# from the desk of STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

#### JUNE 2025 | STATEHOUSE UPDATE | HOUSE DISTRICT 6



Rep. Cockley at Governor DeWine's press conference on the Ohio Missing Persons Working Group.

#### **Dear District 6 Neighbor,**

**Happy Pride Month!** As we enter June, I'm excited to honor and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and recommit to the fight for equality, dignity, and justice for all. Pride Month is a time to uplift voices, reflect on hard-won progress, and stand united against discrimination in every form.

May brought a mix of celebration and concern. I was proud to see Issue 2 pass by a wide margin, securing \$2.5 billion in infrastructure funding to improve roads, bridges, and sewers in communities across Ohio.

This investment is essential to building strong, connected neighborhoods.

At the same time, I continue to strongly oppose HB 96 – a harmful state budget that slashes vital services while handing \$600 million to billionaires for a new Browns stadium. I voted NO and urge you to speak out against it. **Contact Senate President Rob McColley at (614) 466-8150** or **mccolley@ohiosenate.gov** and **Finance Chair Jerry Cirino at (614) 644-7718** or **cirino@ohiosenate.gov**. Let them know this budget does not reflect Ohio's priorities.

Let's keep working together – for fairness, for community, and for pride.

In solidarity,

Christine Cockey



Rep. Cockley at the Franklin County ADAMH Board Crisis Center Ribbon Cutting.



Rep. Cockley and Dr. Rep. Somani in Mansfield for their ODWLC Listening Tour.



Rep. Cockley at Mayor Ginther's Clean and Safe Corridors Initiative on Suliivant Avenue.



Rep. Cockley meeting with constituents and advocates for the Ohio's Nursing Association Advocacy Day.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – HB32**

#### **HB 32 - CELEBRATING DISABILITIES MONTH**



DESIGNATE CELEBRATING DISABILITIES MONTH Rep. Cockley giving testimony for HB 32, Celebrating Disabilities Month. I am thrilled to announce that HB 32 is one step closer to being signed into law! This important piece of legislation passed unanimously through the Health Committee and will be up for a vote in the coming weeks. If enacted, it would officially recognize July as Celebrating Disabilities Month. In doing so, it would create the opportunity to celebrate, and highlight the amazing strength, courage, and leadership of individuals with disabilities across our communities.

As someone living with ADHD, this bill is deeply personal to me. I understand the

resilience it takes to navigate daily life with a disability, and I believe in the power of visibility to help break stigma and combat discrimination.

I will keep you posted on any updates. Hopefully, when we reach the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act this July, we'll also be celebrating the first official Disabilities Awareness Month, together!

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OPEN OFFICE HOURS Date: June 9th Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Hilliard Library 4500 Hickory Chase Way, Hilliard REVENUE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Date: June 16<sup>h</sup> Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Location: Prairie Township Community Center

23 Maple Drive, Columbus

### COMMUNITY SURVEY



DO YOU SUPPORT THE STATE BUDGET (HB 96) AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS?

### MY OFFICE CAN ALSO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Disputes with state agencies
- Commendations and condolences
- Hearing opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connecting you or your business to state programs and services
- Connecting you with neighborhood resources
- Testifying before a House Committee

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