



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Humphrey

Dear Neighbor,

After a busy last month, House session and committees are over for this General Assembly, and will be resuming after the November elections. Over the summer and fall, I hope to hear from you and see you around our community.

I am here to be a voice for you. Some ways that my office can help include:

- **Disputes with government agencies;**
- **Connect you or your business to state programs or services;**
- **Propose bill ideas and law changes;**
- **Ohio House commendations, condolences and congratulatory letters.**

Visit legislature.ohio.gov for more information on how to contact offices, bill specifics and Ohio House news.

I am working for you, and working for Ohio. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Latyna M. Humphrey



Juneteenth

June 19, or Juneteenth, is a day to celebrate and commemorate the end of slavery in the United States of America.

On Juneteenth, we celebrate African American freedom and achievement, while looking to our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures.

Democrats continue to prioritize building up Black families and all Ohioans with legislation centered on health, housing, education, jobs, criminal justice reform and supporting minority owned businesses.

For more information about Juneteenth, visit www.Juneteenth.com.



Register for the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project information session June 25th, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the auditorium of the Columbus Metropolitan main library

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ohio-governors-expedited-pardon-project-tickets-355803075577>

See Page 7 and 8 for more info.

Representative Humphrey condemns HB 607 and H.J.R. 2 “Cash Bail Bills”

House Bill 607, along with House Joint Resolution 2, will further strengthen the inequality of our jailing system. This legislation aims to eliminate the conditions in the Ohio Constitution that determines bail in replacement for an arbitrary measurement of “public safety” by the courts.

Bail will be set based on a set of factors that determine how much of a threat to public safety a detainee poses, allowing courts to impose considerably high cash bail payments. Around two-thirds of those being held on bail are pretrial detainees, meaning they have not even been charged for any crimes. Furthermore, more than half of those potential crimes are minor – misdemeanors or non-violent felonies. Nonetheless, these detainees are stuck in the system because they’re unable to pay.

This bill does little to increase “public safety,” but it does a great deal to disadvantage the disproportionately marginalized and underserved communities that make up the jail population. As stated by Representative Humphrey, “**If public safety is really your concern, there is already a revised Code for that, Section 2937.222. This code allows the judge to place a defendant in preventative detention**

without bail while he or she awaits an assessment of the evidence by a jury.”

Representative Humphrey leaves the House with a question worth reflecting on: “Is it innocent until proven guilty? Or innocent until proven poor?”



Representative Humphrey opposes extreme gun legislation

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across Ohio. Yet Republicans continue to pass extreme legislation that Ohioans are not calling for. Recently, Gov. DeWine signed [House Bill \(HB\) 99](#) into law, a Republican bill that actually puts guns in the classroom by encouraging staff to be armed in schools. Police, teachers’ unions, civil rights groups and students all strongly oppose this legislation and the effects it would have on our children and schools.

Ohioans do not want this. They want bills that focus on gun safety. That’s why Democrats have been working to propose commonsense gun safety legislation in order to ensure the safety of our communities, families, and children.

Gun safety legislation Democrats have introduced:

- **HB 38** (West, Miller, A.) Repeal “Stand Your Ground”
- **SB 73** (Thomas) / **HB 259** (Robinson, Miller, A.) Universal background checks
- **SB 74** (Thomas) Raise minimum age to purchase firearm to 21
- **SB 75** (Thomas, Williams) Regulate transfer of firearms at gun shows

- **SB 76** (Thomas, Craig) / **HB 274** (Upchurch, Jarrells) Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct
- **SB 77** (Thomas) Ban bump stocks and other items that accelerate semi-automatic firearms
- **SB 138** (Williams) / **HB 257** (Russo, Smith, M.) Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act (“Red Flag” law)
- **SB 205** (Thomas) Gun Violence Awareness Month
- **HB 262** (Miranda, Kelly) Prohibit negligent firearm storage
- **HB 360** (Miranda, Smith) Designate Gun Violence Awareness Month
- **HB 661** (Crossman, Hicks-Hudson) Require gun trigger locks with firearm sales

Democrats are here to listen to the people and keep our communities safe.



Representative Humphrey 's update on HB 454 in Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee

[House Bill 454](#), which attempts to prohibit transgender children from receiving medical assistance, is currently being debated in the House. If implemented, the bill would limit access to gender-affirming care for children all across Ohio.

Sponsors of the bill are deliberately overstepping from their roles as legislators to regulate private, familial medical concerns. A large resistance movement has developed as a result, urging legislators to vote NO on HB 454.

On May 19th, the second hearing for HB 454 took place in the Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee. Representative Humphrey, in opposition to the bill, actively engaged with testimonials on both sides of the debate.

Rep. Humphrey questioned Andre Van Mol MD, a pediatrician testifying in favor of the bill, on the mental health issues that often occur as a result of this bill's passage. Particularly, how these issues were meant to be addressed if minors could not consult medical professionals.



In response, Van Mol asserted that “the underlying mental health issues are not addressed by gender affirming therapy, they’re dodged.” This therapy, in his view, plants “seeds for regret” that grow into further issues when the transitioning individual gets older. Van Mol’s theory was proved wrong in proponent testimony the following week.

Additionally, Rep. Humphrey spoke with advocate and member of International Partners for Ethical Care, Jeannette Cooper. Rep. Humphrey inquired about the necessity for mental health services to combat systemic issues affecting marginalized communities, as well as on the number of individuals who choose to de-transition.



Redistricting Update

Republicans on the Ohio Redistricting Commission refused to follow the rule of law and meet the Supreme Court-ordered June 3, 2022 deadline to pass constitutional legislative district maps.

This means that the August 2022 primary will go forward using unconstitutional maps rigged against voters in favor of politicians.

These maps will only apply to the 2022 election.

There is no justice in denying voters the opportunity for fair and free elections that use constitutional maps. Corruption and extremism will continue in Ohio until politicians in power put the voices of voters ahead of politics.

Democratic officials will continue to fight for Ohioans’ voices to be heard and votes to count.





Democrats are fighting to protect women and support families



Last month, Democrats introduced a plan to protect women's healthcare and support babies and families. Due to the national threat of reproductive freedom being stripped away, House and Senate Democrats proposed an [amendment](#) to Ohio's Constitution that would ensure all people have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care.

[Over 60% of Ohioans](#) agree with the Roe v. Wade decision to allow access to abortion. Despite this, Ohio Republicans continue to prioritize legislation to ban abortion, including the [6-week abortion ban](#) signed into law by Gov. DeWine in 2019. [House Bill 598](#) and [Senate Bill 123](#) are current pieces of

legislation that would completely ban abortion in Ohio without any exceptions for rape, incest or to protect the health of the mother.

In addition to ensuring that women of Ohio have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, Democrats have introduced a comprehensive legislative plan that invests in families from the very beginning and ensures all babies have the resources they need to grow and thrive.

The legislative package includes bills to:

- Eliminate the diaper tax;
- Create the Infant Formula Tax Credit;
- Establish the Ohio Safe Sleep and Baby Box Program;
- Require insurance coverage of medically necessary donor human milk;
- Create the Infant Nutrition Protection Act;
- Enact the Ohio Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Democrats are working every day to ensure that women have the right to make their own health care decisions, and that families have the resources they need to succeed.



Rep. Humphrey celebrates Pride month

June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their identities and experiences.

Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals, specifically people of color, protested against the police for their right to exist.

In June 2020, the [U.S. Supreme Court ruled](#) that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal law. However, it is still legal in Ohio for members of the LGBTQ+ community to lose their job, be denied housing or be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

The Ohio Fairness Act, proposed by House Democrats, would expand LGBTQ+ protections to include not just employment, but also housing and services in Ohio.

Additionally, Rep. Humphrey strongly opposes recently anti-transgender and discriminatory bills like [HB 454](#), [HB 151](#)

and [HB 616](#), all pieces of Republican legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer and trans-youth.

Ohio should be a welcoming place to attract and retain the most talented workers.





Rep. Humphrey announces 3.3M in new capital funds for Ohio's 26th House District



Rep. Humphrey recently announced the passage of the capital budget, HB 687, by the Ohio House of Representatives. The capital budget appropriates resources to state owned infrastructure, colleges, universities and school districts, as well as other community projects. The capital budget is typically passed every 2 years, with this year's budget appropriating over \$3.5 billion to counties across Ohio with \$191 million being allocated to community projects.

"I am extremely proud of all the funds I could advocate for in the FY23-FY24 Capital Budget. However I am saddened at the amount of community projects that were not funded in this bill, such as Crittenton community center and vista village. I am confident that projects such as these will attribute greatly to

the economic development of Columbus's east side. I want to assure my constituents that I will not stop fighting, and I will advocate tirelessly for funds to be appropriated to Columbus's most underserved communities," said **Rep. Humphrey**.

Rep. Humphrey helped to secure \$3,350,000 in funding for a number of community projects, including:

- \$ 250,000 for Rickenbacker Boyhood Home;
- \$ \$2,250,000 for Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio;
- \$ 50,000 for Big Walnut Trail SE Columbus - Eastland Area;
- \$ \$500,000 for Goodwill Columbus;
- \$300,000 For Rockwell District Cultural and Arts Amphitheater-Whitehall.

Rep. Humphrey also advocated for \$4,250,000 in funding for a number of projects of countywide significance, including:

- \$ \$500,000 for Liberians in Columbus, Incorporated (LICI);
- \$ \$2,000,000 for directions for youth and families' Crittenton Community Center;
- \$ 1,000,000 for Vista Village INC;
- \$ 750,000 for community housing Networks' Poplar fen place .

The capital now heads to the Governor's desk.



State Representative Rep. Latyna M. Humphrey

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Rep. Humphrey named Ranking Member of Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports Committee

COLUMBUS – Today, **Rep. Latyna Humphrey (D-Columbus)** announced that she was appointed the Ranking Member of Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports Committee. This standing committee was created to ensure Ohioans have access to needed behavioral health and substance abuse services, and to improve the recovery institutions that care for Ohioans.

“It is an honor to be designated Ranking Member of such an important committee. I want to thank Leader Russo for seeing my commitment to my constituents and Ohioans, and truly believing in my ability to serve well. I will work tirelessly with my colleagues to ensure we are providing adequate support and institutions for Ohio’s most vulnerable populations,” said **Rep Humphrey**.

This year, the committee has passed several pieces of legislation to improve the health and safety of Ohioans, including House Bill (HB) 428, which will establish an Adverse Childhood Experiences study commission (ACEC). The ACEC will conduct studies to gather data and information regarding the effects of adverse childhood experiences, and recommend legislative Strategies to the General Assembly for addressing the prevalence and effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences. HB 428 now awaits further consideration by the Ohio Senate. Much work remains as the committee will still have to consider many important pieces of legislation, such as:

- HCR 14** (Denson/Brinkman) Urge Governor declare a State of Emergency on Childhood Trauma;
- HB 328** (Brown) Establish the Governor's Office of Drug Policy;
- HB 363** (A. Miller/M. Smith) Regards mental health services in response to disasters;
- HB 413** (Loychik) Require collection of alcohol and drug addiction service data;
- HB 523** (Swearingen) Regards local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services;
- HB 632**(Baldrige) Regards Recovery housing;
- HB 657** (Ingram) require addiction providers conduct tobacco use assessments.

134th General Assembly
Behavioral health and Recovery
supports committee

State Representative
Latyna M. Humphrey

Ranking Member

House District 26

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A portrait of Rep. Latyna M. Humphrey, a Black woman with dark hair, wearing a black blazer and a watch, smiling with her arms crossed.

OHIO GOVERNOR'S **EXPEDITED PARDON**

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A NEW PATH FORWARD

The project aims to help law-abiding citizens hindered by a long-past mistake.



PERSONAL ATTENTION

Service providers work directly with project clients to assist them in submitting a full pardon application.



PRE-SCREENING

The project team will review intake packets and accept qualifying applicants as project clients.



FORMS AND RESOURCES

The project intake packet, detailed instructions, and resources can be found at ohioexpeditedpardon.org.



EXPEDITED PROCESS

Accepted clients receive access to a simplified and accelerated process.



TRADITIONAL PATH

Individuals who do not meet the criteria may still apply through the standard clemency process.

Contact us at ogepp@osu.edu

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APPLICANT CRITERIA*

To apply to participate in the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project, rehabilitated citizens must meet the following criteria:

- The project applicant must have completed the sentence for the Ohio conviction(s) for which they are seeking a pardon at least 10 years ago.
- The project applicant must not have committed any additional crimes (excluding minor traffic citations) in at least the past 10 years.
- The project applicant must not have been convicted of any disqualifying offenses (see below).
- The project applicant must have made good faith efforts to meet all requirements of sentencing, such as the payment of fines or restitution.
- The project applicant must have a post-offense employment history or a compelling reason why he or she has not been employed.
- The project applicant must have some history of performing volunteer work or community service.

DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES*

The project applicant must not have been convicted of any of the following offenses:

- Abduction
- Aggravated Murder
- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
- Attempted Murder
- Compelling Prostitution
- Deception to Obtain Matter Harmful to Juveniles
- Displaying Matter Harmful to Juveniles
- Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles
- Domestic violence
- Felonious Sexual Penetration
- Felony Child Endangering
- Gross Sexual Imposition
- Human trafficking
- Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material or Performance
- Importuning
- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Kidnapping
- Murder
- Negligent Homicide
- Pandering Obscenity
- Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor
- Pandering Sexually Oriented Material Involving a Minor
- Promoting Prostitution
- Rape
- Reckless Homicide
- Sexual Battery
- Sexual Imposition
- Terrorism
- Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor
- Vehicular Homicide
- Voluntary Manslaughter

** Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the project. The project team has discretion to decline applications that do not align with the mission of the project.*

Questions? Send us an email at ogepp@osu.edu.