An amendment to the state budget cutting paid sick leave accrual for higher education employees by 33 percent has turned into a call to reduce the allowable paid sick leave for ALL public employees. The move would reduce the current 15-day maximum to 10 days — a loss of 5 DAYS.

It’s wrong because:

**SICK LEAVE IS NOT A “PERK”** — Sick leave is vital for strong communities by giving families — especially single moms and single dads — the chance to take care of their loved ones.

**IT’S ONE-PARTY RULE** — Lawmakers — do your job! Republican legislators are shirking their duty to enact fair budgets that meet Ohio’s needs. Fixing their mistakes is costly — and it’s costing you a third of your sick days.

**IT ATTACKS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** — It’s unsafe, unfair and hurts us all. This is an attack on workers’ rights and collective bargaining rights. The Legislature shouldn’t stick its nose into local issues – let employers and workers join together at the bargaining table and discuss what is best for their community.

**INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY** — Agreed upon sick leave policies lead to greater productivity. Limiting exposure to ill co-workers keeps everyone healthier and on the job.

Freshman Republican House member Derek Merrin (HD47-Monclova, Toledo Region) is seeking co-sponsors for this legislation. We need to call Rep. Merrin and stop this legislation in its tracks before it’s officially introduced.

**Call State Representative Derek Merrin Today!**

Call Rep. Merrin’s office at (614) 466-1731 and tell him:

“Sick leave is not a perk. It’s a necessity for working families. It’s important for a healthy workplace and keeps our communities strong. We’ve earned it and our families need it. Don’t take it away”