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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY



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Rep. Cockley meeting with constituents during the National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter's Advocacy Day

## Dear District 6 Neighbor,

Happy April! I am proud to highlight the work that my office and the entire House Democratic Caucus do to address the affordability challenges facing families across the state. Last week, we introduced a legislative package aimed at reducing rising costs for healthcare, childcare, energy, housing, and everyday consumer goods. These proposals are designed to help Ohioans thrive without the stress of financial uncertainty.

This package reflects our commitment to listening to the concerns of everyday Ohioans and taking action to make life more manageable for families. By tackling the issues that matter most, we are working to ensure that every Ohioan has the opportunity to live, work, and raise their families in a state that supports them.

On another note, I was also extremely proud to co-host the Ohio Jewish Caucus' 4th Annual Seder Dinner at the Statehouse. It was a special opportunity to come together in reflection, community, and tradition.

I truly enjoyed connecting with colleagues and constituents sharing in this meaningful celebration, and honoring the values that guide our work in public service.

I am here to listen and to act on your concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office anytime you need support or information.

Yours in service,

*Christine Cockley*



Rep. Cockley alongside fellow House Democrats hosting their affordability press conference



Rep. Cockley judging the 2026 Ohio oratorical competition



Rep. Cockley and the Jewish Caucus at the 4th annual Seder



Rep. Cockley celebrating Twisted Vine Wine Shop's 20th anniversary

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 808

## BRINGING TRANSPARENCY TO SOCIAL MEDIA



Rep. Cockley and Dr. Overmire, Franklin County Coroner, filming a PSA on suicide prevention and HB 524

I am proud to introduce House Bill 808 alongside Rep. Salvo, a measure aimed at protecting Ohioans, especially our youth, from the hidden harms of addictive social media use. This bill would require platforms with addictive features, like infinite scroll, autoplay, and visible like counts, to display clear warning labels, designed by our Department of Behavioral Health.

HB 808 is the result of growing research linking excessive social media use to anxiety, depression, disrupted sleep, low self-esteem, and other cognitive and behavioral effects. By ensuring that users are keenly aware of these risks, we allow them to make informed choices. This bill empowers individuals and families to make healthier digital choices. The bill also establishes an annual review of warning label effectiveness and updates based on the latest research.

This legislation was inspired, in part, by a recent landmark case out of New York, which found that platforms like Meta and YouTube have harmed users by failing to communicate the addictive nature of their features. By creating this label, we will hold companies accountable and ensure Ohioans' mental health is prioritized.

Ohioans deserve transparency and protection in the digital world. HB 808 ensures that social media platforms do not keep users in the dark about the potential consequences of prolonged use. I call on my colleagues to support this bill to safeguard the well-being of Ohioans and their families.

### 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:** April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Hilliard Branch Library

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Hilliard, OH 43026

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