

# THROUGH ACTION, WE ACHIEVE.

*Legislative Wins and  
Issues of Interest*



## THE BIG TAKEAWAY

Your voice matters.

**TOGETHER WE  
PROTECTED OUR  
CLIENTS WHILE  
STRENGTHENING  
OUR INDUSTRY.**



## **OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Passed Home Inspector Licensure** ensuring that the homebuying process, from start to finish, protects consumers and the American Dream (SB 255)

**Passed Deed Solicitation** bill protecting Ohio consumers by requiring that those making solicitations of deeds for purchase first register with the county before soliciting, disclose that the purchase of the deed it is not required by law and list the fee charged by the local recorder's office (AM HB 52)

**Passed Remote Notarization** requiring the Ohio Secretary of State to authorize electronic notarizations and to create a system that registers and oversees remote notaries. Electronic notarization will provide consumers a safe and convenient alternative to traditional notary for documents in the home buying process (SB 263)

**Passed Online Pre-Licensure Education** providing additional options for those seeking a real estate license (HB 532)

**Enacted regulations for appraisal management companies** and registration requirements that protect both consumers and appraisers

**Modernized Municipal Income Tax Collection** by allowing for consolidated business tax filings through the Ohio Business Gateway

**Defeated sales tax expansion** on real estate related services, including commissions

**Helped Secure Tax Cuts** through a 10% cut in Ohio's income tax and a 100% cut in small business income tax

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## **WHAT WE'RE WORKING TO ADVANCE**

The creation of a **First Time Home Buyers Savings Account**. Often the biggest hurdle for first time homebuyers is a down payment. Our proposed legislation would create a way for families to save for their loved ones, helping to ensure that the American dream of homeownership is passed on to the next generation.