

A legislative update from

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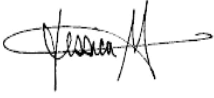
Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! This month, the 2024-2025 Operating Budget will come back to the House from the Senate where we will hopefully pass it before July first. House Democrats fought to fully fund our public schools, funding for Ohio’s food banks, and investments in affordable housing.

June is Pride Month! To show Ohio is open for business to the nation, we must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.

On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and achievements, while looking to our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures. Democrats continue to prioritize building up Black families and all Ohioans with legislation centered on health, housing, education, jobs, criminal justice reform and supporting minority owned businesses.

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



Sincerely,

Jessica E. Miranda

Democratic Whip— 28th District



June 12th marks Women’s Veterans Day. Today, we honor the sacrifice and service of America’s servicewomen. Over 200,000 women are active duty members of the United States Armed Forces with another 170,000 in the reserves/national guard. House Democrats are proud to celebrate the amazing women of our armed forces.



On June 15th, we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is important to learn the signs of abuse such as: An individual stops taking part in activities they enjoy, has unexplained bruises, burns, cuts, or scars, or displays signs of insufficient care or unpaid bills despite adequate financial resources. Learn more at the National Institute of Health’s website [here](#).



June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their 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 job, be denied housing or be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

Democrats strongly oppose recent anti-transgender and discriminatory bills like HB 8 and HB 68, all pieces of Republican legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer and trans-youth. You can see my message to all our Ohioans in the LGBTQ+ community [here](#).



Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across Ohio. Yet Republicans continue to pass extreme legislation that Ohioans are not calling for. Recently, Republicans in the Ohio legislature are pushing to pass [House Bill \(HB\) 51](#). This bill would simply put our children and communities in danger. Because of the already abhorrent lack of gun safety measures in Ohio, the Gun Violence Expansion Act would allow anyone barred in another state from registering for a gun due to a legal disability there to easily come to our state and purchase a gun here, no questions asked.

Ohioans do not want this. 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. Last month, I introduced the Keep Every Home Safe Act, a bill that requires the safe storage of firearms. Rep. Brewer and I did sponsor testimony on June 6th. We are here to listen to the people and keep our communities safe.



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