder,' Rep. Jeff Crossman, D-Parma said."<sup>27</sup>

▶ **Crossman said the legislation "fans the flame of culture wars and is yet another dog whistle about race."**

- > *Ohio Capital Journal*, June 25, 2021: "Democrats said the legislation is unhelpful and divisive. Rep. Jeff Crossman, D-Parma, said it 'fans the flame of culture wars and is yet another dog whistle about race.'"<sup>28</sup>

▶ **Crossman offered an amendment to the bill to exempt anyone from charges who uses or threatens to use force against an officer if they're "acting in good faith" to prevent death or serious bodily injury. The amendment failed on party lines.**

- > *Ohio Capital Journal*, June 25, 2021: "Crossman offered an amendment to exempt anyone from charges who uses or threatens to use force against an officer if they're 'acting in good faith' to prevent death or serious bodily injury. The amendment failed on party lines."<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> "Ohio House passes bill increasing penalties for disobeying police," *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021

<sup>27</sup> "Ohio House passes bill increasing penalties for disobeying police," *The Columbus Dispatch*, June 27, 2021

<sup>28</sup> "House passes bill creating new criminal charges for protesters," *Ohio Capital Journal*, June 25, 2021

<sup>29</sup> "House passes bill creating new criminal charges for protesters," *Ohio Capital Journal*, June 25, 2021

## Abortion

### Heartbeat Law

**Editor's Note:** The "heartbeat" law includes exceptions for when the mother's health or life are put at risk, but not for cases of rape or incest.<sup>30</sup>

In July 2022, a Columbus man was charged with impregnating a 10-year-old Ohio girl, whose travel to Indiana to seek an abortion led to international attention following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v Wade* and activation of Ohio's "heartbeat" abortion law. Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost initially questioned the validity of the account, however once news of the arraignment of the Columbus man accused in the child's rape came, Yost issued a single sentence statement: "We rejoice anytime a child rapist is taken off the streets." He later added that he's "absolutely delighted that this monster has been taken off the street. If convicted, he should spend the rest of his life in prison."<sup>31</sup>

► **In 2019, Crossman voted against the "heartbeat" law that prohibits an abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019: "Gov. Mike DeWine signed the 'heartbeat' abortion ban Thursday, which will prohibit an abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected. Ohio will become the sixth state where governors have signed such restrictive laws.

"DeWine, a Republican, is making good on a campaign promise to sign a heartbeat bill – which effectively bans abortions after six weeks, before many women know they're pregnant.

"Ohio's bill will go into effect in July."<sup>32</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2019 Session: On April 10, 2019, Crossman voted against S.B. 23, a bill prohibiting abortion if there is a detectable heartbeat. (Passed 56-40).<sup>33</sup>

► **The law would punish doctors and others who perform abortions either after they detect a heartbeat or if they fail to perform an abdominal or transvaginal ultrasound to check for a heartbeat. They would face a fifth-degree felony, punishable by six to 12 months behind bars and a \$2,500 criminal fine.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019: "Senate Bill 23 will punish doctors and others who perform abortions either after they detect a heartbeat or if they fail to perform an abdominal or transvaginal ultrasound to check for a heartbeat. They would face a fifth-degree felony, punishable by six to 12 months behind bars and a \$2,500 criminal fine."<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> "Federal judge blocks Ohio's 'heartbeat' abortion ban," *Plain Dealer*, July 4, 2019

<sup>31</sup> "Arrest made in rape of Ohio girl that led to Indiana abortion drawing international attention," *Columbus Dispatch*, July 13, 2022

<sup>32</sup> "DeWine signs 'heartbeat' abortion restriction bill," *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019

<sup>33</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 23](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>34</sup> "DeWine signs 'heartbeat' abortion restriction bill," *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019

- ▶ **Additionally, physicians could face sanctions by the State Medical Board of Ohio – including revoking or suspending a license – and a \$20,000 fine from the board.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019: “Additionally, physicians could face sanctions by the State Medical Board of Ohio – including revoking or suspending a license – and a \$20,000 fine from the board.”<sup>35</sup>

- ▶ **Women could sue abortion providers for wrongful death under the bill, and a doctor couldn’t use as legal justification that the measure is unconstitutional unless a court rules it so.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019: “Women could sue abortion providers for wrongful death under the bill, and a doctor couldn’t use as legal justification that the measure is unconstitutional unless a court rules it so.”<sup>36</sup>

- ▶ **In July 2019, a federal judge blocked the “heartbeat” law from going into effect, delaying authorities in Ohio from enforcing what would be one of the most restrictive abortion measures.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, July 4, 2019: “A federal judge blocked the state of Ohio’s so-called ‘heartbeat’ law from going into effect, delaying authorities in this state from enforcing what would be one of the most restrictive abortion measures.

“Senior U.S. District Judge Michael Barrett issued a 12-page order Wednesday granting a preliminary injunction, temporarily preventing the state from enforcing the law.

“‘This Court concludes that (the law) places an “undue burden” on a woman’s right to choose a pre-viability abortion, and, under Casey, plaintiffs are certain to succeed on the merits of their claim,’ Barrett wrote, referencing the 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* that said states cannot place undue burdens on women seeking an abortion.”<sup>37</sup>

- ▶ **In June 2022, a federal judge lifted his nearly 3-year stay that prevented Ohio’s “heartbeat” law already on the books from taking effect after *Roe vs. Wade* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.**

- > *Toledo Blade*, June 24, 2022: “A federal judge on Friday wasted little time lifting his nearly 3-year stay that prevented Ohio’s so-called Heartbeat Bill already on the books from taking effect now that *Roe vs. Wade* has been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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<sup>35</sup> “DeWine signs ‘heartbeat’ abortion restriction bill,” *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019

<sup>36</sup> “DeWine signs ‘heartbeat’ abortion restriction bill,” *Plain Dealer*, April 12, 2019

<sup>37</sup> “Federal judge blocks Ohio’s ‘heartbeat’ abortion ban,” *Plain Dealer*, July 4, 2019

“Signed in 2019, the Ohio law prohibits abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detectable - roughly at six weeks of pregnancy. With few exceptions, it is now a crime for a doctor to perform an abortion after that point.

“U.S. District Court Judge Michael R. Barrett lifted the stay at the urging of Republican Attorney General Dave Yost, who argued that the law easily met the standard set in the high court ruling upholding Mississippi’s ban after 15 weeks.”<sup>38</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman on Attorney General Yost’s action to get the stay lifted: “Dave Yost promised to strip us of our freedoms and individual liberties, and now he’s doing it,” and “We have a choice in November. Do Ohioans want an attorney general that will stand up and defend our rights, our safety, and our autonomy, or do we want someone like my opponent who will continue to make Ohio a more dangerous and less free state? It isn’t a difficult choice.”**

- > *Toledo Blade*, June 24, 2022: “His Democratic rival this fall, state Rep. Jeff Crossman (D., Parma), blasted Mr. Yost’s rapid action to get the stay lifted.

“‘Dave Yost promised to strip us of our freedoms and individual liberties, and now he’s doing it,’ he said. ‘We have a choice in November. Do Ohioans want an attorney general that will stand up and defend our rights, our safety, and our autonomy, or do we want someone like my opponent who will continue to make Ohio a more dangerous and less free state? It isn’t a difficult choice.’”<sup>39</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman: “I believe this law to be unconstitutional,” and “I don't believe the attorney general is obligated to defend unconstitutional laws... I would offer the arguments in court why I think this is unconstitutional.”**

- > *Toledo Blade*, July 12, 2022: “If elected to be Ohio's top lawyer, state Rep. Jeff Crossman (D., Parma) on Tuesday said he will not defend laws nearly banning abortion in the state and would not intervene if local prosecutors choose not to bring charges under those laws.

“‘I believe this law to be unconstitutional,’ he said. ‘I don't believe the attorney general is obligated to defend unconstitutional laws... I would offer the arguments in court why I think this is unconstitutional.’

“He said he supports the challenge currently pending in the Ohio Supreme Court to Ohio's law banning most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.”<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> “Ohio’s six-week abortion ban takes effect,” *Toledo Blade*, June 24, 2022

<sup>39</sup> “Ohio’s six-week abortion ban takes effect,” *Toledo Blade*, June 24, 2022

<sup>40</sup> “Abortion an issue in Ohio AG contest,” *Toledo Blade*, July 12, 2022

## Telemedicine Ban

- ▶ **In 2020, Crossman voted against a bill making it a crime for a doctor to prescribe abortion medications via telemedicine. The physician must be physically present when the first medication is administered.**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020: “The chamber also voted 54-30 to send Mr. DeWine Senate Bill 260, which would make it a crime for a doctor to prescribe abortion medications via telemedicine. The physician must be physically present when the first medication is administered.”<sup>41</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2020 Session: On Dec. 17, 2020, Crossman voted against S.B. 260, a bill regarding abortion-inducing drugs. (Passed 54-30).<sup>42</sup>
  
- ▶ **Under the bill, doctors could face a fourth-degree felony, punishable by up to 18 months in prison, for the first violation and a third-degree felony, carrying up to five years, for subsequent offenses.**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020: “Under the bill sponsored by Sen. Steve Huffman (R., Tipp City), a physician, fellow doctors could face a fourth-degree felony, punishable by up to 18 months in prison, for the first violation and a third-degree felony, carrying up to five years, for subsequent offenses.”<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> “Ohio House approves ‘stand your ground,’ abortion bills during lame-duck session,” *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020

<sup>42</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 260](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>43</sup> “Ohio House approves ‘stand your ground,’ abortion bills during lame-duck session,” *Toledo Blade*, Dec. 18, 2020

## Taxes & Fees

### Gas Tax

- ▶ **In 2019, Crossman voted for a bill, signed by Gov. DeWine, that raised the gas tax by 10.5 cents per gallon and was estimated to cost drivers an extra \$40 to \$80 extra a year.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019: “The deal signed Wednesday by Gov. Mike DeWine to raise Ohio’s gasoline tax by 10.5 cents per gallon in early July could end up costing you \$40 to \$80 extra a year, depending on your driving habits and the fuel efficiency of your car or truck.

“Ohio’s gas and diesel tax, now 28 cents a gallon, will go up to 38.5 cents and 47 cents, respectively.”<sup>44</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2019 Session: On April 2, 2019, Crossman voted for H.B. 62, a bill creating the FY 2020-2021 transportation budget. (Passed 70-27).<sup>45</sup>

- ▶ **The increase was the first in the state gas tax since it went to 28 cents a gallon in 2005.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019: “The increase will be the first in the state gasoline tax since it went to 28 cents a gallon in 2005.”<sup>46</sup>

- ▶ **The increase by 10.5 cents a gallon would mean an extra \$42 a year for someone who drives 12,000 miles at 30 miles per gallon, increasing from \$112 in Ohio taxes to \$154. But for the driver of a truck getting only 15 miles per gallon, the increase would be \$84 over 12,000 miles.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019: “The increase by 10.5 cents a gallon would mean an extra \$42 a year for someone who drives 12,000 miles at 30 miles per gallon, increasing from \$112 in Ohio taxes to \$154.

“But for the driver of a truck getting only 15 miles per gallon, the increase would be \$84 over 12,000 miles.”<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> “DeWine signs deal raising gas tax,” *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019

<sup>45</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 62](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>46</sup> “DeWine signs deal raising gas tax,” *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019

<sup>47</sup> “DeWine signs deal raising gas tax,” *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019

- ▶ **The 10.5-cent gas tax increase would provide \$535 million a year more, while the 19-cent diesel increase would yield \$330 million more a year. Of the \$865 million a year in new money, 55 percent would go to the state and 45 percent would go to local governments.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 3, 2019: “The 10.5-cent gas tax increase will provide \$535 million a year more. The 19-cent diesel increase will yield \$330 million more a year.

- “Of the \$865 million a year in new money, 55 percent will go to the state and 45 percent will go to local governments.”<sup>48</sup>

- ▶ **In addition, license plate renewals for the electric vehicles and hybrids that can plug in would go up \$200. The owners of hybrids that do not plug in would pay an additional \$100 in renewal fees plus the increase in the gasoline tax.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019: “The bigger hit probably will be on owners of plug-in hybrid or electric cars. License plate renewals for the electric vehicles and hybrids that can plug in will go up \$200. The owners of hybrids that do not plug in will pay an additional \$100 in renewal fees plus the increase in the gasoline tax.”<sup>49</sup>

## **Plastic Bag Fee**

***Editor’s Note:** The House initially passed H.B. 242 in December 2019, and the Senate followed suit in late May 2020, although the Senate added language making the tax/fee prohibitions on bags and other containers effective for only 12 months rather than permanent. The House concurred with the Senate version. The final votes in both chambers were bipartisan, with Republicans and Democrats supporting and opposing.<sup>50</sup>*

- ▶ **In 2020, Crossman voted against prohibiting localities from imposing a tax or fee on plastic bags for one year.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 14, 2020: “Cuyahoga County and other local governments are now blocked from banning plastic bags and other containers for one year, under legislation signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Mike DeWine.

- “The new law, House Bill 242, comes in response to several local governments in Ohio imposing bag bans to reduce pollution and litter, including Cuyahoga County, Orange Village, and the Columbus suburb of Bexley.

- “The measure prohibits locals from imposing a tax or fee on plastic bags, as well as other containers such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, Styrofoam cups and cardboard boxes.”<sup>51</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> “DeWine to ink statewide ban on plastic bag bans,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Sept. 30, 2020

<sup>49</sup> “DeWine signs deal raising gas tax,” *Plain Dealer*, April 4, 2019

<sup>50</sup> “No plastic bag bans for at least a year,” *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 14, 2020

<sup>51</sup> “No plastic bag bans for at least a year,” *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 14, 2020

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2020 Session: On Sept. 23, 2020, Crossman voted against H.B. 242, a bill authorizing use of auxiliary containers. (Passed 58-35).<sup>52</sup>
- ▶ **Bill supporters touted the legislation as a “pro-business” measure that will promote uniformity across Ohio for grocery stores and other companies that operate in the state.**
  - > *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 14, 2020: “Bill supporters – including powerful business groups such as the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, and the Ohio Grocers Association – have touted the legislation as a ‘pro-business’ measure that will promote uniformity across Ohio for grocery stores and other companies that operate in the state.”<sup>53</sup>

### Toledo Sales Tax

***Editor’s Note:** In November 2021, the Ohio Senate voted overwhelmingly (1-32) to reject an amendment that would have restricted the size of a new sales tax for the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA). The Senate vote came after voters in Lucas County and voters in Rossford, the only TARTA member outside Lucas, approved TARTA’s plan to collect a half-percent sales tax as part of its plan to shift away from property tax support.*<sup>54</sup>

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman voted against of a bill that would limit the size of the sales tax levy sought by the Toledo Area Regional Transportation Authority (TARTA).**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, June 30, 2021: “A fight on the floor of the Ohio House of Representatives on Monday night led to that chamber’s passage of a bill that would limit the size of the sales tax levy sought by the Toledo Area Regional Transportation Authority.”<sup>55</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On June 28, 2021, Crossman voted against S.B. 19, a bill creating property tax exemption for wetland mitigation projects. (Passed 61-36).<sup>56</sup>
- ▶ **Republican State Rep. Derek Merrin had amended an unrelated bill to limit the sales tax to 0.3 percent unless every jurisdiction within the service area approved a higher amount. TARTA had proposed an 0.5 percent sales tax, which also was recommended by a transit task force established in 2019 by the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, but Merrin said that could amount to a \$20 million tax increase in the county.**
  - > *Toledo Blade*, June 22, 2021: “Having previously failed to block a provision making it easier for the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority to switch from property taxes

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<sup>52</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 242](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>53</sup> “No plastic bag bans for at least a year,” *Plain Dealer*, Oct. 14, 2020

<sup>54</sup> “TARTA sales tax amendment spurs Senate to reject bill,” *Toledo Blade*, Nov. 13, 2021

<sup>55</sup> “TARTA tax restrictions pass House,” *Toledo Blade*, June 30, 2021

<sup>56</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 19](#), 134th General Assembly

to a sales tax, a western Lucas County legislator has amended an unrelated bill to limit the sales tax to 0.3 percent unless every jurisdiction within the service area approves a higher amount.

“The amendment that state Rep. Derek Merrin (R., Monclova Township) introduced to a wetlands-related bill through his role as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee also would delay the effective date of adding new territory to a transit authority once election results have been certified.”<sup>57</sup>

- > *Toledo Blade*, June 22, 2021: “TARTA has proposed an 0.5 percent sales tax, which also was recommended by a transit task force established in 2019 by the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, but Mr. Merrin said that could amount to a \$20 million tax increase in the county.

“‘[0.3 percent is] more than reasonable,’ Mr. Merrin said. ‘Currently, the transit authority levies property taxes that collect approximately \$13 million. At 0.3 [percent], that would be approximately \$21 million, so effectively they would be increasing their tax revenue from \$13 to \$21 million, but if they’re allowed to do half a percent, they would go up potentially to \$35 million.

“‘...Unfortunately that’s what’s happened in the transportation budget, of where we’re facing in Lucas County a possible \$20 million tax increase,’ Mr. Merrin said. ‘Most people during these times don’t find that acceptable in any regard.’”<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> “Merrin seeks to impose cap on proposed TARTA sales tax,” *Toledo Blade*, June 22, 2021

<sup>58</sup> “Merrin seeks to impose cap on proposed TARTA sales tax,” *Toledo Blade*, June 22, 2021

## Education

### Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019

**Editor's Note:** On June 20, 2020, Crossman voted **for** the conference report (90-3) of H.B. 164, a bill requiring K-12 public schools to give students wishing to meet for religious expression the same access to facilities given to secular student groups. The House approved a number of amendments the Senate crammed into the bill to accommodate schools during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

*They included prohibiting a school district from holding back students for failing to meet Third Grade Reading Guarantee testing requirements, so long as their teachers and principals agreed they are ready to enter fourth grade.*

*It also included \$24 million in financial aid to a number of school districts dealing with the pandemic and K-12 funding cuts, extending through 2022 a moratorium on a new rule requiring school buildings to include storm shelters, and changing criteria for certain charter schools that receive Quality Community School Support Program funding.<sup>59</sup>*

► **In 2019, Crossman voted against House passage of the Student Liberties Act that would protect student rights to religious expression in public schools, including prayer, school assignments and artwork, and clothing.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 14, 2019: “The Ohio House on Wednesday approved legislation that would protect student rights to religious expression in public schools, including prayer, school assignments and artwork, and clothing.

“Lawmakers passed House Bill 164 by a vote of 61-31 and sent it to the Senate for consideration.”<sup>60</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2019 Session: On Nov. 13, 2019, Crossman voted against H.B. 164, a bill regarding student religious expression. (Passed 61-31).<sup>61</sup>

► **The bill would require schools to give student religious groups the same access to school facilities for meetings and events as secular groups have, lift bans limiting student expression of religion to lunch or non-instructional periods, and abolish any restrictions on students from engaging in religious expression in completion of homework, artwork, or other assignments.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 14, 2019: “The bill, dubbed the ‘Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019,’ would require schools to:

- Give student religious groups the same access to school facilities for meetings and events as secular groups have.

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<sup>59</sup> “Student religious liberties act clears legislature,” *Plain Dealer*, June 12, 2020; The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 164](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>60</sup> “Student religious liberty bill advances,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 14, 2019

<sup>61</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 164](#), 133rd General Assembly

- Lift bans limiting student expression of religion to lunch or non-instructional periods.
- Abolish any restrictions on students from engaging in religious expression in completion of homework, artwork or other assignments.

“Current state law prohibits a school district from promoting an establishment of religion or prohibiting any student from expressing religious beliefs. Ginter’s bill would lift a provision of that law allowing schools to limit such activity to non-instructional time.

“The bill would not change current law allowing schools to ‘provide for a moment of silence each school day for prayer, reflection or meditation upon a moral, philosophical or patriotic theme’ with student participation optional.”<sup>62</sup>

### Expanding EdChoice Voucher Program to Low-Income Students

- ▶ **In 2019, Crossman voted against expanding eligibility for Ohio’s EdChoice voucher program to include families who are at 250% of the federal poverty level, up from 200%.**

- > *Dayton Daily News*, Nov. 19, 2020: “The House also gave final approval to Senate Bill 89, which makes changes to Ohio’s EdChoice voucher program.

“For years, students have been able to pay for private schools with help from taxpayer-funded EdChoice vouchers, if their home public school qualified as ‘underperforming’ or if their family income was below certain levels. The vouchers are up to \$4,650 for K-8 and \$6,000 for grades 9-12 to attend private schools.

“The bill, which heads to DeWine for consideration, calls for expanding eligibility for the program to include families who are at 250% of the federal poverty level, up from 200%.”<sup>63</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2019 Session: On Nov. 19, 2020, Crossman voted against S.B. 89, a bill regarding career-technical ed and JVSD in enterprise zones. (Passed 53-36).<sup>64</sup>

- ▶ **Under the plan, students attending 469 schools across the state would be eligible for vouchers. Schools on the list included those with 20% or more of their student population having low income and those ranked in the bottom 20% for academic performance on state report cards.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2020: “Under the plan, students attending 469 schools across the state will be eligible for vouchers, slightly fewer than this year.

<sup>62</sup> “Student religious liberty bill advances,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 14, 2019

<sup>63</sup> “Lawmakers look to restrict public health powers,” *Dayton Daily News*, Nov. 19, 2020

<sup>64</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 89](#), 133rd General Assembly

Schools on the list include those with 20% or more of their student population having low income and those ranked in the bottom 20% for academic performance on state report cards.

“The plan also expands eligibility for a separate income-based voucher program from 200% of the federal poverty level to 250%, or roughly \$65,000 a year for a family of four.”<sup>65</sup>

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2020: “Supporters of the voucher plan said that if lawmakers fail to act on new guidelines, more than 1,200 of the state’s roughly 3,000 schools will wind up on the 2021-22 list of those whose students are eligible for vouchers.

“Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, said that earlier this year, lawmakers froze the list at 517, angering many families who had thought they would be eligible for vouchers.

“‘So if we do nothing, another 750 schools will be added to list,’ he said.”<sup>66</sup>

## Free Speech

- ▶ **In 2019, Crossman voted against prohibiting public colleges and universities from placing limitations on free speech or charging security fees to controversial speakers or groups whose presence on campuses could cause a disturbance.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020: “Public universities and colleges across Ohio won’t be able to say no to controversial speakers or ask groups sponsoring them to pay for security after once the governor signs a bill passed by the legislature.”<sup>67</sup>
- > The Ohio Legislature, 2020 Session: On Dec. 2, 2020, Crossman voted against S.B. 40, a bill enacting the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act. (Passed 66-27).<sup>68</sup>

- ▶ **In 2017, the University of California cancelled a speech by far-right commentator Milo Yiannopoulos. That event inspired S.B. 40’s sponsor, Republican Sen. Andrew Brenner, to write the bill.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020: “It was those kinds of concerns that led the University of California to cancel a speech by far-right commentator Milo Yiannopoulos back in 2017. That event inspired SB 40’s sponsor, Delaware County Republican Sen. Andrew Brenner, to write the bill.”<sup>69</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> “Lawmakers OK new criteria to qualify for tax-funded vouchers,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2020

<sup>66</sup> “Lawmakers OK new criteria to qualify for tax-funded vouchers,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2020

<sup>67</sup> “Bill expands free speech on Ohio’s college campuses,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020

<sup>68</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 40](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>69</sup> “Bill expands free speech on Ohio’s college campuses,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020

- ▶ **The bill banned “free speech zones,” security fees for speakers and official warnings about potentially triggering content. Certain time, place, and manner restrictions would be accepted so long as school officials provided ample options based on “content-neutral criteria.” And students could be penalized for harassing event attendees under harassment policies that are required for schools.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020: “It would effectively ban school officials in Ohio from acting in a similar manner. The bill bans ‘free speech zones,’ security fees for speakers and official warnings about potentially triggering content. Certain time, place and manner restrictions would be OK so long as school officials provided ample options based on ‘content-neutral criteria.’ And students could be penalized for harassing event attendees under harassment policies that are required for schools.”<sup>70</sup>

### Critical Race Theory

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman said the way he interprets critical race theory is a way of understanding the world from someone else’s eyes. “For most of our history, we’ve told one side of the story,” Crossman said. “And now we’re going to hear the perspective from the other side.”**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, May 25, 2021: “The way he interprets critical race theory is a way of understanding the world from someone else’s eyes.
 

“For most of our history, we’ve told one side of the story,’ Crossman said. ‘And now we’re going to hear the perspective from the other side.’”<sup>71</sup>
- ▶ **Crossman: “Republicans are very good at moral outrage and cultural war,” and “They want to find issues that divide people along race lines in order to distract them from bigger issues.”**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, May 25, 2021: ““Republicans are very good at moral outrage and cultural war,’ Rep. Jeff Crossman, D-Parma said. ‘They want to find issues that divide people along race lines in order to distract them from bigger issues.’”<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> “Bill expands free speech on Ohio’s college campuses,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Dec. 5, 2020

<sup>71</sup> “House Republicans introduce bill to ban teaching of critical race theory in Ohio,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, May 25, 2021

<sup>72</sup> “House Republicans introduce bill to ban teaching of critical race theory in Ohio,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, May 25, 2021

## Workforce

### Unions

- ▶ **In 2020, Crossman introduced legislation that would allow lawmakers' aides and all of Ohio's legislative support staff members to form a union.**
  - > *The Columbus Dispatch*, July 15, 2020: "Two House Democrats want to let their aides and all of Ohio's legislative support staff members form a union, and they're introducing a bill that would remove a section of state law that prohibits it."<sup>73</sup>

### Overtime Pay

- ▶ **In 2022, Crossman voted against legislation exempting employers from paying overtime to workers for commuting and checking messages.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 30, 2022: "Legislation to exempt employers from paying overtime to workers for commuting and checking messages off-hours is headed to Gov. Mike DeWine after clearing a final Ohio Senate vote Wednesday.  
  
"Senate Bill 47 passed a Senate concurrence vote by a party-line 25-8 vote, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats against the measure."<sup>74</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2020 Session: On Dec. 2, 2022, Crossman voted against S.B. 47, a bill excepting certain tasks from overtime pay requirements. (Passed 56-37).<sup>75</sup>
- ▶ **The bill allows employers to not have to pay overtime to employees for time spent traveling to and from work, and for "activities requiring insubstantial or insignificant periods of time beyond the employee's scheduled working hours."**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 30, 2022: "The bill, a priority for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, allows employers to not have to pay overtime to employees for time spent traveling to and from work, and for 'activities requiring insubstantial or insignificant periods of time beyond the employee's scheduled working hours.'"<sup>76</sup>
- ▶ **The bill's Republican sponsors testified in a House committee that examples of those activities include workers "checking their schedule, listening to voicemails, or reading emails."**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 30, 2022: "Republican bill sponsors, state Sens. Andrew Brenner of Delaware County and Bob Peterson of Fayette County, previously testified in a

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<sup>73</sup> "Dems want to let House staff unionize," *The Columbus Dispatch*, July 15, 2020

<sup>74</sup> "Ohio legislature passes bill exempting overtime pay for commuting, checking messages off-hours," *Cleveland.com*, March 20, 2022

<sup>75</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 47](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>76</sup> "Ohio legislature passes bill exempting overtime pay for commuting, checking messages off-hours," *Cleveland.com*, March 20, 2022

House committee that examples of those activities include workers ‘checking their schedule, listening to voicemails, or reading emails.’

“The exemptions don’t apply if the worker performs the previously mentioned tasks during the work day, or if they do them at the specific direction of their employer.”<sup>77</sup>

► **Crossman said the bill was a slap in the faces of workers and called it “wage theft.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, March 30, 2022: “But prior to last week’s House vote approving the bill, state Rep. Jeff Crossman, a Parma Democrat running for Ohio attorney general, said SB47 is a slap in the faces of workers.

“I have to urge a no vote on this bill because I don’t support wage theft,’ he said.”<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>77</sup> “Ohio legislature passes bill exempting overtime pay for commuting, checking messages off-hours,” *Cleveland.com*, March 20, 2022

<sup>78</sup> “Ohio legislature passes bill exempting overtime pay for commuting, checking messages off-hours,” *Cleveland.com*, March 20, 2022

## Vaccine Mandates

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman voted against prohibiting schools, universities, and other public entities from requiring vaccines that haven't been fully approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It also prohibited K-12 schools from discriminating against individuals who haven't had a vaccine.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, June 9, 2022: "HB 244 started as a bill to help military children transition to school when they move to and from Ohio. Then, in the flurry of the final days of June 2021, before lawmakers went on summer recess, the bill was amended to prohibit schools, universities and other public entities from requiring vaccines that haven't been fully approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It also prohibited K-12 schools from discriminating against individuals who haven't had a vaccine."<sup>79</sup>
- > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On June 28, 2021, Crossman voted against H.B. 244, a bill regarding educational opportunities/enrollment military kids. (Passed 62-34).<sup>80</sup>

***Editor's Note:** Gov. DeWine signed H.B. 244 into law. DeWine supported the underlying bill to help military families. The underlying bill would require schools to allow children of military families to start classes online, easing their transition to a new district.*<sup>81</sup>

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman voted against prohibiting K-12 schools, colleges, and employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccines that haven't been fully approved by the federal government.**

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021: "The Ohio House voted 58-32 on Thursday in favor of a bill that would weaken vaccination laws by expanding exemptions and prohibiting businesses from requiring proof of vaccination for customers or employees."<sup>82</sup>
- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021: "House Bill 218 would block schools or employers from requiring students or workers to be vaccinated if the vaccine has yet to receive full approval by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"It would also allow students or employees to be exempt from vaccine requirements for medical reasons, instances of natural immunity or 'reasons of personal conscience.' Only a written declaration would be required to claim a personal exemption.

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<sup>79</sup> "Court dismisses lawsuits against Ohio House, Senate 10 Ohioans sued last year in effort to block the state from enacting or enforcing COVID-19 restrictions," *Plain Dealer*, June 9, 2022

<sup>80</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 244](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>81</sup> "DeWine signs bill to ban vaccine mandate; Ohio public schools, universities affected," *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 16, 2021

<sup>82</sup> "Ohio vaccine bill expands exemptions, bans 'passports'; Vaccines," *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021

“The student and employee medical provisions would sunset after Sept. 30, 2025.”<sup>83</sup>

- > *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021: “It would also prohibit public or private entities from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19.

“Employees can file lawsuits or complaints with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission if they believe they experienced discrimination on the job.”<sup>84</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On Nov. 18, 2021, Crossman voted against H.B. 218, a bill extending bar hours; exempt bars from statewide curfew. (Passed 58-32).<sup>85</sup>

***Editor’s Note:*** Gov. DeWine said he would “absolutely” veto H.B. 218 if it came to his desk. “Oh, absolutely. I’ve made it very clear I don’t hesitate to veto things when I think they’re wrong. I have respect for the legislature, but I also have a job and that job is to veto things that are bad,” he said.<sup>86</sup>

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<sup>83</sup> “Ohio vaccine bill expands exemptions, bans ‘passports’; Vaccines,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021

<sup>84</sup> “Ohio vaccine bill expands exemptions, bans ‘passports’; Vaccines,” *The Columbus Dispatch*, Nov. 20, 2021

<sup>85</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 218](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>86</sup> “Gov. Mike DeWine said he’ll veto an Ohio bill that prohibits employers, schools from mandating vaccines,” *Plain Dealer*, Dec. 14, 2021

## Environment

- ▶ **In 2021, Crossman voted against prohibiting municipalities from banning customers from using natural gas or propane. Proponents of the bill said cutting natural gas out of the mix would dramatically increase the price of energy for Ohioans.**
  - > *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 3, 2021: “A move to ban natural gas hookups in new buildings in New York City and San Francisco has Ohio lawmakers rushing to head off similar efforts here.  
  
“House Bill 201, signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine Thursday, prohibits municipalities from banning customers from using natural gas or propane. The change passed even though no Ohio city currently has such a ban and current law allows customers to choose their energy source. Still, proponents of the change say cutting natural gas out of the mix would dramatically increase the price of energy for Ohioans.”<sup>87</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On May 6, 2021, Crossman voted against H.B. 201, a bill preventing local governments from limiting use of natural gas. (Passed 65-32).<sup>88</sup>

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<sup>87</sup> “New Ohio law stops cities from banning natural gas use,” *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, July 3, 2021

<sup>88</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 201](#), 134th General Assembly

## Transgender Sports Ban

### House Bill 151

- ▶ **In 2022, Crossman voted against a proposed transgender athlete ban where if a student athlete’s sex assigned at birth was disputed, they would have to prove their assigned sex by obtaining a signed statement from a doctor establishing their internal and external reproductive anatomy and testosterone levels.**
  - > *The Hill*, June 17, 2022: “A controversial provision in an Ohio bill requiring student athletes to undergo a medical examination of their genitals to verify their sex assigned at birth is likely to be removed, state Senate President Matt Huffman (R) said this week.  
  
“Under the bill, passed by the Ohio House of Representatives earlier this month, if a student athlete’s sex assigned at birth is disputed, they must prove their assigned sex by obtaining a signed statement from a doctor establishing their internal and external reproductive anatomy and testosterone levels.”<sup>89</sup>
  - > The Ohio Legislature, 2022 Session: On June 1, 2022, Crossman voted against H.B. 151, a bill replacing the Ohio Teacher Residency program with local mentorship. (Passed 57-30).<sup>90</sup>
- ▶ **State Senate President Matt Huffman said a controversial provision of the bill requiring student athletes to undergo a medical examination of their genitals to verify their sex assigned at birth would likely to be removed from the bill in the Senate. Huffman said he believed the provision – intended to identify transgender athletes who may be lying about their sex assigned at birth – was unnecessary because alternative and less invasive measures, like DNA testing, are already available.**
  - > *The Hill*, June 17, 2022: “A controversial provision in an Ohio bill requiring student athletes to undergo a medical examination of their genitals to verify their sex assigned at birth is likely to be removed, state Senate President Matt Huffman (R) said this week.”<sup>91</sup>
  - > *The Hill*, June 17, 2022: “Huffman during a City Club of Cleveland forum Wednesday said he believed the provision – intended to identify transgender athletes who may be lying about their sex assigned at birth – was unnecessary because alternative and less invasive measures, like DNA testing, are already available.

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<sup>89</sup> “Genital inspection provision to be removed from Ohio transgender athlete ban,” *The Hill*, June 17, 2022

<sup>90</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 151](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>91</sup> “Genital inspection provision to be removed from Ohio transgender athlete ban,” *The Hill*, June 17, 2022

“I’m not sure why that’s in the bill, it’s unnecessary,” he said Wednesday during the forum, which featured former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. ‘All of these tests can be done with a simple DNA swab.’”<sup>92</sup>

► **House Republicans added the transgender sports language during a late-night session as a last-minute change to an otherwise uncontroversial bill having to do with a teacher mentorship program.**

> *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022: “For that bill, Ohio House Bill 151, House Republicans added the transgender sports language during a late-night session as a last-minute change to an otherwise uncontroversial bill having to do with a teacher mentorship program.”<sup>93</sup>

► **Supporters of the proposed transgender sports ban, which would apply at the high school and collegiate levels, say it’s needed to preserve competitive athletic opportunities for girls.**

> *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022: “Supporters of the proposed transgender sports ban, which would apply at the high school and collegiate levels, say it’s needed to preserve competitive athletic opportunities for girls. High-profile examples of successful transgender athletes, like Lia Thomas, a women’s champion swimmer at the University of Pennsylvania, have drawn additional attention and controversy to the issue, which is part of a broader cultural fight around traditional gender norms.”<sup>94</sup>

► **The Ohio High School Athletics Association said it has made 48 transgender rulings between 2015-2021 out of the 400,000 students in grades 7-12 who participate in OHSAA-sanctioned sports.**

> *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022: “The Ohio High School Athletics Association says it has made 48 transgender rulings between 2015-2021 out of the 400,000 students in grades 7-12 who participate in OHSAA-sanctioned sports.”<sup>95</sup>

### **Senate Bill 187**

► **In 2021, Crossman voted against a bill that would ban transgender student athletes in Ohio from participating in girls’ sports.**

> *Plain Dealer*, June 27, 2021: “Gov. Mike DeWine opposes an Ohio House bill that would ban transgender student athletes in Ohio from participating in girls’ sports, the Republican said Friday.

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<sup>92</sup> “Genital inspection provision to be removed from Ohio transgender athlete ban,” *The Hill*, June 17, 2022

<sup>93</sup> “Ohio Senate likely to take up transgender sports bill that includes genital examination clause, top Republican says,” *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022

<sup>94</sup> “Ohio Senate likely to take up transgender sports bill that includes genital examination clause, top Republican says,” *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022

<sup>95</sup> “Ohio Senate likely to take up transgender sports bill that includes genital examination clause, top Republican says,” *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022

“This issue is best addressed outside of government, through individual sports leagues and athletic associations, including the Ohio High School Athletic Association, who can tailor policies to meet the needs of their member athletes and member institutions,’ DeWine said in a brief written statement.

“DeWine was commenting on Senate Bill 187, a bill House Republicans passed on Thursday during the busy final days before the legislature breaks for summer recess.”<sup>96</sup>

- > The Ohio Legislature, 2021 Session: On June 21, 2021, Crossman voted against S.B. 187, a bill allowing intercollegiate athletes to earn compensation for names. (Passed 58-36).<sup>97</sup>

► **House Republicans amended S.B. 187, a noncontroversial bill that would allow college athletes to profit off their names and likenesses and was on its way to a presumed easy passage in the House, until they added the transgender sports language.**

- > *Plain Dealer*, June 27, 2021: “House Republicans amended SB187, a noncontroversial bill that would allow college athletes to profit off their names and likenesses, to add the transgender sports language, which was in a standalone bill the House had been considering since February 2020. The amendment mostly passed along party lines, although seven Republicans joined Democrats in voting ‘no.’”<sup>98</sup>

► **Gov. DeWine opposed the bill saying, “This issue is best addressed outside of government, through individual sports leagues and athletic associations, including the Ohio High School Athletic Association, who can tailor policies to meet the needs of their member athletes and member institutions.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022: “Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, said in a statement at the time he opposed the bill.

“This issue is best addressed outside of government, through individual sports leagues and athletic associations, including the Ohio High School Athletic Association, who can tailor policies to meet the needs of their member athletes and member institutions,’ DeWine said in the statement at the time.

“But DeWine was never forced to take action on the bill.”<sup>99</sup>

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<sup>96</sup> “DeWine criticizes controversial House bill,” *Plain Dealer*, June 27, 2021

<sup>97</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [S.B. 187](#), 134th General Assembly

<sup>98</sup> “DeWine criticizes controversial House bill,” *Plain Dealer*, June 27, 2021

<sup>99</sup> “Ohio Senate likely to take up transgender sports bill that includes genital examination clause, top Republican says,” *Cleveland.com*, June 7, 2022

***Editor's Note:*** *On June 28, 2021, Gov. DeWine signed an executive order allowing the state's college athletes to profit from their names, likenesses, and images.*<sup>100</sup>

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<sup>100</sup> "Why did Governor DeWine sign an executive order on name, image and likeness income? For Ohio State, timing is critical," *Plain Dealer*, June 28, 2021

## Confederate Flag

- ▶ **Crossman in 2020: “The [Confederate] flag isn’t just a piece of cloth to make a political statement or to show pride, it’s a tool to instill terror in minority populations. It’s not an issue of history or white pride, it’s a statement of white power.”**
  - > Ohio House Democrats press release, June 12, 2020: “‘The [Confederate] flag isn’t just a piece of cloth to make a political statement or to show pride, it’s a tool to instill terror in minority populations. It’s not an issue of history or white pride, it’s a statement of white power,’ said Rep. Jeff Crossman (D-Parma). ‘This is the same flag that’s been adopted by extremist groups, and proudly displayed by racist organizations like the KKK... It’s too little and too late for lip service about healing divisions – it’s time to show it with your actions...Enough is enough.’”<sup>101</sup>

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<sup>101</sup> Press Release, “House Democrats: ‘House Republicans vote to protect the Confederate flag,’” Ohio House Democrats, June 12, 2020

## President Joe Biden

### ► In October 2019, Crossman endorsed Joe Biden for president.

- > *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 31, 2019: “Democrat Joe Biden’s presidential campaign on Thursday unveiled endorsements from another 20 current or former elected officials in Ohio, including Youngstown Mayor Tito Brown and most elected officials from Parma.

“The list of supporters, which follow an initial batch of endorsements a couple of weeks ago, reflect the ex-vice president’s work to build a base of support among working-class voters.

“More than half of Biden’s newly announced backers hail from Parma, including state Rep. Jeff Crossman, Cuyahoga County Council member Scott Tuma, Mayor Tim DeGeeter, six city council members, and the city’s auditor, treasurer, and clerk of courts.”<sup>102</sup>

### ► Crossman was an early Biden endorser. He reasoned that Biden, a Catholic from Scranton, Pa. would resonate more with voters in his district.

- > *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 28, 2020: “State Rep. Jeff Crossman, a Parma Democrat running for re-election, was an early Biden endorser. He reasoned that Biden, a Catholic from Scranton, Pa. would resonate more with voters in his district.

“From his experience campaigning, Crossman said he’s seen nothing that’s led him to believe Trump’s support has slipped since 2016. But he said it seems there’s more enthusiasm on the Democratic side this year than before.

“‘After listening to voters all summer long, the folks that were not necessarily excited by Joe Biden are definitely motivated to get rid of Donald Trump,’ he said. ‘The Democrats are definitely going to turn out.’”<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>102</sup> “Joe Biden scores more Ohio endorsements,” *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 31, 2019

<sup>103</sup> “Counties along Ohio’s Lake Erie’ shores will help tell the story of this year’s presidential election,” *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 28, 2022

## Parma City Council

### Budgets

Budget	Date	Ordinance No.	Amount	Crossman
2014	3/27/14	238-18	\$47.3 million	Y
2015	3/23/15	219-14	\$47.4 million	Y
2016	3/28/16	213-15	Approx. \$49 million	Y
2017	3/20/17	198-16		Y

(Sources: **2014:** “Parma City Council approves \$47.3 million budget,” *Cleveland.com*, March 28, 2014; Parma City Council minutes, March 27, 2014; **2015:** “Parma balances \$47 million 2015 budget by closing pools,” *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015; Parma City Council minutes, March 23, 2015; **2016:** Parma City Council minutes, March 28, 2016; **2017:** Parma City Council minutes, March 20, 2017)

### 2014 Budget

► **In March 2014, Crossman voted for the \$47.3 million Parma city budget.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, March 28, 2014: “City Council on Thursday unanimously approved a 2014 general fund budget of \$47.3 million.

“While this represents a bump from last year’s original appropriations of \$45.8 million, that number does not include raises granted to several of the city’s collective bargaining units in 2013.”<sup>104</sup>

- > Parma City Council minutes: On March 27, 2014, Crossman voted in favor of Ordinance No. 238-13.” (Passed 8-0).<sup>105</sup>

► **In order to create the balanced budget, Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter said he instructed department heads to trim their money requests wherever possible. This included cutting outside counsel for the law department and his own cancelling of plans to mail a newsletter.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, March 28, 2014: “In order to create the balanced budget, DeGeeter said he instructed department heads to trim their money requests wherever possible. This included cutting outside counsel for the law department and his own cancelling of plans to mail a newsletter, he said

“‘It’s bare bones,’ he said of the budget, noting that residents will see no reduction in services”<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$47.3 million budget,” *Cleveland.com*, March 28, 2014

<sup>105</sup> Parma City Council minutes, March 27, 2014

<sup>106</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$47.3 million budget,” *Cleveland.com*, March 28, 2014

## 2015 Budget

- ▶ **In March 2015, Crossman voted for the \$47 million Parma city budget that saved about \$200,000 by closing outdoor pools for the summer.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015: “Despite residents’ protests, Parma City Council unanimously approved a \$47.4 million budget that will close outdoor pools this summer.  
  
“Hundreds of cleveland.com readers voiced their opinions about the pools, and about a dozen residents attended the meeting to oppose the move, which will save about \$200,000. Some of the residents feared the pools will never reopen, and others said this is paving the way for a tax increase.”<sup>107</sup>
  - > Parma City Council minutes: On March 23, 2015, Crossman voted in favor of Ordinance No. 219-14.” (Passed 9-0).<sup>108</sup>
  
- ▶ **To balance the budget, the city depleted the city’s 27th pay fund, which had \$775,000 set aside to pay employees an extra paycheck in 2019.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015: “To balance the budget, the city depleted the city’s 27th pay fund, which had \$775,000 set aside to pay employees an extra paycheck in 2019.  
  
“The budget includes borrowing about \$2.5 million to build a \$3.5 million regional dispatch center. The contract with Parma Heights and Brooklyn is in the works, and once approved by both cities they’ll pay \$1.5 million for a three-year contract.”<sup>109</sup>
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015: “The budget also banked on a cash advance for the city’s four cell phone towers, bringing in an estimated \$1.7 million. The mayor is hopeful the city will get even more.”<sup>110</sup>
  
- ▶ **Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter blamed the state saying he was working with a nearly \$4.2 million hole in his budget due to state cuts. Since 2008, the city had lost \$13.4 million.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015: “DeGeeter said he was working with a nearly \$4.2 million hole in his budget due to state cuts. Since 2008, the city has lost \$13.4 million.  
  
“‘You can’t make up that \$4.2 million loss,’ DeGeeter said. ‘You just can’t. There’s no way to make up that much money.’”

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<sup>107</sup> “Parma balances \$47 million 2015 budget by closing pools,” *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015

<sup>108</sup> Parma City Council minutes, March 23, 2015

<sup>109</sup> “Parma balances \$47 million 2015 budget by closing pools,” *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015

<sup>110</sup> “Parma balances \$47 million 2015 budget by closing pools,” *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015

“Council President Sean Brennan slammed Gov. John Kasich for the cuts, and said he ran into the governor in Columbus and told him: ‘You’re killing us.’”<sup>111</sup>

## Garbage Fee

► **In September 2015, Crossman voted to charge households an annual \$144 garbage fee for trash pick-up.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015: “Parma residents must pay \$12 a month for garbage, recycling and yard-waste pick up, starting next month.

“Despite residents’ protests and opposition to the fee, Parma City Council approved three proposals to create and implement it, with votes of 7-2. Councilmen Larry Napoli and Vito Dipierro voted no.”<sup>112</sup>

- > Parma City Council minutes: On Sept. 14, 2015, Crossman voted in favor of Ordinance No. 148-15, 149-5, and 169-15.” (Passed 7-2).<sup>113</sup>

*Editor’s Note:* According to city council minutes, Crossman stated that he did not support the fee until recently. He said that there were a lot of seniors on fixed incomes whom this would be a hardship, but he did not want safety forces cut.

► **The new fee drew wide opposition from residents, as well as four write-in candidates, challenging the mayor, council president and two council members in the November election.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015: “Members agreed to the fee, saying making cuts to those services would be a detriment to the city. But the fee has drawn wide opposition from residents, as well as four write-in candidates, challenging the mayor, council president and two council members in the November election.”<sup>114</sup>

► **Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter said if the garbage fee was not approved, there would be “significant” cuts to senior services, recreation programs, and safety forces.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015: “She asked Mayor Tim DeGeeter how much the city would need to cut if members voted no. The mayor didn’t give a dollar figure but said the cuts would be ‘significant’ to senior services, recreation programs and safety forces.”<sup>115</sup>

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<sup>111</sup> “Parma balances \$47 million 2015 budget by closing pools,” *Cleveland.com*, March 24, 2015

<sup>112</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$12 monthly garbage fee: City Council recap,” *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015

<sup>113</sup> Parma City Council minutes, Sept. 14, 2015

<sup>114</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$12 monthly garbage fee: City Council recap,” *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015

<sup>115</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$12 monthly garbage fee: City Council recap,” *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015

- ▶ **The fee, which would be in affect for 15 months until the council considered its reapproval, would cover the city’s more than \$5.4 million bill to Republic Services, the city’s trash hauler. The fee would bring in about \$5.4 million.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015: “The fee, which will be in affect for 15 months until council considers its reapproval, will cover Parma’s more than \$5.4 million bill to Republic Services, the city’s trash hauler. The fee will bring in about \$5.4 million.

“This year, Parma is paying a monthly fee of \$5.60 per house for solid waste and a \$2.05 per house for recyclables. For 2016, those prices jump slightly, with garbage at \$5.75 and recyclables \$2.10.

“The city is also charged \$33.50 per ton to dispose of waste in the landfill. In 2014 Parma sent more than 26,000 tons to the landfill.

“The fee also covers the monthly 77 cents per bill fee to the Cleveland water department for collecting and managing the fee. The fee will show up on residents’ water bills.”<sup>116</sup>

### **Parma Payroll**

- ▶ ***Cleveland.com* in 2015: “Parma cut services and imposed fees on its residents, while giving out \$2.5 million in raises over the last four years.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015: “Parma cut services and imposed fees on its residents, while giving out \$2.5 million in raises over the last four years.

“The city has more employees than good government benchmarks recommend. It still uses typewriters for some tasks and keeps records, such as payroll, on paper in each department. And it has refused for years to request an performance audit to identify inefficiency in City Hall.”<sup>117</sup>

- ▶ ***Cleveland.com* in 2015: “Virtually every employee has seen some sort of raise, many through union contracts. Many directors, who are non-union employees, also received pay increases since 2011.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015: “Virtually every employee has seen some sort of raise, many through union contracts. Many directors, who are non-union employees, also received pay increases since 2011.

“But some say the city needs to cut spending instead of digging deeper into residents’ pockets.”<sup>118</sup>

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<sup>116</sup> “Parma City Council approves \$12 monthly garbage fee: City Council recap,” *Cleveland.com*, Sept. 15, 2015

<sup>117</sup> “Parma salaries climb while services cut: Parma Payroll,” *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015

<sup>118</sup> “Parma salaries climb while services cut: Parma Payroll,” *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015

- ▶ **Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter defended the raises, arguing that they were within salary ranges approved by City Council and that the city needed to offer competitive salaries to hire good leaders.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015: “Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter defended the raises, arguing that they were within salary ranges approved by City Council and that the city needed to offer competitive salaries to hire good leaders.”<sup>119</sup>

### Zoning Variance for Selling Firearms

- ▶ **In 2016, Crossman expressed opposition to granting a zoning variance for a new business that would sell firearms. The business owner, who also ran a landscaping business out of the 40,000 square foot building, planned to have a firing range and offer concealed weapon courses at the location.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, June 21, 2016: “Ward 9 Councilman Jeff Crossman expressed opposition to granting a zoning variance for a new business that would sell firearms at 5301 Hauserman Road in the former Reserve Armory. Owner Robert Euerle, who also runs a landscaping business out of the 40,000 square foot building, plans to have a firing range and offer concealed weapon courses at the location.

“Ward 4 Councilwoman Kristin Saban and Ward 2 Councilwoman Debbie Lime agreed with Crossman opposing the sale of firearms at the business. ‘I believe control has to be better before we bring in a business when federal regulations aren’t where they need to be,’ Lime said.”<sup>120</sup>

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<sup>119</sup> “Parma salaries climb while services cut: Parma Payroll,” *Cleveland.com*, Dec. 10, 2015

<sup>120</sup> “Parma city council passes deer control ordinance, sets \$150 permit fee,” *Cleveland.com*, June 21, 2016

## Parma City Charter

*Editor's Note: Parma is Ohio's seventh-largest city and the largest in both the state and Cuyahoga County not to have a home-rule charter.*<sup>121</sup>

- ▶ **In 2011, Crossman started his governmental-political career when then-Mayor Dean DePiero appointed him to the Parma Board of Zoning Appeals.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013: "Crossman started his governmental-political career in 2011, when then-Mayor Dean DePiero appointed him to the Parma Board of Zoning Appeals."<sup>122</sup>
  
- ▶ **In March 2012, Parma voters had an opportunity to pick 15 members of a charter commission. If the measure had passed, that commission would have had less than a year to draft a charter that would have gone before the voters in 2013. On the same 2012 ballot, voters also choose candidates who would fill a commission if a commission was created.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012: "Whether they voted for or against, voters had an opportunity to pick 15 members of a charter commission. If the measure had passed, that commission would have had less than a year to draft a charter that would have gone before the voters in 2013."<sup>123</sup>
  - > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: "Voters will decide March 6 whether to seat a charter commission that would draft a city charter.  
  
"On the same ballot, voters will choose candidates who would fill a commission if a commission is created.  
  
"If a charter commission is seated, it would have a year to draft a charter. On a later ballot, voters would approve or reject the proposed charter."<sup>124</sup>
  
- ▶ **Under the current form in Parma, the mayor, law director and other top city officials all run for election. A charter would allow voters to establish performance standards and qualifications for the office holders.**
  - > *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012: "Under the current form, dictated by state law, the mayor, law director and other top city officials all run for election.  
  
"Galinas has said a charter would also allow voters to establish performance standards and qualifications for the office holders."<sup>125</sup>

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<sup>121</sup> "Parma just says no to home rule charter – again," *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012

<sup>122</sup> "Jeff Crossman will run for Parma Ward 9 City Council seat against Roy Jech," *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013

<sup>123</sup> "Parma just says no to home rule charter – again," *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012

<sup>124</sup> "Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears," *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

<sup>125</sup> "Parma just says no to home rule charter – again," *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012

► **Crossman served as the treasurer for the anti-charter group Citizens for a Better Parma that included a slate of charter commission candidates who opposed creating a charter like former-Mayor Dean DePiero and current-Mayor Tim DeGeeter.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013: “Early in 2012, Crossman was treasurer of a group – which included DePiero and DeGeeter – that opposed the drafting of a city charter.”<sup>126</sup>
- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Crossman is treasurer for a slate of charter commission candidates who oppose creating a charter but who – if a charter is written – want a city government that would mirror the existing government structure.”<sup>127</sup>
- > *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012: “Jeff Crossman, treasurer for the anti-charter Citizens for a Better Parma, said Tuesday night, ‘The final numbers aren’t in but we think this is a reflection that the voters think the city is heading in the right direction.’”<sup>128</sup>

► **Most of the candidates on the anti-charter slate were Democrats and many of them were city officials or former city officials, while Republicans and independents preferred the charter change.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Most of the candidates on this slate are Democrats and many of them are city officials or former city officials.

“Meanwhile, Keller is a friend of another slate of candidates who would like to see a charter change Parma government. Most on this slate are Republicans and independents.”<sup>129</sup>

► **Larry Keller, a retired Cleveland State University associate professor who has helped local cities draft and review charters, said that through the charter-creation process, a town could decide if it wants a mayor or city manager and determine the size of city council.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Creating a charter – a constitution for a city – is advantageous because it allows a municipality to design its own government.

“That is according to Larry Keller, a retired Cleveland State University associate professor who has helped local cities draft and review charters.

“Keller said that through the charter-creation process, a town can decide if it wants a mayor or city manager and determine the size of city council.

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<sup>126</sup> “Jeff Crossman will run for Parma Ward 9 City Council seat against Roy Jech,” *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013

<sup>127</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

<sup>128</sup> “Parma just says no to home rule charter – again,” *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012

<sup>129</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

“It’s like a constitutional convention,’ Keller said. ‘The city can debate about how to govern itself.’”<sup>130</sup>

- ▶ **Keller said it was better to have a charter of some kind because a city could always amend it. However, a city without a charter cannot amend state law.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Keller said it is better to have a charter of some kind because a city can always amend it. However, a city without a charter cannot amend state law.”<sup>131</sup>

- ▶ **Keller: “I don’t see any downside to a charter,” and “It is usually opposed by those who hold power because most likely it will reduce elected offices.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Keller said it is better to have a charter of some kind because a city can always amend it. However, a city without a charter cannot amend state law.

“I don’t see any downside to a charter,’ Keller said. ‘It is usually opposed by those who hold power because most likely it will reduce elected offices.’”<sup>132</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman: “The new administration (of Mayor Tim DeGeeter) should be allowed to focus on the economy, jobs and schools,” Crossman said. “The timing is bad for a charter, based on the challenges we face.”**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Crossman said the city has more important issues to tackle.

“The new administration (of Mayor Tim DeGeeter) should be allowed to focus on the economy, jobs and schools,’ Crossman said. ‘The timing is bad for a charter, based on the challenges we face.’”<sup>133</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman argued that the existing form of city government was working effectively and seating a charter commission would waste time and money.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Crossman is not a charter commission candidate but last week he spoke on behalf of a slate of candidates that opposes a charter.

“Crossman lives in Parma and has a law practice here. He said he volunteered to help charter opponents because he believes in their cause.

“Parma does not need a charter because the existing form of city government has worked efficiently, Crossman said.

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<sup>130</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

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<sup>132</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

<sup>133</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

“Further, seating a charter commission would waste time and money, Crossman said, because Parma residents have already rejected proposed charters. It happened in 1993 and 2004.

“Crossman warned that it will cost the city money to place the charter issue on the March ballot.

“Then, if a commission is seated and drafts a charter, Parma City Hall would have to print copies of the document and mail them to every registered voter in the city, Crossman said. That would cost additional money.

“Such expenses would hurt in a time when the city is trying to rebound from a severe recession. In addition, this year and in 2013, the city will face steep cuts in state financial aid, Crossman said.”<sup>134</sup>

► **Crossman also argued that the commission candidates he supported weren't merely trying to protect their government jobs. “If the charter commission is seated, it's important to have people with city experience on commission,” Crossman said.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012: “Crossman does not agree that commission candidates he supports are merely trying to protect their government jobs.

““They want to focus on job creation and the economy,” Crossman said.

“Crossman disagreed with Keller that the charter commission should consist only of non-office holders.

““If the charter commission is seated, it's important to have people with city experience on commission,” Crossman said. “I think that's obvious because they are already familiar with how government works.”<sup>135</sup>

► **In March 2012, Parma voters rejected the proposed home-rule charter measure 45 percent to 55 percent.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012: “Parma voters once again rejected a proposed home-rule charter.

“From the moment the Board of Elections started tallying the votes Tuesday evening, the charter measure trailed, and through the night the "no" votes continued to widen the gap. With all 65 precincts tallied, the issue was defeated 45 percent to 55 percent.”<sup>136</sup>

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<sup>134</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

<sup>135</sup> “Pros and cons of Parma city charter are debated as election nears,” *Cleveland.com*, Feb. 16, 2012

<sup>136</sup> “Parma just says no to home rule charter – again,” *Cleveland.com*, March 7, 2012

► **In the summer of 2012, Mayor Tim DeGeeter appointed Crossman to the planning commission.**

> *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013: “Then, in summer 2012, DeGeeter appointed Crossman to the planning commission.”<sup>137</sup>

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<sup>137</sup> “Jeff Crossman will run for Parma Ward 9 City Council seat against Roy Jech,” *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 10, 2013

## Finances

### Real Estate

- ▶ In 2014, Crossman purchased a home in Parma for \$118,750.
  - > Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer: On Jan. 30, 2014, Crossman purchased a home at 6429 South Park Dr, Parma, OH, 44134, for \$118,750. The 1395 sqft single family home is a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom property.<sup>138</sup>



(6429 South Park Dr.)

#### **Tax Summary by Year**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>Payment</b>
2020 (Pay 2021)	\$3,551.61	\$3,551.61
2019 (Pay 2020)	\$3,411.43	\$3,411.43
2018 (Pay 2019)	\$3,432.61	\$3,432.61
2017 (Pay 2018)	\$3,301.53	\$3,301.53
2016 (Pay 2017)	\$3,282.18	\$3,282.18
2015 (Pay 2016)	\$3,133.54	\$3,133.54
2014 (Pay 2015)	\$2,681.24	\$2,681.24

**Editor's Note:** On March 18, 2003, Crossman purchased a home at 1738 W 31 Place, Cleveland, OH, 44113, for \$196,000. He sold the home on Aug. 31, 2007, for \$208,000.<sup>139</sup>

<sup>138</sup> Parcel ID 446-28-001, Cuyahoga County, OH

<sup>139</sup> Parcel ID 003-31-008, Cuyahoga County, OH

## Divorce

On Sept. 23, 2006, Megan Thomas and Jeffrey Crossman were married.

On Aug. 28, 2007, the Crossmans petitioned the court for a divorce. In their separation agreement, the couple agreed to:

- 1) Household Goods: Divided to their mutual satisfaction all household furniture, furnishings, appliances, and jewelry.
- 2) Real Estate: Agreed that their residence at 1738 W. 31st Place, Cleveland, OH, 44113, would belong to Jeffrey Crossman.
- 3) Automobiles: Agreed each would take possession of an automobile; Megan Crossman to take a 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeffrey Crossman to take a 2003 Volkswagen Passat.
- 4) Bank & Retirement Accounts: Each would retain their own bank and retirement accounts.
- 5) Spousal Support: None.
- 6) Prior Debts: Each would pay and be responsible for their own individual debts, including debts related to any cards, bank fees, loans secured by mortgage, rent, and/or student loans.
- 7) Annulment: Megan Crossman agreed to initiate all action in order to obtain an annulment from the Catholic Church, for the benefit of both of them and further agreed to take all action to complete the Church's annulment process. Megan also agreed to assume all expenses related to the obtainment of an annulment. They both agreed to cooperate in the completion of the annulment from the Church.

On Oct. 9, 2007, a judge granted the Crossman's petition for a divorce.<sup>140</sup>

## Taxpayer Funded Travel Reimbursements

► **Since 2019, Crossman has taken nearly \$10,000 in taxpayer funded travel reimbursements from the State of Ohio.**

- > Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee: For calendar years 2019 to 2021, Crossman has taken \$9,645.18 in official travel reimbursements from the State of Ohio.<sup>141</sup>

### **Ohio State House of Representatives**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2019	\$4,513.60
2020	\$4,467.20
2021	\$5,177.98

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<sup>140</sup> Case No. DR-07-317629, Megan N Crossman vs. Jeffrey A Crossman, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Filed Aug. 28, 2007

<sup>141</sup> Jeffery Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements, Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, Calendar Years 2019-2021

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,645.18</b>
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(Jeffrey Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements,  
Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, 2017-2021)

**Accepted Lobbyist Expenses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/16/19	JobsOhio	\$38.46	Networking Reception for JP Nauseef - Team NEO
8/3/19	Cleveland Browns	\$28.00	Notebook, pen, lapel pin
8/3/19	Cleveland Browns	\$79.00	Meal and beverages
11/22/19	Greater Cleveland Partnership	\$225.00	Greater Cleveland Partnership Public Officials Reception Ticket
9/5/19	Ohio Chamber of Commerce	\$47.33	Salt Fork Trip to the Wilds
9/4/19	Ohio Chamber of Commerce	\$283.00	Lodging at Salt Fork Conference
9/7/19	University of Akron	\$30.00	UA vs. UAB Football Game in President's Suite (game ticket)
9/7/19	University of Akron	\$20.00	UA vs. UAB Football Game in President's Suite (food)
4/29/21	Greater Cleveland Sports Commission	\$70.00	NFL Draft Reception
11/4/21	University of Akron	\$33.91	Bliss Institute State of the Parties Reception

(Jeffrey Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements, Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, 2017-2021)

**Business Investment Properties**

► **Between 2017 and 2018, Crossman had a business interest in three companies that controlled two apartment buildings in Cleveland Heights and an apartment building in Cleveland.**

> *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 11, 2019: “He [Crossman] owns three businesses: Noble Summit Apartment Properties LLC, Quilliams Noble Apartments LLC and 2968 South Moreland AB LLC. He also reported the same three businesses represented investments of \$1,000 or more.”<sup>142</sup>

> *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 17, 2019: “He [Crossman] owns three businesses: Noble Summit Apartment Properties LLC, Quilliams Noble Apartments LLC and 2968 South Moreland AB LLC.”<sup>143</sup>

<sup>142</sup> “The story behind Jon Husted’s big raise,” *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 11, 2019

<sup>143</sup> “FirstEnergy Solutions bankruptcy deal finally gets court approval,” *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 17, 2019

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<b>Business Investment Properties</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC				X	X
Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC			X	X	X
2968 South Moreland AB, LLC			X	X	X

(Jeffrey Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements, Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, 2017-2021)

**Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC**



Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC was incorporated in the State of Ohio on April 26, 2013. The registered agent for the business is Jeffrey Crossman. On the receipt of the Articles of Organization, Crossman’s home address is identified.<sup>144</sup>

DATE:	DOCUMENT ID	DESCRIPTION	FILING	EXPED	PENALTY	CERT	COPY
04/29/2013	201311600590	ARTICLES OF ORGNZTN/DOM. PROFIT LIM.LIAB. CO. (LCP)	125.00	00		00	.00
<b>Receipt</b>							
This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.							
QUILLIAMS NOBLE APARTMENTS, LLC ATTN: JEFFREY A CROSSMAN, ESQ 5546 PEARL RD CLEVELAND, OH 44129							

(Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State)

<b>Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC</b>	
7/8/13 – 3/27/19	
<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Address</b>
682-13-052	2487 Noble Rd
682-13-053	2481 Noble Rd

(Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer)

<sup>144</sup> Entity 2194698, Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State Business Search, Filed April 26, 2013

**Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC**



Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC was incorporated in the State of Ohio on Dec. 7, 2014. The registered agent for the business is KRI Properties, Inc. On the receipt of the Articles of Organization, Crossman’s law office is identified.<sup>145</sup>

DATE	DOCUMENT ID	DESCRIPTION	FILING	EXPED	PENALTY	CERT	COPY
12/09/2014	201434100090	DOMESTIC FOR PROFIT LLC - ARTICLES OF ORG (LCP)	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Receipt**  
This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

LAW OFFICE OF JEFFREY A. CROSSMAN  
6429 S. PARK BLVD.  
PARMA, OH 44134

(Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State)

<b>Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC</b>	
7/10/15 – 3/24/19	
<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Address</b>
682-29-013	2734-2748 Noble Rd
682-29-014	
682-29-015	
682-29-016	
682-29-048	2734 Summit Park Ave
682-29-049	Summit Park Ave
682-29-050	2737 Summit Park Ave

(Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer)

<sup>145</sup> Entity 2348537, Nobile Summit Apartment Properties, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State Business Search, Filed Dec. 7, 2014

**2968 South Moreland AB, LLC**



2968 South Moreland AB, LLC was incorporated in the State of Ohio on June 23, 2015. The registered agent for the business is GL Administrative Services Company. On the receipt of the Articles of Organization, Gary L. Lieberman of Pepper Pike, OH, is identified.<sup>146</sup>

DATE	DOCUMENT ID	DESCRIPTION	FILING	EXPED	PENALTY	CERT	COPY
06/28/2015	201517438075	DOMESTIC FOR PROFIT LLC - ARTICLES OF ORG (LCP)	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Receipt</b>							
This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.							
GARY L. LIEBERMAN CO. LPA 30195 CHAGRIN BLVD. SUITE 300 PEPPER PIKE, OH 44124							

(2968 South Moreland AB, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State)

<b>2968 South Moreland AB, LLC</b>	
1/27/15 – 12/11/18	
<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Address</b>
144-05-001	2992 South Moreland Blvd
144-05-003	2968 South Moreland Blvd

(Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer)

<sup>146</sup> Entity 2405076, 2968 South Moreland AB, LLC, Ohio Secretary of State Business Search, Filed June 23, 2015

## Evictions

### Eviction Legislation

- ▶ **In March 2020, Crossman introduced a bill to put a stop to evictions and foreclosures for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis. The legislation would also give Ohioans time to fix monetary defaults that occur during the emergency.**

- > *The Athens Messenger*, March 25, 2020: “State Reps. David Leland (D-Columbus) and Jeffrey Crossman (D-Parma) introduced a bipartisan bill to put a stop to evictions and foreclosures for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis on Sunday, written in consultation with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

“Many people just lost their source of income, and they don’t know how they’re going to pay their rent or mortgage,” said Rep. Leland in a statement. “We need to make sure the people of Ohio are safe... at home.”

“The legislation also gives Ohioans time to fix monetary defaults that occur during the emergency.”<sup>147</sup>

*Editor’s Note: H.B. 562 was introduced in the House, referred to the Civil Justice Committee, and did not receive any votes.*<sup>148</sup>

- ▶ **Crossman in 2020: “What we learned from the Great Recession is that failing to do enough to keep people in their homes will devastate communities across the state, and we need to do as much as possible to ensure that doesn’t happen again.”**

- > *The Athens Messenger*, March 25, 2020: “We know that this crisis is going to cause financial hardships for many people in Ohio and we need to craft solutions to help people impacted by job and income loss. These are commonsense measures that will give people time to work out solutions to keep people in their homes,” said Rep. Crossman. “What we learned from the Great Recession is that failing to do enough to keep people in their homes will devastate communities across the state, and we need to do as much as possible to ensure that doesn’t happen again.”<sup>149</sup>

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<sup>147</sup> “County Municipal court halts hearings,” *The Athens Messenger*, March 25, 2020

<sup>148</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 562](#), 133rd General Assembly

<sup>149</sup> “County Municipal court halts hearings,” *The Athens Messenger*, March 25, 2020

- ▶ **When asked about property owners who still had costs such as repairs and that smaller banks may not be able to carry so many unpaid loans, Crossman replied, “I think we just have to ask ourselves, who’s in a better position to bear the burden here? The individual who is not making any income trying to keep their family fed and clothed and in a housing situation during the middle of a pandemic, particularly if they don’t have a job, or a lender who can maybe take a two- or three-month pause from getting their mortgage payments?”**

- > *The Athens Messenger*, Dec. 7, 2020: “In committee, state Rep. D.J. Swearingen, R-Huron asked the HB 562 sponsors about the ‘unintended consequences’ of continuing a moratorium in Ohio. Swearingen noted that property owners still have costs such as repairs and that smaller banks may not be able to carry so many unpaid loans.

“Crossman acknowledged those concerns but said the ramifications of doing nothing would have a greater impact on individuals.

“I think we just have to ask ourselves, who’s in a better position to bear the burden here? The individual who is not making any income trying to keep their family fed and clothed and in a housing situation during the middle of a pandemic, particularly if they don’t have a job, or a lender who can maybe take a two- or three-month pause from getting their mortgage payments?”

“Crossman said the latter is in ‘a far better position financially’ to handle the issue.”<sup>150</sup>

- ▶ **In January 2021, Crossman again introduced legislation that would postpone evictions and foreclosures in Ohio during COVID-19. The existing moratorium on evictions was set to expire on January 31 and came from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention at the federal level. Crossman’s bill, at the state level, would be independent of federal action.**

- > WCMH, Jan. 12, 2021: “A bipartisan bill introduced on Monday would postpone evictions and foreclosures in Ohio during COVID-19, if it becomes law.

“The existing moratorium on evictions expires on Jan. 31 and comes from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention at the federal level.

“State Representatives David Leland (D-Columbus) and Jeffrey Crossman (D-Parma) seek to extend the moratorium for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency. Their bill, at the state level, would be independent of federal action.”<sup>151</sup>

*Editor’s Note: H.B. 20 was introduced in the House, referred to the Civil Justice Committee, and did not receive any votes.*<sup>152</sup>

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<sup>150</sup> “Lawmakers seek Ohio moratorium on evictions, foreclosures,” *The Athens Messenger*, Dec. 7, 2020

<sup>151</sup> “Moratorium on evictions, foreclosures: Bill aims to buy time for rental help to take effect,” WCMH, Jan. 12, 2021

<sup>152</sup> The Ohio Legislature, [H.B. 20](#), 134th General Assembly

- ▶ **Crossman in 2021: “This legislation is a tool to help keep people in their homes during this pandemic – when people are struggling to pay their bills through no fault of their own.”**

- > WCMH, Jan. 12, 2021: ““This legislation is a tool to help keep people in their homes during this pandemic – when people are struggling to pay their bills through no fault of their own,’ said Rep. Crossman in a news release.”<sup>153</sup>

- ▶ **Between 2017 and 2019, Crossman indicated he had a financial interest in 2968 South Moreland AB, LLC, an apartment building in Cleveland.**

- > *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 11, 2019: “He [Crossman] owns three businesses: Noble Summit Apartment Properties LLC, Quilliams Noble Apartments LLC and 2968 South Moreland AB LLC. He also reported the same three businesses represented investments of \$1,000 or more.”<sup>154</sup>

- > *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 17, 2019: “He [Crossman] owns three businesses: Noble Summit Apartment Properties LLC, Quilliams Noble Apartments LLC and 2968 South Moreland AB LLC.”<sup>155</sup>

**Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements**

Business Investment Properties	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
2968 South Moreland AB, LLC			X	X	X

(Jeffrey Crossman Financial Disclosure Statements, Ohio Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, 2017-2021)

- ▶ **While Crossman indicated he had a financial interest in 2968 South Moreland AB, LLC, the company sought to evict some of its tenants.**

Case Number	Case Type	Date Filed	Date Closed	Plaintiff	Defendant
2017-CVG-017239	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	11/21/17	8/7/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Ulysses Roberson
2018-CVG-000556	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	1/16/18	2/12/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Curtis Hemphill
2018-CVG-001383	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	1/30/18	3/21/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Ulysses Roberson
2018-CVG-002599	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	2/23/18	5/14/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Curtis Hemphill
2018-CVG-003211	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	3/5/18	11/2/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Paul Hidgin
2018-CVG-010991	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	7/23/18	9/10/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Electra Davison
2018-CVG-010994	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	7/23/18	10/3/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Regina Hardy
2018-CVG-010995	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	7/23/18	10/3/18	2968 South Moreland Ab	Antonio Williams & Brooklyn Johnson & Kim Johnson
2018-CVG-011409	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	7/30/18	5/3/19	2968 South Moreland Ab	Choncharae Ford
2019-CVG-001862	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	2/4/19	3/7/19	2968 South Moreland Ab	Ronald Carter
2019-CVG-001864	Landlord Tenant - Eviction	2/4/19	3/7/19	2968 South Moreland Ab	Tafyah Lawson

[\(Cleveland Municipal Court\)](#)

<sup>153</sup> “Moratorium on evictions, foreclosures: Bill aims to buy time for rental help to take effect,” WCMH, Jan. 12, 2021

<sup>154</sup> “The story behind Jon Husted’s big raise,” *Cleveland.com*, Jan. 11, 2019

<sup>155</sup> “FirstEnergy Solutions bankruptcy deal finally gets court approval,” *Cleveland.com*, Oct. 17, 2019

## Cleveland Heights Police Department Incident Reports

Below is a summary of police reports from the time periods that Quilliams Noble Apartments, LLC (2013–2019) and Noble Summit Apartment Properties, LLC (2015–2019) owned apartment complexes in Cleveland Heights.

Address	Date	Type	Description
2481 Noble Road	4/14/14	Incident	Suspicious male
2481 Noble Road	6/17/14	Incident	Theft from auto
2481 Noble Road	7/11/14	Incident	Auto theft
2481 Noble Road	10/1/14	Incident	Elderly transport to hospital
2481 Noble Road	11/19/14	Incident	Damage/theft from auto
2481 Noble Road	12/12/14	Incident	Theft of catalytic converter
2481 Noble Road	4/11/15	Incident	Auto theft
2481 Noble Road	4/22/15	Incident	Auto theft
2481 Noble Road	5/7/15	Incident	Catalytic converter reported missing
2481 Noble Road	5/5/15	Incident	Theft
2481 Noble Road	6/2/15	Incident	Damage to auto
2481 Noble Road	8/10/15	Incident	Reports needing auto stopped
2481 Noble Road	10/27/15	Incident	Welfare check for missing adult female
2481 Noble Road	10/30/15	Incident	In station report for suspicion
2481 Noble Road	11/21/15	Incident	In station report for harassment
2481 Noble Road	1/8/16	Incident	Male arrested for public intoxication
2481 Noble Road	1/18/16	Incident	Known male took vehicle without permission
2481 Noble Road	1/22/16	Incident	In station report for noise disturbance
2481 Noble Road	1/23/16	Incident	Auto theft
2481 Noble Road	3/6/16	Incident	In station report of simple assault
2481 Noble Road	3/19/16	Incident	Theft
2481 Noble Road	4/25/16	Incident	Damage to several autos
2481 Noble Road	8/2/16	Incident	In station report of criminal mischief
2481 Noble Road	8/27/16	Incident	Follow-up investigation
2481 Noble Road	10/30/16	Incident	Aggravated robbery with handgun
2481 Noble Road	1/14/17	Incident	Lost/Missing property
2481 Noble Road	1/21/17	Incident	Suspicion of burglary
2481 Noble Road	1/31/17	Incident	Burglary
2481 Noble Road	2/2/17	Incident	Self-reported auto accident
2481 Noble Road	3/19/17	Incident	Burglary
2481 Noble Road	3/22/17	Incident	Burglary
2481 Noble Road	5/6/17	Incident	Alarm at building
2481 Noble Road	5/12/17	Incident	Self-reported auto accident

2481 Noble Road	7/2/17	Incident	Unknown person kicking outside rear door
2481 Noble Road	6/29/17	Incident	In station report for suspicion
2481 Noble Road	9/20/17	Incident	Unwanted guest who was arrested
2481 Noble Road	12/8/17	Incident	Male arrested for possession of drugs/paraphernalia
2481 Noble Road	12/30/17	Incident	Male arrested for assault and intoxication
2481 Noble Road	2/28/18	Incident	Traffic stop resulting in arrest for carrying a concealed weapon and trafficking drugs
2481 Noble Road	4/29/18	Incident	Woman called saying she was raped. ER doctor says her behavior is erratic and believe she may be under the influence or have psychotic issues.
2481 Noble Road	6/9/18	Incident	Domestic violence
2481 Noble Road	10/1/18	Incident	Burglary
2481 Noble Road	11/11/18	Incident	In station report of auto theft
2481 Noble Road	12/21/18	Incident	In station report for suspicion
2481 Noble Road	12/30/18	Incident	Damage to auto
2481 Noble Road	3/8/19	Incident	Male arrest for disturbance
2487 Noble Road	2/20/14	Incident	Traffic stop resulting in arrest for driving under suspension
2487 Noble Road	5/2/14	Incident	Simple assault
2487 Noble Road	5/7/14	Incident	Motor vehicle accident
2487 Noble Road	6/16/14	Incident	Theft from auto/credit cards
2487 Noble Road	9/27/14	Incident	Criminal mischief/aggravated menacing
2487 Noble Road	10/6/14	Incident	Wallet found
2487 Noble Road	10/19/14	Incident	Domestic violence/resisting officer/disorderly conduct
2487 Noble Road	11/13/14	Incident	Theft from auto
2487 Noble Road	12/13/14	Incident	Theft
2487 Noble Road	1/12/15	Incident	Motor vehicle accident
2487 Noble Road	1/30/15	Incident	Vehicle playing loud music
2487 Noble Road	5/10/15	Incident	Criminal mischief
2487 Noble Road	6/8/15	Incident	Traffic stop resulting in arrest for driving under suspension
2487 Noble Road	6/8/15	Accident	Motor vehicle accident
2487 Noble Road	10/9/15	Incident	Suspicious person/found property
2487 Noble Road	12/10/15	Incident	Criminal mischief
2487 Noble Road	1/11/16	Incident	In station report of damage to auto
2487 Noble Road	2/16/16	Incident	Damage to auto
2487 Noble Road	2/24/16	Incident	In station report of lost/missing property
2487 Noble Road	2/21/16	Incident	Welfare check resulting in female taken to hospital
2487 Noble Road	3/13/16	Incident	Dead on arrival/body found
2487 Noble Road	4/2/16	Incident	Fleeing/eluding police and auto towed
2487 Noble Road	5/4/16	Incident	In station report of simple assault
2487 Noble Road	7/21/16	Incident	Damage to auto
2487 Noble Road	8/15/16	Incident	Civil matter

2487 Noble Road	8/26/16	Incident	In station report of harassment/suspicion
2487 Noble Road	12/12/16	Incident	Breaking and entering
2487 Noble Road	1/11/17	Incident	Vehicle trespassing in unlocked vehicle
2487 Noble Road	2/10/17	Incident	Auto theft
2487 Noble Road	2/21/17	Incident	Theft of license plate
2487 Noble Road	4/16/17	Incident	Domestic violence
2487 Noble Road	4/25/17	Incident	In station report for harassment
2487 Noble Road	6/21/17	Incident	Attempted suicide by large amount of pills
2487 Noble Road	7/5/17	Incident	Theft from unlocked auto
2487 Noble Road	9/30/17	Incident	In station report for harassment
2487 Noble Road	9/17/17	Incident	In station report for civil matter
2487 Noble Road	1/19/14	Incident	Obstructing officer/resisting officer/disorderly conduct (intoxication)
2487 Noble Road	10/20/17	Incident	Burglary
2487 Noble Road	1/11/18	Incident	Disturbance
2487 Noble Road	3/15/18	Incident	Search warrant served/auto towed
2487 Noble Road	5/28/18	Incident	Suspicion of someone flattening car tires
2487 Noble Road	6/29/18	Incident	Suspicion of person trying to enter vehicle
2487 Noble Road	7/12/18	Incident	Personal welfare/dead upon arrival
2487 Noble Road	11/1/18	Incident	Disturbance
2734 Noble Road	2/7/14	Accident	Motor vehicle accident
2734 Noble Road	6/28/15	Accident	Motor vehicle accident
2734 Noble Road	2/29/16	Incident	Juvenile complaint of simple assault
2734 Noble Road	5/13/16	Incident	Domestic violence
2734 Noble Road	6/1/16	Incident	Criminal mischief/theft of vehicle
2734 Noble Road	6/20/16	Incident	Suspicion of known female knocking on door
2734 Noble Road	8/21/16	Incident	Suspicious fire/damage to property
2734 Noble Road	9/9/16	Incident	Domestic violence
2734 Noble Road	1/11/18	Incident	Traffic stop resulting in arrest

[\(Cleveland Heights Police Reports Search\)](#)