

make decisions about their own bodies and health care. This ruling takes that freedom away, and lets partisan politicians decide if women have the right to control their own bodies.

[Over 60% of Ohioans](#) agree with the Roe v. Wade decision to allow access to abortion. Despite this, the same day it was overturned, a Republican law banning abortion after six weeks, a point when many women don't even know they are pregnant, officially took effect in Ohio.

Democrats are continuing to protect women's freedom to access the health care they need, including abortion. House and Senate Democrats have proposed an [amendment](#) to Ohio's Constitution that would ensure all people have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care.

Americans have spent countless years fighting for this right, and we are not giving up now.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make health care more accessible for all.

Visit the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to learn more.

<https://mha.ohio.gov/get-help/client-rights/community-board-advocate/hamilton>



Democrats still working to protect women and support families

Democrats have introduced a plan to protect women's health care and support babies and families. Due to reproductive freedom being almost completely stripped away in Ohio, it is more important than ever to ensure we are protecting women and supporting our families.

Ohio Republicans continue to prioritize legislation that endangers women's health, such as bills like [House Bill 598](#) and [Senate Bill 123](#). These current pieces of legislation would completely ban abortion in Ohio without any exceptions for rape, incest or to protect the health of the mother.

Democrats know that people deserve the freedom to make their own decisions about their bodies. In addition to ensuring that women of Ohio have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, Democrats have introduced a comprehensive legislative plan that invests in families from the very beginning and ensures all babies have the resources they need to grow and thrive.

The legislative package includes bills to:

- Eliminate the diaper tax;
- Create the Infant Formula Tax Credit;
- Establish the Ohio Safe Sleep and Baby Box Program;
- Require insurance coverage of medically necessary donor human milk;
- Create the Infant Nutrition Protection Act;
- Enact the Ohio Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Democrats are working every day to ensure that families have the resources they need to succeed.



Heat wave highlights need for utility transparency