



Dear Neighbor,

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. After a tumultuous past few years where we have all struggled to cope with the pandemic, mental health care is more important than ever. House Democrats are focused on enacting legislation that ensures that every Ohioan, no matter their background, is able to access quality mental health care.

Some of our bills focused on mental health include:

- **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.”

Democrats are working for you, and working for Ohio. During this Mental Health Awareness Month, be sure to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Latyna M. Humphrey



Jewish American Heritage Month

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to pay tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents in Ohio rose to a 40-year high in 2020, with a 72 percent increase in events from the year before.

HB 341 would create the Bureau of Hate Crimes to conduct independent investigations for hate crimes when sufficient cause exists.

This bill would send a strong message of solidarity to at-risk communities by focusing resources not only on deterrence but by prosecution of hate crimes. All Ohioans deserve to be able to live safely and securely in our state.



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Representative Humphrey condemns introduction of 'Don't Say Gay' bill

Democrats condemned the recent introduction of [House Bill \(HB\) 616](#), the Ohio Republican version of Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' law. Under HB 616, schools could not "teach, use, or provide any curriculum or instructional materials on sexual orientation or gender identity" in kindergarten through third grade. Additionally, older students could not be taught "any curriculum or instructional materials on sexual orientation or gender identity in any manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards."

HB 616 is simply the latest **extreme** censorship bill introduced **in** this General Assembly by Republicans. Republicans also sponsored HB 327, which would make "failing to fairly present both sides of a political or ideological belief or position" conduct unbecoming of an Ohio educator. **This has prompted** [widespread alarm](#) from teachers and concerned parents. HB 327 has received five hearings in the House State and Local Government committee, and was nearing a committee vote until the Republican bill sponsor [made inaccurate and anti-Semitic comments about the Holocaust](#) during an interview.



While Republicans continue [their attacks on LGBTQ+ Ohioans](#), Democrats are calling for action on the [Ohio Fairness Act](#), bipartisan legislation that would protect LGBTQ+ Ohioans from discrimination in employment, housing and accommodations. The Ohio Fairness Act was introduced in March 2021, but has yet to receive a single hearing.

Redistricting Update

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.

On May 6th, the Redistricting Commission approved the maps from the third round of deliberations that were already declared unconstitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court.

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.

A graphic featuring a dark blue silhouette of the state of Ohio. A horizontal orange banner is superimposed across the middle of the state, containing the text "#FairMapsOH" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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Representative Humphrey's resource spotlight

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Charter offers free wifi To Ohioans with the Affordable Connectivity Program

The ACP provides qualifying households up to a \$30 monthly credit (\$75 on qualifying Tribal lands) toward broadband service — which allows eligible customers to receive Spectrum Internet 100 at no monthly cost. Like all Spectrum Internet plans, Spectrum Internet 100 also has no modem fees, data caps or contracts, and customers can cancel anytime without penalty.

“The Affordable Connectivity Program is an important step in driving broadband adoption in America,” said Catherine Bohigian, Charter Executive Vice President, Government Affairs. “With Spectrum Internet 100, Charter is delivering a high-speed, high-quality broadband option — available at no cost to ACP-qualified households— throughout our 41-state service area.”

For more information on the ACP and to apply online, consumers should visit fcc.gov/acp. Interested consumers should first confirm their eligibility.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household participates in or is eligible for a variety of assistance programs, including:

- SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC or Lifeline.
- Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
- The National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.
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