

# A legislative update from Representative Crystal Lett

March 2026 Recap



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful March and beginning of spring! I have some exciting updates. Connie's Law ([HB 581](#)) received its proponent testimony, we worked on advancing [House Bill 585](#), and introduced new legislation addressing the data center development in Ohio. ([HB 784](#))

I attended Governor DeWine's final State of the State address in early March and witnessed the lack of attention being brought to the things that really matter to the people of Ohio; the issues that affect our everyday lives.

Across our state we continue to see challenges with the rising cost of living, untenable property taxes, and much more. I will continue to push legislation that protects our community and empowers constituent voices in these decisions.

Ohio families deserve not only access to resources, but fair and thoughtful policies that support your everyday lives. I see your advocacy, and I remain committed to pushing forward legislation, speaking and showing up in ways that make meaningful differences and serve District 11.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

Yours in service,

Crystal Lett

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crystal Lett".

State Representative, Ohio House District 11

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH REP. LETT

- **April 25th, 10am - 12pm @ Hilliard Public Library**
  - 4500 Hickory Chase Way, Hilliard, OH 43026
- **May townhall event/location TBD**

Come join me at any of these events for a chance to connect, discuss the issues that matter most to you, and work together for a stronger community!

## REQUIRE DATA CENTER WATER CONSUMPTION REPORTS: HB 784



Rep. Cockley and Rep. Lett introduced [legislation](#) that would require data centers to report monthly and yearly water consumption and to prohibit data centers from including water consumption information in nondisclosure agreements with political subdivisions. "My constituents have made it clear: if data centers are coming into our communities, they must be good neighbors. This legislation sets a firm foundation to ensure communities and developers fully understand the real impacts of these facilities," said Rep. Lett.

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## REPRESENTATIVE LETT SPEAKS OUT ON AFFORDABILITY IN OHIO

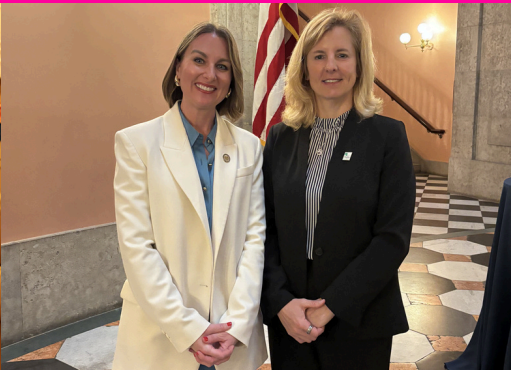
As Ohioans continue to struggle with rising costs of living, the Ohio House Democrats are pushing for legislation to alleviate some of those pressures. Representative Lett spoke out about this, specifically child care, at the House Democrat’s recent affordability press conference. She noted that child care is so expensive that for some parents, it’s cheaper to drop out of the workforce. “How can we claim to be pro-family, or pro-growth when our policies are pushing parents out of the workforce?”, said Rep. Lett. “It doesn't have to be this way.” She highlighted Representative Bryant Bailey’s Child Care Tax Credit bill: [HB 804](#). Multiple other states have similar policies already--including red states. There is no no reason Ohio shouldn’t make these simple changes to help families.

To watch the press conference please navigate to the Ohio Channel: [Click Here](#)

### PHOTO GALLERY



*Rep. Lett speaking at the affordability press conference*



*Rep. Lett and Mayor Groomes at the Governor’s State of the State Address*



*Rep. Robinson and Rep. Lett introducing [HB 800: Preschool for All](#)*

### SOCIAL WORK AWARENESS MONTH

March was Social Work Awareness Month. Representative Lett met with future social workers to hear about how [HB 797](#) would benefit their careers. Rep. Lett enjoyed hearing their stories and appreciated how dedicated these young individuals are to serving their communities.





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## A TALE OF TWO DUBLINS



Representative Lett pictured with Senator Beth Liston, TD Keira Keogh, and Representative Lauren McNally

Rep. Lett was honored to meet with TD Keogh (pictured 2<sup>nd</sup> from right) all the way from Ireland. TD stands for Teachta Dála (TD) which is the lower house of the Irish parliament (Oireachtas). Often translated as "Dáil Deputy" or "Assembly Delegate," TDs are directly elected to represent constituencies. There are currently 174 TDs representing 43 constituencies throughout Ireland. TD Keogh represents the people of County Mayo, which is in Northwest Ireland. She and Rep. Lett compared cultures and policies from Ireland to Ohio. Both legislators have focuses on child care, families, and childhood development in their spaces. Thank you TD Keogh for participating in this fascinating cultural exchange! 🍀

## REP. LETT VOTES 'NO' ON HB 347

In March, Representative Lett voted NO on House Bill 347, also known as the SHE WINS Act. HB 347 requires a physician to meet with a pregnant individual at least 24 hours before an abortion occurs to provide informed consent. Not only that: the bill prescribes biased language that the physicians must use when that conversation occurs. Rep. Lett voted NO because she believes that the government should stay out of the doctor's office. Women are capable of making their own decisions, and Ohioans already told the state legislature they want reproductive healthcare to be safe and accessible.

## MAY 6: DO YOU HAVE A VOTING PLAN?

### Primaries

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Typically held in the spring, primary elections determine which candidates qualify to run for office in the general election. Sometimes local or statewide issues are also on a primary ballot.

Every eligible Ohioan can vote in a primary, as long as they are registered 30 days before Election Day. Most primaries are partisan, meaning candidates from the same party run against each other to win their party's nomination for the general election.

When you vote in a primary, you simply choose which party's ballot you want that day, or you can choose an issues-only ballot. Choosing a party ballot does not permanently register you with that party; it only applies until the next primary.

Synonym: Primary elections

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Did you know in Ohio you don't register to vote by party? Your party affiliation is actually determined by which party's ballot you select and then vote with in the primary election. Voting is always important, but primaries are special for this reason. Not only that, but voting in a primary gives you say in who's on the ballot come November.

You can find your polling location at the Franklin Co. Board of Elections website.

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