Senator Gayle Manning, Majority Whip

13th Senate District

State Senator Gayle Manning is serving her second term in the Ohio Senate where she represents the residents of Huron and Lorain counties. She currently serves as Majority Whip as well as Vice Chair of the Senate's Medicaid Committee and the Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee.

Prior to running for the Senate in 2010, Manning spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher. She also served as a member of the North Ridgeville Planning Commission and on the North Ridgeville City Council from 2006-2007 where she was appointed Finance Chairwoman and Council President Pro Tempore.

In the Senate, Manning has the opportunity to give back by lending the state her lifetime of experience as an educator, as well as her understanding of local governments and small businesses. This knowledge base guides her decisions to support statewide policies that grow stable businesses, expand job opportunities, and encourage strong workforce training in order to strengthen Ohio's economy.

As Chairwoman of the Senate's Transportation Committee during the 130th General Assembly, she was instrumental in the passage of the state's $7.6 billion transportation budget, which includes the creation of 65,000 jobs through the improvement of Ohio's infrastructure and the bonding of the Ohio Turnpike.

Senator Manning is dedicated to fighting the ongoing drug epidemic affecting Northeast Ohio. In 2014, her legislation launched the Narcan pilot project, which enabled emergency personnel to administer Narcan to those suffering from a drug overdose. As a result of her efforts, countless lives have been saved, giving many addicts a second chance to get the treatments they desparately need.

A political outsider, Senator Manning has dedicated her life to elementary education as a teacher in the North Olmsted City School System. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and citations for her accomplishments and contributions, including being named Educator of the Year by the North Olmsted PTA Council and the Teacher in American Enterprise Award from the Ohio Council on Economic Education. She also was recently named Legislator of the Year by the Ohio County Engineers and the Ohio Nursery and Landscaping Association.

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Senator Manning received her bachelor's degree from Kent State University and her master's degree from The University of Akron. She resides in North Ridgeville where she and her late husband, former State Representative Jeff Manning, raised their two children, Allison and Nathan. She spends much of her free time with her young grandson, Connor, and her granddaughter, Avery.