



A legislative update from

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Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

This Independence Day, make sure your voice is heard and vote “NO” on Issue 1. Issue 1 is an unfair, unpopular, and undemocratic attack on the people and an attack on their sacred constitution. It will shred that constitution, it will end majority rule in our state, and it will snuff out the principle of “one person, one vote.” We must defeat Issue 1 to protect our freedom to determine our future.

Make sure your voice is heard this August! Register to vote at: vote.ohio.gov. If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep28@Ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-8120. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



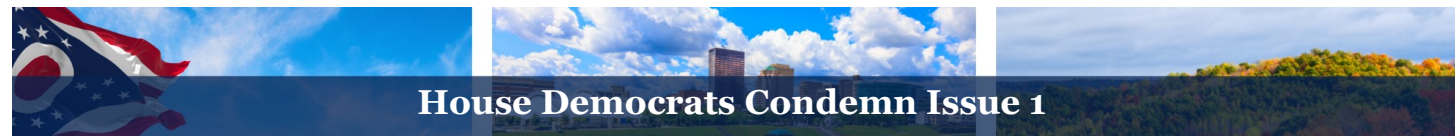
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Happy Fourth of July! Today, we celebrate our strengths and recommit ourselves to fighting for liberty, equality, and justice for all Americans. May we honor every sacrifice of those who fought for our independence, ensuring that we all have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive.



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 healthcare more accessible for all.



The August Special Election regarding Issue 1 is fast approaching. Make sure your voice is heard by voting “NO” to stop special interests from ending majority rule. Protect our rights and the sacred principle of “one person, one vote,” instead of handing power over to out-of-touch politicians. #VoteNoInAugust.

Here are some important dates to remember:

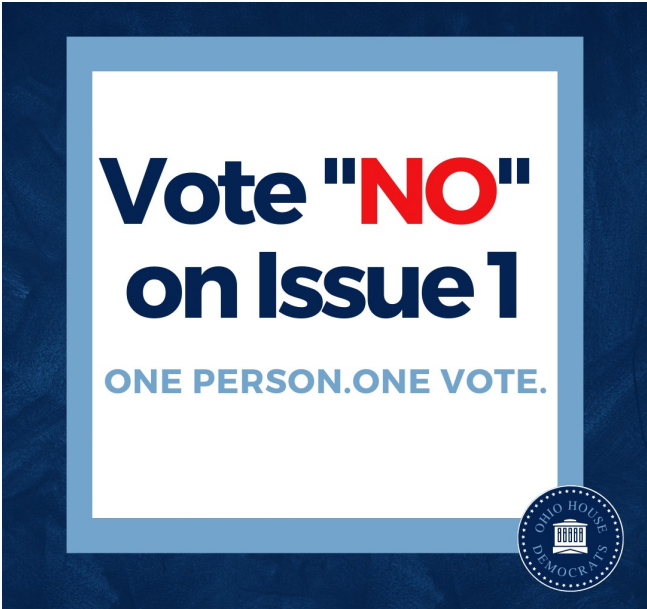
July 10: Deadline to register to vote

July 11: Absentee voting by mail begins (ends August 7)

July 11: Early in-person voting begins

August 1: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

August 7: Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date



So far in 2023, there have been almost [500](#) anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced in states across the US. That’s an unprecedented figure, already doubling the number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced in all of 2022. This is just one of many factors prompting the Human Rights Campaign to declare a “[State of Emergency](#)” for LGTBQ+ Americans.

Ohio is no stranger to this frightening trend. Extremists in this General Assembly have introduced several bills targeting the LGBTQ+ community’s freedoms at schools and universities, in sports, at the doctor’s office and beyond. Some of which, shamelessly in the middle of Pride Month, were passed through the Ohio House.

House Democrats continue to put people first and stand with the LGBTQ+ community, fighting for legislation such as the **Ohio Fairness Act**, the **Anti-Bullying Act (HB 216)**, and the

Anti-Conversion Therapy Act (HB 220) which protects civil rights and recognizes LGBTQ+ individuals as vital members of our communities.



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