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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

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Rep. Cockley stands with fellow legislators against rigged redistricting process in Texas.

## Dear District 6 Neighbor,

**Happy September!** This past month I had the opportunity to attend both the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and The Council of State Governments' (CSG) Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development. One key moment was standing with Texas lawmakers to oppose the Trump Administration's attempt to redraw Congressional maps. This undemocratic move just handed the President five additional seats. A threat to fair representation in Texas is a threat to all of us. As Ohio begins its own redistricting process, we must remain vigilant to ensure fair and honest elections.

Another highlight was co-hosting the P.L.A.N. (Prevent, Listen, Act, Navigate) Ohio town hall on the West Side. We brought together legislators, advocates, and local organizations to raise awareness and share resources to

combat gun violence. I'm proud of the progress we're making. Still, there is more work to do to ensure every community is safe.

Thank you for staying engaged. Together, we will continue fighting for justice in Ohio and beyond.

In solidarity,

*Christine Cockley*



Rep. Cockley at a Leading Ladies of the Legislature town hall.



Rep. Cockley at CSG's Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.



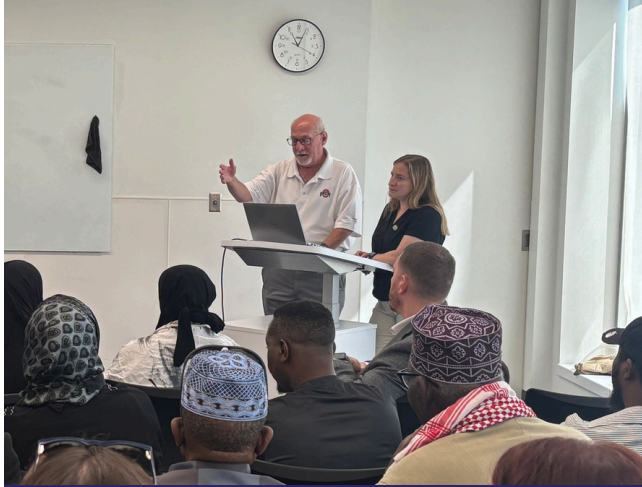
Rep. Cockley attending the 20th annual Hilltop Day Out and delivering a commendation.



Rep. Cockley recording a PSA on opioids and human trafficking awareness.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 352

## HB 352- CLOSING THE BOYFRIEND LOOPHOLE



Rep. Cockley and Sen. DeMora hosting a gun violence prevention town hall at the Hilltop Library.



Reps Brewer, Jarrells, and Cockley hosting a gun violence prevention town hall at the Hilltop Library.

As mentioned, one of the most important parts of P.L.A.N. Ohio, was raising awareness for current legislation. HB 352 is one of these bills that needs your support. It would close the “boyfriend loophole”, a long standing exception to domestic violence law that needs to be addressed.

Under Ohio’s current law, individuals are restricted from owning a firearm if they commit domestic violence against someone who is a family or household member. This means that people in relationships who are not married to or live with their partner are not protected. HB 352 would extend these protections to people who were previously or are currently in a relationship.

This simple yet effective legislation has been proved to save lives. 32 states have already implemented this change and seen a significant drop in intimate partner homicides.

Protecting victims is a bipartisan issue. I encourage you to help make our communities safer by supporting this bill. Contact Committee Chair Jim Thomas and express your support for this legislation. You can reach his office at (614) 466-8030 or [rep49@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep49@ohiohouse.gov).

### MY OFFICE CAN ALSO HELP WITH:

- 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OPEN OFFICE HOURS

**Date: September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Location: Hilltop Library Branch**

**511 S Hague Ave**

**Columbus, OH 43204**

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