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STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

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Rep. Cockley on the House Floor urging members to vote in favor of HR 227 to expedite NCIC and NamUs connection.

Dear District 6 Neighbor,

Happy November and happy Thanksgiving! As we head into the holiday season, I feel grateful for the continued engagement from our community. This month has been busy at the Statehouse, with several opportunities to testify and advocate on my bills, and I am glad to share several updates with you.

HR 227, my resolution urging the U.S. Department of Justice to connect NCIC and NamUs was passed and adopted by the House. Additionally, **HB 472**, my bill to make state IDs and birth certificates free for Ohioans experiencing homelessness, also got positively voted out of committee and is currently waiting to be brought to the House Floor for a vote. If you want to advocate for this bill, you can contact **Speaker Huffman** at Rep78@ohiohouse.gov and urge him to bring it to the floor for a vote.

As the legislature prepares to go on holiday break, I look forward to continuing to hear from you. Your insight guides my work, and I remain committed to serving you. Please reach out to my office at any time if I can ever be of assistance.

In solidarity,

Christine Cockley



Rep. Cockley and Senator DeMora at the Prairie Township Community Center's Trick or Trail.



Rep. Cockley presenting a 60th birthday commendation to Brutus.



Rep. Cockley giving updates to the Missing Persons Working Group on HB 217 and HR 227.



Rep. Cockley and Rep. Mohamed attending a Somali Bantu culture celebration in Columbus.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 524

HB 524 - REGARDS AI MODELS SUGGESTING HARMING SELF OR OTHERS



Rep. Cockley and her joint sponsor,
Rep. Mathews testifying in
committee.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are becoming a bigger part of how people look for information. For many people who are already facing rising rates of loneliness and mental health challenges, these tools can feel like a place to turn during difficult moments. Consider the tragic case of Adam Raine, a 16-year-old boy who died by suicide after a chatbot provided him with detailed instructions on how to take his own life. After his death, his parents learned that the chatbot had discouraged him from reaching out for help and had even offered to write his suicide note. No parent should ever have to experience the unimaginable pain of losing a child in such a preventable way.

This is a serious public safety concern, especially for those vulnerable during times of crisis. That is why I decided to introduced House Bill (HB) 524 with

with Representative Mathews. Our bipartisan bill puts commonsense guardrails in place to prevent these tragedies and protect Ohioans. Our bill prohibits the development or deployment of AI systems that promote self-harm or violence, giving the state the authority to investigate violations and intervene when an AI model presents a risk to users. Any funds collected through enforcement would support the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Fund.

HB 524 is a commonsense step toward protecting vulnerable residents and ensuring that support is available when people need it most. The bill is currently under consideration in the Ohio House Technology and Innovation Committee.

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