



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

Working For You: Spring 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse



Dear Neighbor,

April was a busy month, and May is shaping up to be even busier. On April 20th, I formally introduced the initiated statute sponsored by the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, which seeks to legalize recreational adult-use cannabis in Ohio.

The Coalition submitted petition language and 207,000 signatures to the legislature on January 28, 2022. The General Assembly has until May 28 to act on this legislation, otherwise the Coalition has the option to collect additional signatures to submit the proposal directly to the voters in November, where I believe it will pass.

In April, I also had the pleasure of holding two Hudson town halls to discuss current legislation and where we stand on redistricting. Stay tuned for details on our

town hall coming to Cuyahoga Falls this summer.

And finally, with the leaked Supreme Court Opinion that was released last week, I want to reiterate my commitment to defending women’s fundamental rights to healthcare and to control over their own bodies.

This year and always, I will continue to be loudly

- ⇒ Pro choice
- ⇒ Pro union
- ⇒ Pro family
- ⇒ Pro teacher
- ⇒ Pro public school
- ⇒ Pro nurse
- ⇒ Pro LGBTQ

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns. I am here to work for you.

Sincerely,
Casey Weinstein



Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

Congratulations to all of the 2022 college and high school graduates! You are all to be commended for this achievement and I have every confidence in your next steps.

Congratulations to the District 37 Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio who will be earning their Gold Awards next month!



Congratulations to the 2022 Ohio Soapbox Derby Champions! I look forward to meeting the two District 37 champions when they visit the Statehouse this month.

Spotlight: My Commitment to Ohio’s Educators

As school years wrap up across the state, I want to thank all of our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible.

I know that better lives and brighter futures starts in the classroom. That’s why I support legislation to guarantee every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has access to a quality education. We delivered a major win for education by passing the Fair School Funding Plan in the 2022-2023 state budget, which invests in students and ensures that schools get the funds they need to succeed.

We have also introduced several other bills to better support our students and educators, including

- **HB 333**—To create a specialized school counselor job description
- **HB 353**—The Testing Your Faith Act, to guarantee students of higher education have absences for religious obligations
- **HB 619**—To allow school districts to permit student mental health days.

Supporting our teachers also means fighting hard against bill like **HB 327** and **HB 616**, which seek to censor educators in the classroom by banning so-called “divisive concepts.” We cannot hide from history, and these bills will only make educators’ jobs harder.

Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do! I’m here for you!



Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Propose bill ideas and law changes
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

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Legislative Update

Bill addressing healthcare workplace violence / This week, in honor of Nurses Week, I will be introducing legislation to sure up protections against workplace violence for healthcare workers. No worker should ever feel unsafe on the job, but workplace violence has been on the rise in hospitals, and healthcare settings and saw a huge jump during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned for more details on this bill coming soon!

HB 429: the Energy Jobs & Justice Act / I introduced the EJJA last fall and will be giving sponsor testimony in the Public Utilities Committee on Tuesday, May 10 at 11:30am. You can tune in live to watch this committee on the [Ohio Channel](#).

Ohio is ready for progressive, forward-thinking energy policy. You can read about this bill and get involved in the movement for Ohio’s green energy future [HERE](#).

