



Dear Family,

Happy May! Now's a great time to check your voter registration before all the fun in the sun begins this summer. House Democrats are focused on continued efforts to better engage more young people-especially our graduating seniors- to participate in the civic process by getting registered to vote and learning about upcoming elections. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make your voice heard!

In our continued fight for reproductive rights, House Democrats unveiled their Protect Assistive Reproductive Technology Act. This legislation will provide civil and criminal immunity for providers, facilities, or health care personnel who provide assistive reproductive care, as well as for the patients seeking care. In addition, the legislation will provide data protections for patients, ensuring that third party organizations do not have access to private medical information. Every Ohioan deserves the right to build a family through assisted reproductive technology without fear of being prosecuted. This legislation will support families navigating infertility without adding to the emotional and financial stress they are already experiencing.

This May, Democrats are recognizing and celebrating our educators in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. House Democrats thank all our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible. That's why we support legislation to guarantee every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education. Democrats delivered a major win for education by continuing to fund the Fair School Funding Plan that would invest more money in our public schools. The Fair School Funding Plan supports students and ensures that public schools get the funds they need to succeed. Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do!

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

Sincerely,

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Happy Mother's Day! Please enjoy this excerpt from Maya Angelou's "Mother, A Cradle to Hold Me."

Mother, I have learned enough now To know I have learned nearly nothing. On **this day**

When mothers are being honored, Let me thank you

That my selfishness, ignorance, and mockery Did not bring you to

Discard me like a broken doll

Which had lost its favor.

I thank you that

You still find something in me To cherish, to admire and to love. I thank you, Mother.

- Maya Angelou

Menstrual Equity Bill Passes out of the Ohio House State and Local **Government Committee**

Last Month, April 23rd, 2024 - State Representative Humphrey's House Bill 30, which mandates the provision of menstrual products in Women's Correctional Facilities, achieved a significant milestone by passing the House State and Local Government Committee. The bill, aimed at ensuring the health and dignity of incarcerated women, has garnered support for its commitment to addressing a critical need.

Introduced to tackle the issue of access to feminine hygiene products in correctional facilities, HB30 underwent many hearings in the house state and local Government committee to refine its scope and language. Notably, the bill requires facilities to provide a range of products and ensure access to showering facilities during menstruation, regardless of an inmate's status within the facility.

HB30 represents a vital step towards addressing public health and human rights concerns associated with inadequate menstrual hygiene in correctional settings. By mandating the provision of essential products and ensuring access to facilities, the bill emphasizes the importance of prioritizing the health and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their circumstances.

As HB30 progresses, its passage will mark a significant victory for reproductive health equity and iustice in Ohio.

Please check the Ohio house site to keep up with this bills progression: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/ legislation/135/hb30.



House Bill 29 Advances in Senate Judiciary Committee

House Bill 29 Received its first hearing last month in efforts will continue to advocate for policies that the Senate Judiciary Committee. This signifies a significant step forward in addressing equity in Ohio especially as it relates to driving privileges.

Co-sponsored by Representative Brewer, House Bill 29 aims to reform existing laws governing the suspension of driver's licenses for individuals in default of child support payments. Current regulations often exacerbate financial hardships for affected individuals and hinder their ability to fulfill familial and professional responsibilities.

Recognizing the fundamental importance of reliable transportation for economic opportunity and familial stability, House Bill 29 attempts to provide a fair and equitable process for affected individuals. By offering avenues for individuals to demonstrate the necessity of their driver's license for employment and facilitating a more accessible path to license restoration, the bill aims to alleviate undue burdens and promote financial empowerment within our communities.

As this bill progresses through the legislative process,

prioritize the well-being and prosperity of Ohio families.

Further updates and opportunities for engagement can be found on the Ohio Legislature website:

https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/ hb29.