

from the desk of

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

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Dear District 6 Neighbor,

Happy September! With school back in session and fall just around the corner, I hope everyone enjoys the renewed energy that comes with a new season. This August, I had the opportunity to spend meaningful time in our community and hear from constituents & leaders across the country about the challenges facing our communities and what we can do together to help us grow and thrive. I'm looking forward to continuing those conversations and connecting with you throughout the busy months ahead!

I've spent the summer getting out and enjoying all the activities and festivities happening throughout Central Ohio. Kicking off August, I spent a busy day on the Westside visiting Catholic Social Services and Ace Community House and learning more about the Ohio Investigative Unit's work. Later in the month, I attended a pre-release screening of *Union County*, where I heard important conversations about substance use disorder and the impact it has on Ohio families.



Rep. Cockley's Toll Fellow class and leaders from across the country as they shared ideas and gained new leadership insights that Rep. Cockley will bring back to Ohio!

Along the way, I volunteered with Seeds of Caring at LifeCare Alliance, celebrated a special Fudge Foundation ribbon-cutting, and attended the Ohio State Fair, where I heard testimony and celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

I was also honored to be selected as a Toll Fellow, a program that brings together emerging state leaders from across the country for leadership development and collaboration. I attended the conference in Lexington, Kentucky, alongside other inspiring and motivated leaders from across the nation. I look forward to bringing what I learned back to my office, District 6, and the State of Ohio.

As always, I am here to listen and serve. Reach out to my office if you need support or information.

Yours in service,

Christine Cockley



Attending Community Conversations for Ace Community House



Attending the pre-release screening of *Union County*



Creating Pet Care Kits with Seeds of Caring at LifeCare Alliance



Celebrating the Fudge Foundation ribbon-cutting

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 807

REP. COCKLEY INTRODUCES NEW HOUSE BILL ON PROTECTING PRIVACY



Rep. Cockley at the Toll Fellowship Conferencing meeting with other leaders from across the country

I am working on **House Bill (HB) 807**, with my Joint Sponsor Representative Tristan Rader. HB 807 was referred to the House Government Oversight Committee in May. This bill would strengthen Ohio's existing protections against the sale and commercial use of sensitive personal data.

While I believe that technology has the power to make amazing advances in our lives and society, I am passionate about using technology in a safe, ethical, and productive way. HB 807 is a way to ensure all Ohioans feel safe and protected from large corporations that profit off of selling personal, private data.

This bill would prohibit state agencies, state officials, data brokers, and private entities from selling or sharing sensitive data for the purpose of profit. This would include information such as names, date of birth, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, facial-recognition data, immigration status, and personal characteristics.

While exceptions exist for credit/insurance evaluations, employment, and necessary court-ordered purposes, this bill would require informed consent to access private data. The bill also outlines enforcement mechanisms and will allow the attorney general to seek injunctions, monetary penalties for violations, felony charges, and would also allow victims to sue.

I am passionate that we must ensure that Ohioans' personal information remains protected and does not become a commodity for corporations to profit off of. I am committed to representing our community and protecting our private data from being someone else's profit.

MY OFFICE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Resolving issues with state agencies
- Letters of commendation and condolence
- Consideration of opinions & concerns with bills in the state legislature or state related issues
- Connecting you or your business to state programs and services or neighborhood resources
- Testifying before a House Committee on legislation

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