

# National Rural Health Day Fly-In to Washington D.C.

## DRIVING AWARENESS AND ACTION FOR RURAL HEALTH

On November 18, Wayne HealthCare President & CEO Jeff Subler was able to participate in a fly-in to Washington D.C. for National Rural Health Day week through the hospital's consultant, Merchant McIntyre Associates. This was an opportunity to join other rural hospital leaders from around the country touting the great work that rural hospitals do for the communities we serve and push for more support of programs and initiatives that benefit our work. Jeff was able to meet with Congressman Davidson, Senator Moreno and the office of Senator Husted as well as the director of the GOP Doctor's Caucus. These events help educate our legislators on the topic, lets them know who we are, and opens the door when we need future support for grants and other funding opportunities. The creation of the Rural Health Transformation Fund was a direct result of this type of advocacy work during the budget discussion around Medicaid.



President & CEO Jeff Subler with Senator Bernie Moreno



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# Ohio's Leaders Engaging with Ohio Medicine

## WAYNE HEALTHCARE PHYSICIAN AND OHIO LAWMAKER CONNECT TO ADVANCE PATIENT CARE

On December 10, Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) physician member and surgeon Dr. Alisha Reiss hosted a practice visit with State Representative Angie King (District 84). This engagement provided an opportunity for meaningful, firsthand dialogue, enabling policymakers to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges physicians face, the impact of legislative decisions on patient care across Ohio, and opportunities to strengthen rural independent hospitals while addressing critical workforce needs.

Collaboration among physicians, policymakers, and hospital leaders is essential to protecting access to care—particularly in Ohio's rural communities. We extend our sincere appreciation to OSMA, Dr. Reiss, Representative King, and hospital leadership for their engagement, dialogue, and continued advocacy.



President & CEO Jeff Subler, State Representative Angie King, and OSMA member and surgeon Dr. Alisha Reiss