



A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! During the last week of May, Governor DeWine called for a special session to ensure that President Biden will be on the November ballot. Instead of just passing HB 2 which is a clean bill, as has been done when this issue previously occurred, the House Majority used their gerrymandered supermajority to also pass HB 1, which would limit Ohioans ability to propose ballot initiatives.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.

On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and achievements, while looking at 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Office Hours

You are invited to attend my monthly District 4 Open Office Hours. Sign up to reserve your meeting time here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4AACA82FA4FCC25-49556172-june>

July Office Hours

Tuesday, July 30

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

New Albany Library, Meeting Room 2
200 Market St, New Albany, OH 43054

Please contact my office if you would prefer to schedule a meeting at a time or location that is more convenient for you.



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 who they love.

I strongly oppose all anti-transgender and discriminatory bills like HB 8 and HB 68, all pieces of extremist legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer and trans-youth.

To show Ohio is open for business to the nation, we must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across Ohio. Yet the House Majority continues to pass extreme legislation that Ohioans are not calling for. Ohioans want bills that focus on gun safety. That's why I support common sense gun safety legislation in order to ensure the safety of our communities, families, and children, including:

- [HB 218](#) - Restores local authority to generally regulate firearm conduct.
- [HB 309](#) - Requires a 10-day period for firearm purchases.
- [HB 417](#) - Prohibits anyone with a DV conviction from owning a firearm.
- [HB 419](#) - Requires a background check for the purchase of a firearm, closing the gun show loophole.

I am here to listen to the people and work to keep our communities safe.

Energy Choice Ohio

Each June, utility supply prices are updated based on wholesale energy auctions. While consumers have the opportunity to compare prices from competing suppliers year-round, right now is the best time to see the most updated and accurate options.

Customers can compare offers from various electricity and natural gas suppliers through the PUCO's Energy Choice Ohio website: <https://energychoice.ohio.gov>. The *Apples-to-Apples* charts also allow consumers to compare offers to the price to their utilities' standard service offer and consider additional details such as contract length or renewable energy content.

Residential customers can use the "price-to-compare", or PTC, printed on your monthly utility bill when comparing electricity rates from competitive suppliers to know if switching suppliers will help you save money or not—even a \$0.02 difference per kWh can mean an average savings of \$20 per month. The price-to-compare represents what you might pay to your local utility if you do not choose to enroll with a competitive supplier.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day and Resources

In recognition of PTSD Awareness Day on June 27, I want to highlight resources that individuals who suffer from PTSD can use to get help:

- Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Toll-Free Bridge for referral and resources for mental health resources: 877-275-6364
- Ohio State Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) program for professionals and survivors of trauma: 614-293-7827 (STAR)
- Crisis support for Veterans: 988 then press 1 or 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) then press 1
- Mount Carmel Crime and Trauma Assistance Program (CTAP): 614-234-5900
 - Adult in crisis: 614-276-2273
 - Youth or adolescent in crisis: 614-722-1800
- Children: <https://www.handlewithcareoh.org/index.php>

Recent Events



High Point Elementary School field trip to the Statehouse



Meeting with Oncology Nurses



Meeting with Immune Deficiency Foundation



Bicycle One 50th Anniversary Celebration



Meeting with Ohio Dental Association



Meeting with Scouts BSA Girl Troop 7456 and celebrating their five-year anniversary



Judicial-Legislative Exchange Day with Judge Mary Jane Trapp, 11th District Court of Appeals



Meeting with Ohio Chapter of American Academy of Cardiology



Meeting with Moms Demand Action

June 2024 Dates of Note

Pride Month

Happy Pride Month! I am proud to celebrate our vibrant and diverse LGBTQ+ community. While we should spend June celebrating the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community has made to our state and country, we need to focus on threats to the community. Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation has been introduced in Ohio, and throughout the United States, in what has been an alarming trend targeting Americans civil rights. I will oppose any legislation that discriminates against the LGBTQ+ community and will be tirelessly working to protect minority communities.

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. It is important to acknowledge the ongoing fight against Alzheimer's, express gratitude for the health care heroes who treat those inflicted and remember the loved ones who have passed away due to the disease. I am committed to ensuring mental health programs are funded and supported.

Gun Violence Awareness Month

June is Gun Violence Prevention Month. The gun violence epidemic in America is out of control. Every day, we wake up to hear about a shooting that happened in our communities. I am committed to sponsoring, advocating, and voting for legislation that will curb gun violence including [HB 170](#) which would prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring firearms and [HB 175](#) which would require the safe storage of firearms. These bills will make our communities safer and are crucial first steps to ending gun violence in America.

National CPR and AED Awareness Week (June 1-7)

June 1-7 was National CPR and AED Awareness Week. [HB 47](#), sponsored by Rep. Brown (D- Canal Winchester) would equip every school and sports location in Ohio with AEDs. Ensuring everyone knows CPR and has access to an AED will save lives.

National Nursing Assistants Week (June 13-19)

During National Nursing Assistants week, I celebrate the incredible compassion and hard work of all Nursing Assistants who play a vital role in healthcare. Your time and dedication continue to impact patients' lives every day. Thank you!

World Environment Day (June 5)

From Hocking Hills to Lake Erie, Ohio is full of natural beauty. We celebrate the beauty of nature and all the benefits it provides us. Ohioans must protect our environment to ensure that future generations get to enjoy all Ohio has to offer.

D-Day, WWII (June 6)

On this day 80 years ago, Allied forces landed in Normandy, beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Thousands of American, British, and Canadian soldiers gave their lives for a free Europe. We must remember and honor the sacrifice of these brave soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice to liberate Europe from fascism.

National Children's Day (June 9)

Our children are our future. On National Children's Day, we reflect on the challenges many children around our state and country face. We need to ensure our children have access to a quality public education, food on the table, and a future to be hopeful about.

Women's Veterans Day (June 12)

June 12th marks Women's Veterans Day. Today, we honor the sacrifice and service of America's servicewomen. Over 200K women are active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces with another 170K in the reserves/national guard. House Democrats are proud to celebrate the amazing women of our armed forces.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15)

On June 15th, we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is important to learn the signs of abuse such as: An individual stops taking part in activities they enjoy, has unexplained bruises, burns, cuts, or scars, or displays signs of insufficient care or unpaid bills despite adequate financial resources. Learn more at the National Institute of Health's website [here](#).

Father's Day (June 16)

Happy Father's Day!

Eid al-Adha (evening of June 16)

Happy Eid al-Adha!

Juneteenth (June 19)

On Juneteenth, we celebrate the official end of slavery in the United States. We reflect on the history of slavery, the impact of which is still felt today. We also celebrate the sacrifices made by so many on the journey towards freedom and equality.

Summer Solstice (June 20)

June 20 marks the longest day of the year and the official start to the summer! Happy Summer Solstice!

World Refugee Day (June 20)

On World Refugee Day, I stand in solidarity with refugees worldwide and honor their strength, courage, and resilience. Everyone, no matter who you are or where you come from, deserve to have a chance to thrive.

Overtourn of Roe V Wade (June 24)

It's been two years since Roe v. Wade was overturned and more than half of Americans on both sides of the aisle continue to express support for abortion care. I will always fight to protect access to healthcare Ohioans need.