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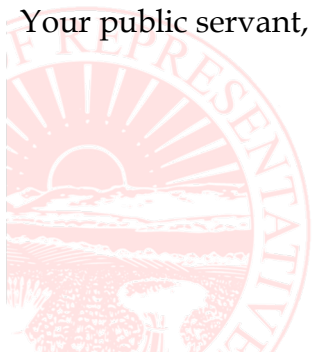
Dear Neighbor,

Once again, the Republican members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission continue to disregard the Ohio Constitution and Ohio voters. The fight for fair maps is not over. In April, the Ohio Supreme Court struck down the state legislative maps adopted by the Redistricting Commission for the fourth time. In the latest round of maps, a majority of Republican commissioners chose to abandon the bipartisan, transparent, independent map-drawing process ordered by the Ohio Supreme Court, instead forcing another vote on a last-minute secret gerrymandered plan. The Redistricting Commission was ordered to redraw the state legislative maps by May 6. Then, a Federal Court issued an order that should the Redistricting efforts stretch beyond May 28, they would step in and impose the 3rd Map approved by the Commission. The 3rd Map was previously rejected by the Ohio Supreme Court as unconstitutional. As a result of the ruling, the Republican Commissioners failed to take action to draw a new map and comply with the Ohio Supreme Court. Instead, they simply repassed a map they already passed, the 3rd Map – which the Ohio Supreme Court has already rejected once before. The fight for fair, constitutional maps is not over – for 2022 or the rest of the decade. We have a constitutional obligation to produce fair state legislative maps for this upcoming fall election, and Democrats won't stop fighting until we get this done.

The continual effort by Republican elected officials in the State to drag out the process, run out the clock, and thumb their nose at Ohioans is unacceptable. Their actions undermine our democracy and continue to cause mass confusion among voters.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My office can be reached either at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your public servant,



The Stigma around mental health still persists for many Ohioans despite efforts to change that reality. During Mental Health Awareness Month, it is important for us to reflect on what we have accomplished so far and renew our commitment to continuing to take meaningful action. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has exasperated the mental health crisis across the country, including here in Ohio. The pandemic has also brought into focus a problem that has long persisted in Ohio and aspects of it that have not received the full attention it deserves. My colleagues and I are committed to taking concrete legislative action to address the mental health crisis by ensuring every Ohioan has the ability to access mental health care. During this General Assembly, House Democrats have introduced:

HB 602 – To ensure mental health access for all those who voluntarily seek help;

HB 363 – To provide mental health services in the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergency;

HB 41 – To create additional safety and security measures for mental health professionals;

HB 453 – To create the “Recovery is Beautiful” license plate, to support individuals recovering from mental health or substance abuse issues;

HB 591 – To designate the last week in February as “Eating Disorders Awareness Week.”

To learn more about these bills, you can contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017. You can learn more about Mental Health Awareness Month and how you can become involved by visiting www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month.



Rep. Sobecki presented Commendations to the Start HS Girls Basketball Team and the Start HS Boys Basketball Team, who both won the City League Championship. Congrats Spartans!



Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki’s Press Releases from April 2022:

- April 19, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Condemns Ohio’s “Don’t Say Gay Bill”
- April 21, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Statement on Federal Court’s Redistricting Decision
- April 26, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Announces \$1 Million Grant to Restore Historic Spitzer Building

All Press Releases can be accessed at: ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news.

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:

- The bills establishing the Officer Dia Memorial Hwy and Officer Stalker Memorial Hwy were signed into law.
- Rep. Sobecki filed House Bill 634, which would prohibit cities from requiring a victim of sexual/domestic violence to reimburse the cost of the emergency services when calling 9-1-1.

Stay up to date with all of Rep. Sobecki’s legislation, including bills and resolutions by visiting her website or contacting her office. All Legislation can be accessed at: ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation

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