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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

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Rep. Cockley joins fellow Ohioans, lawmakers, and advocates at the Fair Maps Day Protest.

## Dear District 6 Neighbor,

**Happy October and happy Fall!** This past month, I continued my work advocating for the people of District 6 and all Ohioans. A key moment was joining citizens, advocates, and fellow lawmakers at the Fair Maps Day protest. It was a powerful reminder of the urgent need for fair, representative congressional maps. As Ohio enters yet another round of redistricting, we must demand a process that is transparent, accountable, and truly reflective of the will of the people. Our constitutional right to fair elections is not negotiable, and we must stay vigilant in protecting it.

Another highlight this month was co-hosting a naturalization ceremony with Rep. Sigrist at West High School, right here in District 6. It was an honor to welcome our newest citizens as they celebrated this major milestone.

Moments like these, standing up for fair representation and celebrating our neighbors, remind us what public service is really about: ensuring that democracy works for everyone.

In solidarity,

*Christine Cockley*



Rep. Cockley meeting with Somali Bantu constituents.



Rep. Cockley at the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting.



Rep. Cockley meeting with Holocaust survivors.



Rep. Cockley at the West High School Naturalization Ceremony.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 472

## HB 472 - WAIVE ID AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE FEES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



Rep. Cockley with her joint sponsor  
for HB 472, Rep. Salvo.

For this month's newsletter, I am excited to announce I recently introduced a new bill that aims to eliminate barriers for the unhoused population in Ohio. Homelessness remains a significant issue throughout the state, often affecting those who already face systemic barriers and hardships. This bill proposes waiving the fees associated with state-issued identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates for every person experiencing homelessness.

Proper identification, including, IDs and birth certificates are often required to access basic needs, secure employment, apply for housing, access medical care, and enroll in education or training programs. For those without stable housing or financial resources, these documents can be incredibly difficult to obtain.

This commonsense legislation aims to eliminate unnecessary obstacles and ensure that those in need can access vital resources. By waiving fees, the state is making it easier for people to access housing, employment, and healthcare while reinforcing its commitment to addressing the ongoing housing crisis. Although it may seem like a small change, if enacted, this bill has the power to create real, lasting change in people's lives. If passed, this bill has the potential to help our most vulnerable neighbors regain stability, escape poverty, and seize new opportunities for a better future.

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- Connecting you with neighborhood resources
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OPEN OFFICE HOURS

**Date: October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Location: Hilliard Library Branch  
4500 Hickory Chase Way  
Hilliard, OH 43026**

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