

Statehouse Update

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Dear Neighbor,

Summer is coming to an end, but I am still working hard for you!

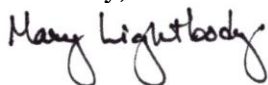
Each September, we recognize Labor Day, to honor the dignity, dedication and achievements of America's workers and unions.

Too many Ohioans are working longer hours, and even multiple jobs, but still struggling to make ends meet. Meanwhile, corporations and the wealthy few are making record profits, but not paying their fair share.

That's why I am proud to support legislation such as [HB 69](#) to raise the minimum wage, [HB 207](#) to expand the Homestead Exemption tax break, and why I sponsored [HB 145](#) to increase access to childcare. I am working to ensure that everyone gets a fair shot, and everyone has the opportunity to succeed. My most important priority is to create good-paying jobs and a strong economy that works for everyone.

I am proud to be your state representative. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



I work for you.

Please keep me updated on bills and issues of concern and reach out anytime for updates on legislation in committees or votes by the legislature, as well as any upcoming district events that you would like me to attend.

Please contact my office at any time:

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Town Hall

I encourage you to attend my upcoming Town Hall, where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input on my work at the statehouse and other issues facing our community.

Date: September 28, 2022

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Location: New Albany Library,
200 Market St,
New Albany, OH 43054

The town hall is free and open to the public. More information and pre-registration is available on [Eventbrite](#).

Intel in Ohio

On Friday, September 9, 2022, I will join President Joe Biden, Governor Mike DeWine and other state and local officials in New Albany at Intel's newest semiconductor site in Licking County, Ohio. There will be a live stream so that all can watch remarks on rebuilding American manufacturing through the CHIPS and Science Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

When: Program begins 10:45 a.m.

Where: Watch live on the [Intel Newsroom](#).

Intel has announced an initial investment of more than \$20 billion to construct two new leading-edge chip factories in New Albany. The investment will help boost domestic production to meet rising demand for advanced semiconductors. As the largest single private-sector investment in Ohio history, the initial phase of the project is expected to create 3,000 Intel jobs, 7,000 construction jobs, and support tens of thousands of additional local long-term jobs of suppliers and partners. Intel pledged an additional \$100 million toward partnerships with educational institutions to build a pipeline of talent and bolster research programs in the region.

September 11: Remembrance Day

September 11, 2001 is a day that we will never forget. The horrifying attacks on our country killed 2,977 people from 93 nations, and 415 emergency responders that day. Other emergency responders continue to battle health issues resulting from the dust and particles to which they were exposed. These attacks have had a lasting impact on America and the world. <> I continue to extend my sincere gratitude to the brave men and women who those have since served overseas to protect our country. I will always prioritize bills that help support first responders in the important work they do to protect our safety in our local communities and across the state and our nation.

State Official Integrity Act

Rep. Casey Weinstein and I are introducing the State Official Integrity Act. This legislation would ensure elected officials are accountable to the people and prohibit any statewide officeholder from holding private employment, performing private work, or serving in any private position for which they receive compensation. This applies to the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, and any justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. As elected officials, we work for you, and there should be no doubt we are serving you with integrity and not advantaging ourselves at your expense.

In the Ohio House, I support several other bills this General Assembly that would oppose corruption and restore integrity to state government including:

- **[Ohio Anti-Corruption Act](#)**: Requires dark money groups to identify their contributors and disclose their spending;
- **[Public Corruption Repayment Act](#)**: Requires legislators to reimburse the state for compensation received between the time they were indicted for a felony involving public corruption and their conviction;
- **[Ohio False Claims Act](#)**: Empowers individuals to report and hold companies committing fraud accountable;
- **[Debarment of State Vendors Act](#)**: Requires a ban of vendors who are caught committing fraud in their dealings with the State of Ohio;
- **[HB 10](#)**: Fully repeals HB 6, including refunds to customers.

September 16: Working Parents Day

September 16 is an opportunity to celebrate working parents and acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices working parents make every day to support their family. Working parents are feeling the squeeze of high costs for everyday expenses including healthcare, groceries, and rent.

I know that family always comes first, and Ohioans should have the opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. I am working to ensure families have the resources they need to raise safe, healthy children without breaking the bank.

Today and every day, families are at the front and center of my priorities. I support legislation to help make basic expenses like infant formula and diapers less expensive as well as The Caregiver Expenses Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit that would put money back into the pockets of working families.

Upcoming Open Office Hours

- ❖ Friday, September 16
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Upper Cup Coffee
121 Mill St., Gahanna

There is no appointment needed! I look forward to meeting with you. If you would prefer a private meeting, please contact my office to schedule one.

Hoover Reservoir Litter Cleanup

Columbus Watershed Management is hosting a litter cleanup at the Hoover Reservoir **Saturday October 1, 2022** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information please call the Watershed Management Section at 614-645-1721.

Electric Vehicle Incentives

Did you know that American Electric Power (AEP) Ohio offers commercial customers [incentives](#) for installing Level 2 and DC fast-charging stations?

Workplaces and multiunit housing are some of the locations eligible for AEP's Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) incentives.

City of Columbus Residents: Want a free shade tree for your yard?

Green Columbus will be hosting THREE free tree giveaways this fall. You may reserve your free tree now! You will be able to pick up your tree at the following dates and locations:

- October 1st – Hilltop
- October 8th – Linden
- October 15th – Southside

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.greenbus.org/freetrees2022>