



A legislative update from

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Dear Neighbor,

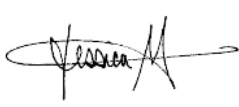
The year is already half over, but we are not slowing down in the legislature. The Ohio House Democrats are bringing the Statehouse to your house and neighborhoods across Ohio! Our Working Families First Tour will connect you with your Democratic lawmaker to find out what we’re doing to put more money in your pocket and protect your fundamental freedoms—like making health care decisions. You’ll have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input on other issues facing our community.

I believe that wherever you come from and whatever your background, everyone should have the opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. That’s why I want to share how my work on a comprehensive Families First Agenda will improve our quality of life in the Buckeye State. By including actions to protect and expand women’s access to reproductive healthcare, reduce everyday costs for families, and invest in our children— I am putting families at the center of my priorities.

These town hall events are free and open to the public. I will be hosting a town hall event in the upcoming month. I encourage you to come and bring your own view on our community’s needs.

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

Sincerely,



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On August 26, we celebrate Women’s Equality Day! This day commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to U.S. citizens on the basis of sex. This gave women across America the right to vote.

While we celebrate that the 19th Amendment was a critical step towards gaining equal voting rights, we must also acknowledge that equality on paper is not the same as equality in practice. Black women would continue to struggle and fight to receive the same equalities at the voting polls as white women for another 40 years until the 1965 Voting Rights Act was passed.

Today, there are still issues such as economic adversity and gerrymandering that prevent minority communities from voting and being properly represented in their states. At the Ohio House, my Democratic colleagues and I will continue to fight against these barriers until we ensure everyone has the same opportunities to make their voice heard.

I, alongside former State Representative Stephanie Howse, introduced H.B. 232, the Ohio Equal Pay Act. The Ohio Equal Pay Act will take crucial and long overdue steps to close the gender and racial wealth gap that currently hurts too many working families in Ohio.

August 26: Women’s Equality Day



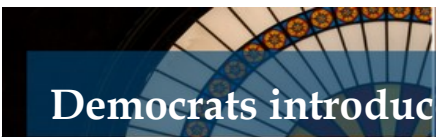


HOUSE BILL 232

TO ENACT THE OHIO EQUAL PAY ACT

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Democrats introduce an executive action plan to reduce gun violence

Ohio House Democrats have tirelessly been working to reduce gun violence here in our own state. That’s why I am especially pleased that the Biden Administration has introduced an executive action plan to reduce gun violence across the country. This action plan includes several measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, reduce community violence, and assist local law enforcement.

This comprehensive strategy is bolstered by the recent passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the most significant gun violence reduction legislation to pass Congress in 30 years.


In the Ohio House, we are fighting for basic, commonsense gun safety bills including:

- HB 38 (West, Miller, A.) [Repeal “Stand Your Ground”](#);
- HB 259 (Robinson, Miller, A.) [Universal background checks](#);
- HB 274 (Upchurch, Jarrells) [Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct](#);
- HB 257 (Russo, Smith, M.) [Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act \(“Red Flag” law\)](#);


- 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](#)
- HB 700 (Sobecki, Smith, M.) [Revise allocation of firearms related tax revenue to survivors of gun violence, mental health services, and police-community relations](#)

Meanwhile, Ohio Republicans continue to push legislation such as permit-less concealed carry, repealing duty to notify law enforcement, and kill at will. These extreme bills put our law enforcement and communities in danger.

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes and in their communities. Gun violence is a public health issue, and it deserves our attention and action. We owe it to Ohio’s children and families who deserve to go to school, the grocery store, and anywhere in public without fearing for their lives.



Rep. Miranda Spotlight




Rep. Miranda's trip to Israel

I was extremely fortunate to experience my first trip abroad last month! I was invited by AJC Project Interchange & CSG Midwest to participate in a delegation of Midwestern State Legislatures. Over the course of week, I experienced an in-depth insightful engagement with senior officials, business & civic leaders, academics, & visited historic, religious, & strategic sites. I am met some great legislators along the way and was honored to be a part of the experience!

National Black Business Month

August is National Black Business Month, a time to bring attention to the needs of Black-owned businesses across the country.

Did you know Ohio is ranked the 7th best state for Black entrepreneurship? We have more than 4, 200 Black-owned businesses that employed nearly 70,000 people and pay about \$1.5 billion in annual payroll! I encourage you to support your local Black-owned businesses, not just this month, but at any chance you get!





August News From Rep. Miranda

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