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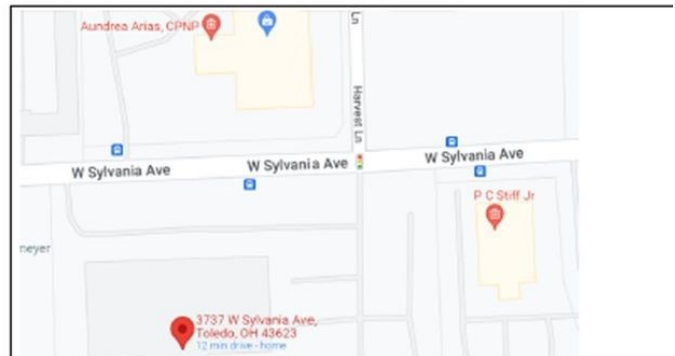
Dear Neighbor,

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court’s conservative majority struck down Roe v. Wade. It’s troubling to imagine women in the United States not having the freedom to control their own bodies or make decisions about their own health care. As Americans, we know people should have the fundamental freedom to make decisions about their own bodies and health care. This ruling takes that freedom away, and lets partisan politicians decide if women have the right to control their own bodies. Over 60% of Ohioans agree with the Roe v. Wade decision to allow access to abortion. Despite this, the same day it was overturned, a Republican law banning abortion after six weeks, a point when many women don’t even know they are pregnant, officially took effect in Ohio.

My Democratic colleagues and I are continuing to protect women’s freedom to access the health care they need, including abortion. House and Senate Democrats have proposed an amendment to Ohio’s Constitution that would ensure all people have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care. Americans have spent 50 years fighting for this right, and we are not giving up now.

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

Your public servant,



There is new location for the Lucas County Early Vote Center. It is located at 3737 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo OH 43623. Go to [Lucascountyvotes.gov](https://lucascountyvotes.gov) for more information about upcoming elections and hours open for early voting!

One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Years ago, the only significant Civil War battle in Ohio, The Battle of Buffington Island was fought. On July 18th and 19th, 1863 roughly 3000 Union soldiers and 1800 Confederate soldiers fought on site near Portland, Ohio on the banks of the Ohio River. The series of engagements were an attempt to gain new momentum for the Confederacy following their defeat at Vicksburg and Gettysburg but had mixed results and ultimately was a Union victory. The Union forces under the command of General Henry M. Judah were able to rebuff the Confederate forces commanded by General John Hunt Morgan. Two future U.S. Presidents, President Rutherford Hayes and William McKinley fought in the battle which resulted in the capture of General Morgan and most of his soldiers roughly a week later after they retreated. Today, the Ohio History Connection (which is the statewide organization responsible for preserving and sharing Ohio's history,) maintains a small portion of the battle site with the majority being in the hands of private owners. To learn more about the battle and Ohioans involvement in the Civil War, visit [Ohiohistorycentral.org](http://Ohiohistorycentral.org).



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 health care more accessible for all. You can visit the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to learn more at [mha.ohio.gov](http://mha.ohio.gov). You can also contact the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board at [lcmhrsboh.gov](http://lcmhrsboh.gov) or 419-213-4600. As always, my office can be contacted at 614-644-6017 or at [rep45@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep45@ohiohouse.gov).

**Rep. Sobecki in the Press:** Rep. Sobecki's Press Highlights From June 2022:

- June 2, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Announces \$5.4 Million in new Capital Funding for Lucas County
- June 14, 2022: Statehouse Republicans Ignore Ohioan's Calls for Commonsense Gun Safety Laws
- June 17, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Announces \$21.8 Million in Brownfield Remediation Grants for Lucas County

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

**Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:**

- House Bill 700: Rep. Sobecki Filed a bill to use Sales Tax from Firearms Purchases to curb gun violence, support victims, and support community policing.

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](http://ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation)

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