




# STATE REP. LISA SOBECKI

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Dear Neighbor,

During the last week of June, the Ohio House and Senate agreed to the Conference Committee Report for the Operating Budget (HB 110) and sent the bill to the Governor. A few days later, Governor DeWine signed the budget into law.

The budget was a mixed bag and far from perfect. It was a tough decision when I cast my vote. Ultimately there were several key components to the bill that I carefully weighed. Finally after over 20 years, Ohio has fair school funding and I am committed to working with my colleagues to ensure the formula will continue to be used beyond this budget cycle. Additionally, I'm pleased that my bi-partisan bill to help the trucking industry and Ohioans get their CDL was included as well. Even with the positives, there were a lot of negatives in the bill though. We have a lot of work to do yet to help all Ohioans and improve the state, which I look forward to doing the rest of the General Assembly.

If you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss, please contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your Public Servant,

### Unemployment / PUA – Overpayment Waiver

Recently, ODJFS has distributed instructions for completing the Overpayment Waiver to Ohioans who may be eligible. The Waiver Process itself will soon be available. Visit [unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov](http://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov) or contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017 for questions or assistance completing the waiver.

Join me for a community meeting July 27th from 6 – 7:30 pm at Woodward HS Auditorium [701 E. Central Ave] with Rep. Hicks-Hudson and Rep. Sheehy. Be on the Look Out for More Details!

### COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION UPDATE

**Ohioans 12 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Each vaccinated person is one step closer to herd immunity. Just like Polio or Measles, we can defeat COVID-19 with herd immunity so cases won't spike in the Fall, which could cause another economic and health disaster. The Lucas County Vaccination Rate is 47.6%. We are moving in the right direction to herd immunity but need to stay vigilant.**

To Register: [lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine](http://lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine)

If you don't not have internet access, have a disability, or have a difficulty completing the form, call the Northwest Ohio United Way: 2-1-1

For More Information, call the Lucas County Health Department (419) 213-4100

Contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017 if you have questions or need assistance scheduling your vaccine.

Voting Rights In Ohio are Under Attack, and protecting the Right to Vote was a focus of mine and my House Democrat colleagues during June. During the first week of June, I joined several of my colleagues to host a town hall in Toledo as part of the “Freedom to Vote Town-hall Tour.” During the event, nearly thirty community activists and local leaders stood up and testified about the importance of protecting voting rights and ensuring every Ohioan has unburdened and unobstructed access to the ballot box. I was proud to have joined my colleagues and the community in attendance that night. Later in June, hundreds of Ohioans from across the state came together and rallied to protect the freedom to vote outside the Statehouse in Downtown Columbus. We should work to pass legislation to protect the right to vote, expand freedoms, and not suppress that freedom. Once again, witnessing the rally firsthand was an incredible experience. As the House returns to session in the Fall, rest assured that I am committed to continuing to stand up against anti-voter legislation such as House Bill 294. I am committed to pursuing legislation to expand freedom to vote in Ohio and ensure every Ohioan has the right to vote and is able to cast a ballot each and every election.



ABOVE—Ohioans from all parts of Ohio rallied on the grounds of the Statehouse in support of protecting the freedom to Vote.



ABOVE- Rep. Sobecki was joined by several House Democratic colleagues including fellow Toledo Rep. Hicks-Hudson to host a town hall.

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**Rep. Sobecki in the Press:** Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki’s Press Releases from June:

- June 16, 2021: Rep. Sobecki’s Vote on Expulsion of Indicted Former Speaker Householder
- June 24, 2021: ODWLC Statement on Anti-Transgender Bill
- June 28, 2021: Against Republican Amendment to Undercut TARTA

All Press Releases can be accessed at: [ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news](https://ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news).

**Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:**

- House Bill 292 Creating Electric Vehicle Commission Had its First Hearing in the House Transportation Committee
- House Bill 129 Creating the CDL Student Aid Program passed as part of the Budget

All Legislation can be accessed at: [ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation](https://ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation)

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