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STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY



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Rep. Cockley at Governor DeWine's
State of the State Address

Dear District 6 Neighbor,

Happy Women's History Month! As a member of the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus, supporting the women of District 6 and across Ohio remains a priority. This month we assembled care packages with the Ohio Women's Alliance, a statewide nonprofit. As March comes to a close, it is important to keep the momentum of this month's values for the rest of the year.

Additionally, I had the pleasure of giving sponsor testimony on **HB 665** with my cosponsor Representative Fischer. This important bill would update Ohio's antitrust laws to keep up with the changing times of new technology. We ensure consumers are protected and promote competitive industries for a healthier economy. This is especially important as artificial intelligence continues to develop. As advanced technology becomes more accessible, we cannot afford to wait on this issue any longer. I urge my colleagues on the technology and innovation committee to support this legislation.

Your concerns are mine, and I remain committed to serving you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for anything you might need.

Yours in service,

Christine Cockley



Rep. Cockley giving
testimony on HB 665 to
regulate AI pricing
algorithms



Rep. Cockley at the
Westside Area
Business Association
Charity Auction



Rep. Cockley and the Jewish
Caucus at a Townhall in
Cleveland



Rep. Cockley and the
Women's Caucus
assembling care
packages

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 217

ENACTS THE ANDY CHAPMAN'S ACT TO SUPPORT MISSING PERSONS



Rep. Cockley with the Chapman family

As the primary sponsor of **House Bill 217**, I am excited to share that the bill has been unanimously passed the house. I appreciate Chair Abrams and all members of the public safety committee for their support of this important legislation. As we prepare for its debut in the Senate, I will continue to work proudly alongside my joint sponsor Rep. Ritter. The Andy Chapman Act (formerly the FIND Act) would mandate law enforcement agencies enter information about missing persons into NamUS within 30 days of a report being filed.

NamUS is the only national database repository for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons cases. It works across state lines, and provides a unified hub for law enforcement, medical examiners, and investigative professionals.

Additionally, it gives limited access to the public, empowering loved ones to take an active role in the search.

Over 20,000 Ohioans go missing each year. This bill is for each one of them. By ensuring timely entry of data into NamUS we enhance cross state tracking and remove systemic obstacles, allowing for improved outcomes.

Ensuring we are doing everything we can for missing Ohioan's and their families is not just common sense. It's the right thing to do. These families deserve answers, they deserve closure. I thank my colleagues for their support in passing this bill.

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