



A legislative update from STATE REP. BRIGID KELLY HOUSE DISTRICT 31

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Dear Neighbor,

After a busy last month, House session and committees are now on recess and will resume in the fall. Over the next few summer months, I hope to hear from you and see you around our community.

I am here to be a voice for you. Some ways that my office can help include:

- Disputes with government agencies;
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services;
- Propose bill ideas and law changes;
- Ohio House commendations, condolences and congratulatory letters.

Visit legislature.ohio.gov for more information on how to contact offices, and for bill specifics and Ohio House news.

I am working for you, and working for Ohio. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

State Rep. Brigid Kelly



Juneteenth

June 19, or Juneteenth, is a day to celebrate and commemorate the end of slavery in the United States of America.

On Juneteenth, we celebrate African American freedom and achievement, while looking to our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all.

For more information about Juneteenth, visit www.Juneteenth.com.

Redistricting Update

Republicans on the Ohio Redistricting Commission refused to follow the rule of law and meet the Supreme Court June 3, 2022 deadline to pass constitutional legislative district maps.

This means that the August 2022 primary will go forward using unconstitutional maps rigged against voters in favor of politicians. These maps will only apply to the 2022 election.

There is no justice in denying voters the opportunity for fair and free elections that use constitutional maps. Corruption and extremism will continue in Ohio until politicians in power put the voices of voters ahead of politics.

Democratic officials will continue to fight for Ohioans' voices to be heard and votes to count.

Democrats oppose extreme gun legislation, support gun safety

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across Ohio. Yet Republicans continue to pass extreme legislation that Ohioans are not asking for. Recently, Republicans in the Ohio legislature passed [House Bill \(HB\) 99](#), a bill that actually puts guns into the classroom by encouraging staff to be armed in schools. Police, teachers' unions, civil rights groups and students all strongly oppose this legislation and the effects it will have on our children and schools.

Ohioans have shown that they do not want this. Instead, they want bills that focus on gun safety. That's why Democrats have been working to propose common sense gun safety legislation in order to ensure the safety of our communities, families, and children.

Gun safety legislation Democrats have introduced:

- **HB 38** (West, Miller, A.) Repeal "Stand Your Ground"
- **SB 73** (Thomas) / **HB 259** (Robinson, Miller, A.) Universal background checks
- **SB 74** (Thomas) Raise minimum age to purchase firearm to 21

- **SB 75** (Thomas, Williams) Regulate transfer of firearms at gun shows
- **SB 76** (Thomas, Craig) / **HB 274** (Upchurch, Jarrells) Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct
- **SB 77** (Thomas) Ban bump stocks and other items that accelerate semi-automatic firearms
- **SB 138** (Williams) / **HB 257** (Russo, Smith, M.) Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act ("Red Flag" law)
- **SB 205** (Thomas) Gun Violence Awareness Month
- **HB 262** (Miranda, Kelly) Prohibit negligent firearm storage
- **HB 360** (Miranda, Smith) Designate Gun Violence Awareness Month

- **HB 661** (Crossman, Hicks-Hudson) Require gun trigger locks with firearm sales

We are here to listen to the people and keep our communities safe.

Democrats celebrate Pride month, oppose anti LGBTQ+ bills



June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate a diversity of identities and experiences.

Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals, specifically people of color, protested against the police for their right to exist.

In June 2020, the [U.S. Supreme Court ruled](#) that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal law. However, it is still legal in Ohio for members of the LGBTQ+ community to lose their jobs, be denied housing or be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

The Ohio Fairness Act, proposed by House Democrats, would expand LGBTQ+ protections to include not just employment, but also housing and other services in Ohio.

Additionally, Democrats strongly oppose anti-transgender and other discriminatory bills like [HB 454](#) and [HB 616](#), all pieces of Republican legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer and trans-youth.

During Pride month and beyond, House Democrats will work towards making Ohio an inclusive and welcoming place for all people.

Rep. Kelly Press Releases:

June 2, 2022: [Rep. Kelly announces approximately \\$21 million in new capital funds for Hamilton County](#)

June 13, 2022: [Statehouse Republicans ignore Ohioans' calls for commonsense gun safety as permitless carry takes effect](#)

June 13, 2022: [Rep. Kelly announces over \\$60 million to continue Ohio's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic](#)