



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**BRENDA CARTER**

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as state representative for the 29th House District and am proud to be a strong advocate in Lansing for the residents and families of our community. Please encourage your friends and family to stay connected and subscribe to this e-newsletter. It will keep you up-to-date on legislation and policies coming from the Capitol, as well as my coffee hours and other community events I will host so we can get together face-to-face.



I'm here to help:

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**Reasons to Contact My Office**

The short answer is any reason at all. As your state legislator, my number one priority is YOU. Any reason you can think of to reach out to me for help is the right reason. My staff and I are ready to listen and work with you to solve whatever challenges you may face. A few examples of why you may want to contact my office are:

- Commenting on current legislation or proposing a solution; as your voice in Lansing, it is critical for me to know how you feel about certain issues and I want to hear from you.
- The state offers a wide range of free publications on topics such as seniors and veterans services, child safety, consumer protection and more. If you would like one, or if you have questions about what is available, please contact my office.

- I will be hosting coffee hours, town halls and other community events throughout the year. If you need additional information or want to follow up on one of those events, then this is another excellent reason to get in touch.
- If there is someone you know who should be honored with a legislative tribute or certificate, please tell us about the milestones or achievements they have reached.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of reasons to contact my office; if you need help or assistance of any kind, please contact us. We will work side-by-side with you to find the answers you need.

**Constituent and General Information Publications**

The state of Michigan offers many publications full of helpful information and resources on a variety of topics. To see a list of all the publications available from the state of Michigan and download a digital copy, please click [here](#). If you would prefer a hard copy of any of these publications, please contact my office and we will assist you.

**Capitol Recap**

*First 100 Days*

While we have only just begun working together to better our community, it is always good to take a step back and see what we have accomplished. It has been a pleasure to serve our community, and I have been busy in the first 100 session days of the year. I wanted to share with you some of the highlights of my time serving you in Lansing so far. I am humbled by the progress we have made and energized to keep moving forward.

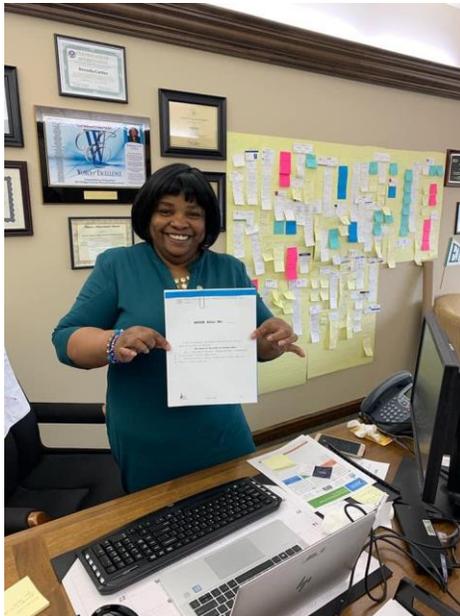
  			
<b>FIRST 100 DAYS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION</b>			
<b>Bills</b> 2 Sponsored 74 Co-Sponsored	<b>4</b> Panel Discussions	<b>14</b> Constituent Cases Resolved	<b>7</b> Email Updates Sent
<b>10</b> Classrooms Read To (300+ Students) 6 Schools Visited	<b>8</b> Coffee/Community Events Held Attended City Council meetings in ALL 5 cities	<b>4</b> Town Halls Hosted	
 Created <b>F.U.T.U.R.E.</b> education task force		 Created military <b>FANOUT</b> for suicide prevention for veterans	
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## *Bill Introductions*

### [HB 4467](#)

I introduced HB 4467 to designate the monarch butterfly as the official insect of Michigan. When Sylvan Lake's Parks and Recreation Department reached out to me to highlight the important role monarch butterflies play in our environment I was more than happy to help.. Monarch butterflies are one of many crucial pollinators that help to cross-fertilize many plants, a process that is vital to the success of the state's agriculture and tourism industries.

Because your priorities are my priorities, do not hesitate to reach out to me with your bill suggestions or ideas so we can work together to find solutions.



### [HB 4483](#)

Pontiac residents were concerned that children were not learning to write in cursive. While it may seem like an antiquated skill, it is still essential. Research shows that cursive handwriting has many benefits outside of penmanship itself. Learning to write in cursive has been known to help stimulate the brain, improve fine motor skills and reinforce self-discipline through practicing a complex skill. Taking this into consideration, I introduced HB 4483 to bring cursive back to our classrooms. We have the support of the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards, and we will continue working with education experts and families to ensure this is implemented in the best way possible.



## **Community Recap**

### *Pontiac Fun Day*

To celebrate clean parks and the coming of spring, please join us for a Family Fun day at Hawthorne on Saturday, April 27, from noon until 3 p.m. There will be food, music and fun for the whole family. The event is free and open to the public.

### *Auburn Hills Coffee Hour*

Thank you to everyone who came out to my coffee hour in Auburn Hills! I was so happy to spend time talking with all of you, and I am looking forward to the next time we can get together. Please remember that if there is anything you need help with please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



*Pontiac High School's Teen Health Center*

I was pleased to welcome Democratic Leader Christine Grieg to Pontiac High School's teen health center run by Honor Community Health. This is one of their four school-based centers and I am grateful for their dedication to providing high-quality health services to those who have little or no access to health care, regardless of income or insurance status.



### *F.U.T.U.R.E Education Taskforce*

I created an education taskforce called F.U.T.U.R.E. to bring public, private and charter school representatives together every month to discuss solutions in education. In this grassroots organization, we leave our egos at the door and work together to come up with ideas to improve education and the opportunities to prepare our students for success.



### Giving Back to the Community

In preparation for Easter, I decided to help the Easter Bunny out and donated 75 Easter baskets and 10 bikes to children in Pontiac, Keego Harbor, Auburn Hills and Sylvan Lake. The Keego Harbor City Council was gracious enough to accept some of the donations and ensure they got to the children. I also got a big thank you from a very special constituent.



## **Upcoming Events**

### *Coffee and Conversation*

The graphic features three images: a portrait of Brenda Carter on the left, a central image of hands holding coffee cups with the text "COFFEE & Conversation" overlaid, and a portrait of Kristen Nelson on the right.

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***Serving Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, and Sylvan Lake***

**Friday, May 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**LEO's CONEY ISLAND -**  
2650 Orchard Lake Rd, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

Please join me and my special guest County Commissioner Kristen Nelson for a cup of coffee and community discussion on Friday, May 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 2650 Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake.

In Service,

State Representative Brenda Carter

29th House District

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