

A Legislative Update from  
**Representative Tristan W. Rader**  
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## HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

**Dear Neighbor,**

Happy June! This spring, House Democrats unanimously voted “NO” on the state operating budget (HB 96). This GOP state operating budget is a coverup of years of Republican irresponsibility and reckless spending that gives away money to special interests and billionaire stadium owners. Ohioans deserve legislation that lowers their cost of living--not one that gives more state money to the wealthiest Ohioans. From childcare and Medicaid to SNAP benefits and the Fair School Funding Plan, House Democrats are fighting for essential programs that are a lifeline for those in need. By restricting access to LGBTQ+ materials in public libraries, criminalizing support for transgender youth, and defining gender in narrow, exclusionary terms, lawmakers are using HB 96 to push the dangerous agenda of erasure and control.

This Pride Month, Rep. Rader joined colleagues and advocates at the Statehouse to introduce legislation protecting LGBTQ+ Ohioans--from banning conversion therapy to defending marriage equality and expanding anti-discrimination laws. “We’re not just here to remember history--we’re here to make it,” said Rader. As extremist attacks on LGBTQ+ rights continue, we’re standing strong for inclusion, dignity, and equality. Pride is more than a celebration--it’s a commitment to ensuring every Ohioan can live freely and authentically.

Republican lawmakers are also, once again, targeting the abortion and reproductive healthcare rights that Ohio voters enshrined in the Constitution in 2023. Under HB 370, all forms of abortion, regardless of rape or incest, IVF, and some forms of contraception like IUDs would be banned. House Democrats will continue standing firm against these extreme measures and fighting for an Ohio that protects freedom, dignity, and opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tristan W. Rader".

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

While we continue to work on initiatives that will better Ohioans, we have already had several bills make progress in their respective committees:

- **HB 163** - Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP
  - Proponent Testimony - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Hearing
    - Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
    - Ohio Association of Foodbanks
    - Ohio Poverty Law Center
    - Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
    - Ohio Dairy Producers Association
    - Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland
    - Ohio Grocers Association
    - United Way of Greater Cleveland
- **HB 293** - Designate NASA Day of Remembrance
  - Sponsor/Proponent Testimony - 1st & 2nd Hearing
    - By making this designation, we can pay tribute to and honor members of NASA who have lost their lives while furthering the cause of space exploration and discovery for the benefit of all, including the crews of Apollo 1 and space shuttles Challenger and Columbia.

- **HB 289** - Ohio Health Care Plan - Introduced
  - The Ohio Health Care Plan (OHCP) would provide single-payer universal access to quality health care, dental care, and vision services for all Ohioans. Under this legislation 91% of Ohio residents will experience no tax increase whatsoever.
- Follow the QR code here to join a petition asking Senators Husted and Moreno to not cut Medicaid in the federal budget.



## UPCOMING COFFEE WITH REP. RADER

Come join me at our monthly coffee chats for a chance to connect, discuss the issues that matter most to you, and work together for a stronger community!

- **July 12, 10am - 12pm @ Panera Bread**
  - 14701 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107
- **July 26, 10am - 12pm @ Floressa**
  - 3328 W 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44109



## IN THE DISTRICT



Community Health Center Ribbon Cutting!

## CAUGHT IN ACTION



HB1/SB88  
Protest at the Statehouse

In recent weeks, Rep. Rader joined in protest with other constituents against ICE arrests and xenophobic legislation like HB1 and SB 88 which would restrict who can own real estate.

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