

MEREDITH LAWSON-ROWE

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE – HOUSE DISTRICT 5



2025 NEWSLETTER RECAP



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



REPRESENTATIVE LAWSON-ROWE...

INTRODUCED 12 BILLS

HIGHLIGHT: Representative Lawson-Rowe introduced HB 247 — Avery’s Law, legislation that was recently signed into law by the Governor. The law establishes new requirements for owners of vicious dogs, strengthening accountability and helping prevent future dog attacks across Ohio.

CO-SPONSORED 66 BILLS

HIGHLIGHT: Representative Lawson-Rowe co-sponsored HB 29, which prohibits denying inmates access to feminine hygiene products and requires facilities to provide an adequate supply at no cost, ensuring dignity and basic health needs for incarcerated individuals.

WROTE 12 NEWSLETTERS

Representative Lawson-Rowe publishes a monthly newsletter. Scan here to sign up!



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WROTE 31 PRESS RELEASES

STAYING IN THE ROWE: Another great way to stay informed about what Representative Lawson-Rowe is celebrating, cautioning voters on, and highlighting is through her press releases, which can be found [HERE](#).





IN 2025, REPRESENTATIVE LAWSON-ROWE HAD AT LEAST...

146 MEETINGS HELD

29 HOUSE SESSIONS ATTENDED

90 INTERVIEWS ATTENDED

26 RIBBON-CUTTINGS AND GRAND OPENINGS

6 OFFICE SHADOWS

**65 COMMITTEE
MEETINGS
ATTENDED**

LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD

REPRESENTATIVE LAWSON-ROWE VOTED ON 194 BILLS IN 2025

VOTED “NO” TO SENATE BILL 293

Representative Lawson-Rowe voted no on SB 293 because it needlessly and recklessly changes Ohio’s voting laws, once again adding administrative barriers that make it harder for Ohioans to cast their ballots and have them counted. The bill would eliminate the four-day

grace period that allows timely mailed ballots to arrive after Election Day and still be counted, increase voter registration cancellations, force more voters to use provisional ballots, and create confusion on Election Day through rushed and unnecessary changes. Representative Lawson-Rowe believes elections should be

secure, accessible, and not overcomplicated, and that eligible Ohio voters should not face new obstacles to participating in our democracy.

VOTED “NO” TO HOUSE BILL 184

Representative Lawson-Rowe voted no on HB 184 after hundreds of last-minute amendments were added to the final version of the bill. These changes remove nearly \$200 million in funding for care for Ohio seniors in nursing homes and delay an important

payment modernization process for publicly funded child care providers—reducing expected state investment in quality, affordable child care by \$73 million in the next fiscal year. Ohio families are already struggling to find reliable child care

and ensure their loved ones receive proper care in senior facilities. The passage of this bill only makes those challenges worse.

VOTED “YES” TO HOUSE BILL 359

Representative Lawson-Rowe voted yes on HB 359, affectionately referred to as the Joshua Alert. This bill requires local law enforcement agencies to notify the statewide emergency alert system as soon as a child with autism or another developmental disability is

reported missing. The legislation was inspired by the tragic loss of Joshua Al. Lateef Jr., who was only six years old when he wandered away. Joshua had autism, and his disappearance ultimately resulted in the loss of his life. Representative Lawson-Rowe takes situations like these very seriously and

looks forward to a safer Ohio, where tragedies such as this are minimized through swift action, awareness, and coordination.

VOTED “YES” TO SENATE BILL 39

Representative Lawson-Rowe voted yes on SB 29, which requires the Director of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of Veterans Services, to create a Veterans Benefits and Services poster. The bill also requires the Director of Commerce to

provide a copy of the poster to an employer upon request and allows employers to display it at their workplaces. This bill aims to increase awareness of the benefits and services available to Ohio’s veterans,

ensuring they and their families have easier access to the resources they have earned through their service.

MONEY TALKS



\$93,514,000

WAS BROUGHT BACK TO DISTRICT 5 IN 2025!

VETERANS AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENT

Representative Lawson-Rowe serves as the Ranking Member of the Veterans and Military Development Committee. The mission of the committee is to make Ohio the most veteran-friendly state in the nation, and she is proud to see that work reflected in her leadership and advocacy; particularly through investments brought back to the district.

These investments include \$138,000 for parking renovations at Rickenbacker Army Base, improving access and infrastructure for service members and veterans.

Representative Lawson-Rowe is excited to continue working with the committee and the General Assembly to deliver meaningful results and ensure Ohio's veterans receive the support, respect, and resources they deserve.



**THANK YOU FOR A
GREAT YEAR. I LOOK
FORWARD TO
CONTINUING OUR
WORK TOGETHER IN
2026.**

SAVE THE DATE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TOWN HALL

REYNOLDSBURG CITY HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026
6:00PM

* Centered on
House Bill 452
to honor the
history of the
761st Tank
Battalion



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Medicaid
(800) 324-8680

Unemployment
(614) 466-6282

Environmental Protection Agency
(614) 644-3020

Taxation
(800) 282-1780

Transportation
(614) 466-7170

Rehabilitation and

Correction
(614) 387-0588

Commerce
(614) 466-3636

Veterans Services
(614) 644-0898

Education/Workforce
(877) 644-6338

Civil Rights
(888) 278-7101

Franklin County Agencies

Legal Aid
(614) 221-7201

Jobs and Family Services
(844) 640-6446

Aging
(614) 525-5230

Developmental Disabilities
(614) 475-6440

Animal Care & Control
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Board of Elections
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