

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Somani

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall! Committees and Session are starting back up again at the Statehouse. While the Legislature has been on break, I have been busy in the district, as well as attending legislative conferences to learn how to best assist the state.

In July, I attended CSG Midwest, The Council of State Governments Conference in Detroit, Michigan. Here, I met legislatures from across the Midwest, shared legislative ideas and strategies, and learned how to best legislate for our constituents.



The Ohio State Fair wrapped up on August 4th. I stopped by the Help me Grow's Virtual Storytime booth and recorded myself reading *Daniel Goes to the Carnival!*



I also attended the COSI's Learning Lunchbox Distribution event in Hilliard, where I was able to promote science to our young children! COSI is doing amazing work for our youth, and I was proud to be apart of this community event.



I am excited to be back at the Statehouse fighting for you. I will be hosting a few community events over the next few months.

Check your inboxes and my social media for more information. Please reach out to my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Anita Somani

Anita Somani M.D.
 State Representative
 Ohio House District 11

End of Summer District Events

I will be hosting two opportunities to meet with constituents in the month of October!

On **Tuesday, October 3rd from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**, I will host office hours at the **Columbus Metropolitan Library, Hilliard Branch (4500 Hickory Chase Way, Hilliard, OH 43026) in the Hilliard Room**. This is a time for you to bring any concerns about the community or specific legislation that you may have.

On **Tuesday, October 10th from 4:30-5:30 p.m.**, Representative Adam Miller and I will host a community roundtable at the **Columbus Metropolitan Library, Dublin Branch (75 N High St Dublin, OH 43017) in Meeting Room 2**.

We will provide a brief overview of the state Operating Budget, present our legislative priorities and go over redistricting updates. This is a great opportunity to meet local leaders and learn more about what is happening at both the state and local levels.

JOIN US: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 4:30-5:30 P.M.

COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY DUBLIN BRANCH, MTC ROOM 2
 75 N HIGH STREET
 DUBLIN, OHIO 43017




REPRESENTATIVES ANITA SOMANI AND ADAM MILLER

END OF SUMMER ROUNDTABLE

As summer recess at the Ohio Statehouse comes to an end, enjoy a community discussion on legislative priorities for the end of the year.

Meet local leaders and come prepared with questions or legislative concerns.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT
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Franklin County Home Reappraisal

Property Value Reappraisals are currently underway through the Franklin County Auditor's Office. We understand this can be a confusing and stressful process. If you do not agree with your home's new value, you can schedule a property value review.

Questions about the process? The Auditor's office will have a stop on the [Know Your Home Value Campaign](#) at the **Dublin Community Center September 26-28 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** You are advised to bring any documents you believe will help dispute the value. You can also schedule a virtual meeting with an appraiser.

More information can be found on the [Know Your Home Value's website](#).

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOME REAPPRAISAL PROCESS?

THE KNOW YOUR HOME VALUE CAMPAIGN WILL BE MAKING A STOP IN DUBLIN

COME PREPARED WITH INFORMATION TO DISCUSS YOUR HOME'S VALUE WITH AN APPRAISER

SEPTEMBER 26-28
 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
 DUBLIN COMMUNITY CENTER
 5600 POST ROAD DUBLIN, OH 43017



VISIT FRANKLINCOUNTYAUDITOR.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ohio Ballot Board Changes Amendment Language

The Ohio Ballot Board [met last month to approve ballot initiative language](#) for issues on the upcoming November election. While the language for the marijuana legalization amendment was approved with no changes, the Republican controlled board rejected using [the full text of the proposed reproductive freedom amendment](#).

The language, passed by a 5-2 vote, is deceptive and does not reflect the actual language of the amendment. The approved language ignores official medical terminology and uses the phrase "unborn child" rather than "fetus." The language also misleadingly refers to abortions as "decisions" rather than "medical treatment."

The deceitful ballot language even goes as far as to not include the fact that the amendment protects all reproductive rights including contraception, abortion,

and infertility.

The truth is, a constitutional amendment would guarantee the right to make and carry out one's own reproductive healthcare decisions, which include all options, something a majority of Ohioans support. The ballot language also excludes the option to say no to an abortion. The original language talks about viability.

Unfortunately, the ballot language discusses abortions at term, which is not medically possible and is called delivery. Abortion rights groups who helped create the ballot language have [sued the Ohio Ballot Board](#) for their "deceptive summary", asking the Ohio Supreme Court either to use the full amendment's language or to require the Ballot Board to correct the inaccuracies.

2023 School Report Cards Released

The 2023 Ohio State Report Cards are out! Congratulations to Dublin City Schools and Hilliard City Schools for both overall districts receiving a 4.5 out of 5 star rating for the year. You can view individual schools and breakdowns of each category [here](#).

Superintendents Marschhausen and Stewart have done an amazing job, and I congratulate them and all the teachers for their positive impact on our students.

The report cards are released annually, and starting last school year, schools are achieving a 1-5 star rating system in five categories: achievement, progress, early literacy, gap closing and graduation.

OHIO SCHOOL REPORT CARDS



Visit <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/> for more information

Election Updates

Last month, Ohioans voted NO on Issue 1! Ohio voters recognized that this was just a power grab for right wing politicians. This shameless grab for power led to a record breaking turnout for an August election.

Issue 1 received national media attention and showed the country that the Ohio GOP's policies are not what the majority of Ohioans want or believe in. This was a big victory for Ohio's constitution and democracy.

It's time to look forward to the election on November 7th. Please continue to remain engaged and remind

all your family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they are registered to vote. Voter ID laws have changed so make sure you have the right ID to vote. If you plan on voting by mail, it is not too early to [request your absentee ballot](#).

[Here are a few dates](#) and notes to keep in mind for this upcoming election:

- **September 19th:** National Voter Registration Day! Challenge yourself to help register a friend or 5 and remind people to update their registrations.
- **September 22nd:** Military and Overseas absentee voting begins
- **October 10th:** Deadline to register to vote. This includes changes to signature, names, or addresses. Click [here](#) to update your registration.
- **October 11th:** Early voting & absentee voting begins
- **October 31st:** Absentee ballots must be received by the Boards of Election by 8:30 P.M.

