



Dear Family,

We are already more than half way through the 135th General Assembly! It has been an honor serving you thus far and I am excited for the opportunity to continue to put people first.

This past month the Republicans overrode the governor's veto of **HB 68**, something that the House Democratic Caucus stands firmly against. Once again, the Supermajority is disregarding the voice of the people. These matters should be left to families and doctors, not politicians. House Democrats will always stand with the LGTBQ+ community, championing legislation that protects their rights and recognizes them as vital members of our communities.

On the 15th of February, the House Minority Caucus will be hosting the Gun Violence Prevention Summit. This pioneering event will gather stakeholders from around the country and Ohio to the Statehouse in an effort to push dialogue on stemming the tide of gun violence in the state. Space is limited, so if you would like to attend the summit, please RSVP at this link: https://bit.ly/GVPSummit24

February is Black History Month! Black history is American history and Black voices, experiences, and people have shaped our state and country. Democrats in Ohio are fighting hard every day, building a state that supports and uplifts Black Ohioans. House Democrats are committed to creating a more perfect union that provides freedom, liberty, and equality to us all. Building a state that supports and welcomes everyone has been a long and difficult process, but I am committed to creating lasting and impactful change.

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

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This month is a time to celebrate and recognize the rich contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history. It serves as a crucial reminder of the struggles and triumphs of the Black community, highlighting the impact on culture, science, politics, and every facet of society. It encourages dialogue and a collective reflection on the ongoing journey toward racial equality.



February 12 marks the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Founded exactly 100 years after Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the NAACP advocates for civil rights and justice for all. House Democrats will always fight for equality for all.

House Democrats Celebrate Black History Month

Happy Black History Month! In Ohio House District 2, we are steadfast in our commitment to promoting equality and justice across the state. It is no secret that Black Ohioans are disproportionately affected by inequalities in our nation. Our mission is to ensure that the voices of Black Americans and their contributions are not only acknowledged but also valued and honored.

For centuries, the voices of Black people have been suppressed, particularly in the political realm. In the spirit of Black History Month, our office would like to spotlight Shirley Chisholm for her "Bring Your Own Chair" phenomenon.

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm made history as the first African American woman in Congress (1968) and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties (1972). The "Bring Your Own Chair" phenomenon, a phrase coined by Chisholm, encourages individuals to demand their space. If others are unwilling to provide a seat, bring your own chair!

We celebrate Shirley Chisholm's trailblazing spirit and hope to draw inspiration from her legacy as we continue our mission to amplify the voices of Black Americans. Together, let's contribute to a more equitable and just future for all in Ohio and beyond.





On January 30th the House Minority Caucus held a press conference unveiling the first step in our Cost of Corruption legislation package. House Democrats introduced multiple pieces of legislation aimed at weeding out corruption, strengthening ethics, protecting against and correcting wrongs created by the First Energy scandal, the largest public corruption scandal in Ohio's history.

 The <u>Ohio Anti-Corruption Act</u> (House Bill 112, Reps. Miranda/Sweeney) would require dark money groups to identify their contributors and disclose their spending.



- The HB 6 Repeal and Repay Act (House Bill 120, Reps. Weinstein/Brennan) would fully repeal and refund subsidies established in HB 6 during the 133rd General Assembly that are still being paid by Ohioans to bail out two Ohio Valley Electric Corp. (OVEC) coal-fired power plants—one of which is located in Indiana.
- The <u>PUCO Nomination Reform Act</u> (House Bill 363, Rep. Troy) would adjust the broken nomination process involving the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), preventing individuals like Sam Randazzo, the former chair of the PUCO, who was indicted for taking \$4.3 million in bribes in exchange for helping FirstEnergy conduct nefarious activities.
- The **PUCO Consumer Refund Act** (Rep. Baker) would require PUCO to order refunds to consumers in the event that a utility charges are unlawful by the Ohio Supreme Court. Upon determination that utility chares are unlawful, full refunds would be required to be issued within 120 days.