



A legislative update from

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Dear Neighbor,

Happy August! As many of you know, Ohio is holding a special election on August 8th. Early voting started in July and will continue until August 6th at 5 pm. As Election Day approaches, make a plan to vote “NO” on Issue 1:

- **July 11:** Early Voting began
- **August 1:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of election by 8:30 pm.
- **August 7:** Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date
- **August 8:** Election day (Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Issue 1 is an unpopular, and undemocratic attack on the people and our sacred constitution. It will shred our founding document, 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 and vote “NO” on Issue 1. #VoteNoInAugust

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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Democratic Whip— 28th District

August 4th is the four-year anniversary of the Dayton shooting that killed nine and injured 17 Ohioans. Everyone, no matter what they look like or where they come from, deserves to be safe in their community. House Democrats will always mourn the loss of our fellow Ohioans and continue to call for commonsense gun measures that will #DoSomething to keep our communi-

There are an estimated 476 million indigenous peoples in the world living across 90 countries. August 9th commemorates the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, chosen in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva in 1982. House Democrats will continue to recognize and support indigenous identities and their way of life.

On August 8th, Ohio will be voting on Issue 1. When politicians fail us, ballot initiatives give us the freedom to make decisions that affect our lives. Issue 1 would destroy citizen-driven ballot initiatives as we know them, guaranteeing that only the wealthiest special interests could advance changes to our constitution.

We must protect our freedom to determine our future. We must protect our power as people. 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.

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. 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 rights at the ballot box for another 40 years until the 1965 Voting Rights Act was passed.

Today, there are still issues such as socioeconomic adversity and gerrymandering that prevent disenfranchised communities from voting and being properly represented in our state.

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 am so proud to have introduced HB 115, the Ohio Equal Pay Act, that will close the gender and racial wealth gap in Ohio!

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