

**AMSN 2024**  
**Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)**  
**Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET**

**Instructions:**

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
  - o You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

**Your name:**

**Your complete address:**

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

**Ohio House of Representatives**

Name of your Ohio Representative: Dick Stein

Party affiliation: Republican District number: 54

Hometown: Norwalk, Ohio

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Eligible for another term? No

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*:  
Aviation and aerospace, energy and natural resources, infrastructure, and public utilities.

**Ohio Senate**

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Nathan H. Manning

Party affiliation: Republican District number: 13

Hometown: North Ridgeville

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Eligible for another term? N/A

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:

Finance, insurance, judiciary, and local government

## U.S. Senate

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

### United States Senators representing Ohio:

- A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party, years of service, and year of term end*  
(Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)
1. Sherrod Brown, Democrat, 17 years, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
  2. James David (J.D.) Vance, Republican, 1 year, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2029

## U.S. House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

### Name of Congressional representative:

Party affiliation: Robert E. Latta

District number: Republican

### Assignment:

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.
- **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

April 1, 2024

The Honorable Nathan H. Manning  
Ohio State Senate

Dear Nathan H. Manning,

My name is Sela Berry and I am a nursing student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. This school that I am enrolled in is a hospital-based diploma program that allows those in the neighboring areas to attend.

I am writing to you today regarding the maternity leave and benefits in Ohio law. I hope you will take a few minutes to consider some of the concerns that I have with current legislation. The current model enables women who are working to be granted no more than 12 weeks paid paternal leave after the birth of a baby. The United States does not measure up to the global average of 18 weeks paid maternity leave. There is ongoing research surrounding the increased likelihood of postpartum depression and anxiety and returning to the workforce too soon after giving birth. Most three-month-old infants are still waking to feed through the night causing further fatigue on a mother that also has the rigor of a fulltime job. Further stressors include difficulty finding a daycare accepting newborns, missed work for doctor appointments and loss of crucial bonding time that occurs early in an infant's life.

Being a younger sibling to many older sisters, I have witnessed the difficulties that only a 6 -12-week maternity leave has placed on my sisters. Not only does the mother lose in this situation, but so does the infant because childcare is hard to find for a child this young, and with such a weak immune system having a newborn around other children is not the most ideal situation. My sisters have expressed feelings of low self esteem and self-worth when going back into the workforce so soon because they don't have the physical energy to balance both work and homelife to the level that they feel is expected. In the end, their own physical and mental health is jeopardized.

I hope that you are able to consider this change in healthcare, because not only is it benefitting the new families with newborns, it is also benefitting those around them since they will be more energized, have a stronger bond with their child, and less of a chance for them to be off of work to tend to their mental and physical needs. Thank you for your time and consideration on this change.

Sincerely,

Sela Berry

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