



Dear Neighbor,

Happy April! We're celebrating Second-Chance Month, a dedication to those who are contributing positively to society, but are greatly limited due to a previous criminal record.

Individuals who have paid their debt for committing a crime are further penalized through limited access to housing, education, jobs, and employment. This celebration falls in the month of April to commemorate the death of Charles Colson, who used his second-chance to found Prison Fellowship – the largest nonprofit organization advocating for prisoners, former prisoners, and their families.

I believe that every person deserves the opportunity to build a better future for themselves. Second-Chance Month serves to raise awareness about the issues faced by those with a criminal record, and make their journeys toward a brighter future possible.

This April 30th from 11 AM to 2 PM, I am holding a Job and Community Resource Fair at the Barnett Community Center, and would like to contribute to the positive development of this group that is often overlooked.

Many of the employers will be second-chance employers. I hope to make employment opportunities more accessible for individuals with criminal records in this way.

I hope you will join me in celebrating Second-Chance Month, and I look forward to meeting many bright job-seekers this coming April $30^{\rm th}$.

Sincerely,

John M. J.

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Representative Humphrey celebrates Black Maternal Health Week

April 11th-15th is Black Maternal Health Week, a time to raise awareness and advocate for reproductive and birth justice for Black women in Ohio. The annual event is intended to raise awareness, inspire activism, and strengthen organizing for Black maternal health. The goal is that communities, especially communities of color, will be better informed about maternal health and how we can improve outcomes.

The pregnancy related death rate for Black women in Ohio is two and a half times that of white women. Reducing maternal health disparities and improving early childhood health outcomes is critical so all women can feel safe and secure right here at home. That's why the Ohio Black Maternal Health Caucus is working every day to push legislation that would improve care, and protect Black mothers and babies.

Representative Humphrey has introduced House Bill (H.B.) 593 which, if implemented, would greatly benefit women working in or running for public office. H.B. 593 allows campaign funds to be used for certain child care costs.

This bill ensures that no candidate is discouraged from running for public office due to concerns about their children's care. Representative Humphrey states that, "To have healthy, representative democracy, it is critical that we reduce any financial barriers that may prevent citizens, especially women and people of color, from pursuing public office."



Representative Humphrey says NO to HB 327, the Republican censorship bill

House Bill 327, the latest censorship attempt by the GOP, is still an ongoing threat to Ohioans everywhere. HB 327 aims to silence and censor not only K-12 schools, but colleges, law enforcement agencies, and local governments, too. It also threatens these groups with legal liability if they don't comply.

Recently, the Republican bill sponsor said in an interview that educators should teach "German soldiers" perspective of the Holocaust, and then made several inaccurate and anti-Semitic claims about the Holocaust.

HB 327 ignores history by trying to force educators, and other agencies, to teach "both sides" of topics. How do you teach both sides of the Holocaust,? Of 9/11? Of slavery? Of Ukraine?

The intentional broadness of the bill makes it nearly impossible for <u>schools</u>, <u>universities</u>, <u>police stations</u>, <u>libraries</u>, and local governments to predict when they cross the line into legal liability. Even <u>business-minded organizations</u> have expressed concerns behind closed doors about the legal uncertainty it would impose.

Each version of HB 327 has included a long list of ideas to censor. Originally, this list was taken nearly word-for-word from a 2020 Trump Executive Order. The most recent version of the bill includes several alarming new provisions to go with the concerns prior versions raised.

House Republican leadership has refused to say if they will remove HB 327 from the Ohio House agenda, where it has already received five hearings in the State and Local Government Committee.

Make your voice on HB 327 heard by contacting Rep. Scott Wiggam, chair of the State and Local Government committee, by email at rep01@ohiohouse.gov or phone at (614) 466-1474. I will also be holding a legislative update Wednesday, April 13th to answer any questions about the bill.

