



A legislative update from

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Dear Neighbor,

As Ohioans struggle with higher prices at the gas pump and the grocery store, I’m proud of the work House Democrats are doing to reduce costs. I am supporting dozens of bills as a part of our Families First Agenda that will make everyday expenses more affordable for working families. Republicans haven’t moved any of them and don’t have a plan of their own. I am working every day to lower costs for you and working families in our district.

November is National Diabetes Month. Ohioans are paying way too much for insulin and other prescription medications. I am working to pass bipartisan bills that would cap the cost of insulin to \$35 a month and make prescription drugs more affordable. No one should have to choose between putting food on the table and taking medicine they need to live.

This month we will be celebrating Veterans Day. I am grateful to each and every Ohioan who has served our state and nation. We can never fully repay our veterans for their commitment to defending our freedoms.

I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! Before getting together this year, make sure you are up to date on your flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/> to find a vaccine provider near you. Enjoy this time with friends, family and great food!

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

Sincerely,



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## Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week

November 14-18



November 14-18 is Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week. I am grateful to our teachers and school staff who work hard every single day to provide our students with the best education possible. I will continue supporting our schools to guarantee bright futures for all of our students. I’m proud of the work we did to pass the Fair School Funding Plan, which for the first time in over 20 years will constitutionally fund our schools and ensure all students have access to quality education no matter where they live.



This month, we honor Military Family Month. Ohio’s service members and their families are the definition of strength, resilience, and courage. With frequent moves and time away from loved ones, we owe them an enormous gratitude.

## Democrats introduce Protect Child Victims Act

In October, Democrats introduced the Protect Child Victims Act, legislation giving the Ohio Attorney General’s office the ability to make emergency awards from the Crime Victim Compensation Fund for any healthcare treatment, including abortion care, for child victims of sexual assault and abuse.

Administered by the Ohio Attorney General’s office, and paid for by criminal fines as opposed to tax dollars, the Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation program assists victims with out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the crime. The Protect Child Victims Act would ensure all healthcare expenses resulting from a child sexual

assault, including those received out-of-state and abortion care, are eligible for an emergency award of up to \$2,000. The awards are made at the discretion of the Ohio Attorney General. Senate Bill (SB) 23, Ohio’s 6-week abortion ban, has already forced a 10-year old Ohio girl who became pregnant as a result of being raped to leave the state to receive an abortion. While an Ohio court has blocked SB 23 indefinitely, Statehouse Republicans have made it clear they want to ban abortion completely in Ohio. This legislation would financially support child victims such as this 10-year old girl. 538 children received abortion care in 2021, with 57 of these children being younger than 15 years-old, below Ohio’s age of consent.

Eligibility for the emergency award in the Protect Child Victims Act would require reporting to and cooperation with law enforcement, processes that are consistent with other crimes eligible for reparations at the discretion of the Ohio Attorney General. An emergency award of \$2,000 would be deducted from a final award, up to \$50,000, through the Crime Victims Compensation Fund’s normal application process.



## Legislators gear up for Lame Duck Session

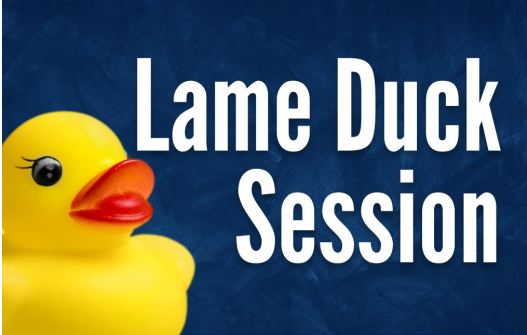
Over the next few weeks, you may hear legislators talk about or see in the news “lame duck session.” Lame duck is the period of time after an election and before the swearing in of the elected members. This year, lame duck is November 9 through December 31.

During this time, Republicans fill sessions with their most extreme bills because when lame duck is over, all of the bills that do not pass are "dead" and must be reintroduced in the next General Assembly to be considered again.

- Some of the legislation we are expecting to pass:
- Total abortion ban with no exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother;
  - HB 376, weakens your online data privacy;
  - HB 294, anti-voter bill to limit early

- voting opportunities and drop boxes for mail ballots; and
- HB 327, which prohibits “divisive concepts” being taught in schools, would make it illegal to teach that the Holocaust was bad.

Democrats will fight against these bills and for real solutions to reduce costs for families, raise wages and protect your freedoms.



## November News from Rep. Miranda

For all news from Rep. Miranda’s office, please visit: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/jessica-e-miranda/news>