

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Upchurch

Dear Neighbor,

April was a busy month at the Statehouse! We are proud to unveil our values and vision to Ohio with what we call the “People First” agenda. Putting people first means working together to ensure all Ohioans—no matter your race, gender or economic status—have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.

This May, Democrats are recognizing and celebrating our educators in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. House Democrats thank all our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible. That’s why we support legislation to guarantee every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education. Democrats delivered a major win for education by advocating an update to the Fair School Funding Plan that would invest more money in our public schools. The Fair School Funding Plan supports students and ensures that public schools get the funds they need to succeed. Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do!

In our efforts to find common ground to better the lives of all Ohioans, House Democrats remain steadfast in our position of never dividing and distracting Ohioans from the crucial work needed to put people first and move Ohio forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,



People First Agenda

This month, House Democrats unveiled our People First agenda. The People First agenda is built on top of three Democratic values: freedom, dignity, opportunity.

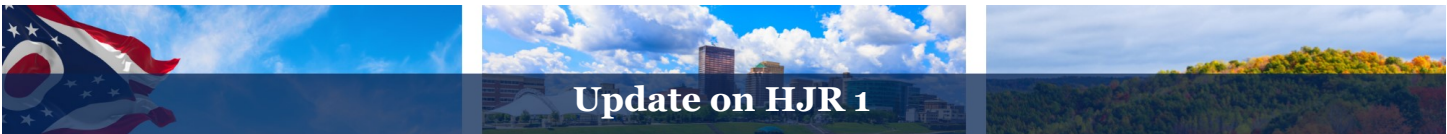


FREEDOM is the belief incorporated within fighting for our fundamental rights. A value that brings our communities, our tribes, our people together. Our mission is aimed at protecting the freedom of all Ohioans to vote, to choose, to live, to love and learn.

DIGNITY is focused on the value of building an Ohio we all deserve. Dignity means good jobs, fair wages, and suitable health benefits. The dignity found in the American dream of safe and affordable housing where we have a chance to reach our potential.

OPPORTUNITY is centered around the ideal that Ohio must invest in its most valuable resource that will lead this state forward- its people. This can be done by meeting people where they are supporting them, through good times and bad.

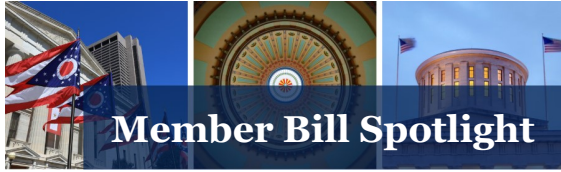
Bills like HB 7 (Improve Maternal & Infant Mortality Outcomes), HB 96 (Increase Minimum Wage to \$15), and HB 115 (Ohio Equal Pay Act) are priorities for Democrats and will propel our state forward.



Update on HJR 1

HJR 1/SJR 2 is undemocratic, unpopular, and unfair. In a rush to restrict access to abortion—which they freely admit--some extremist Republicans and special interest groups are putting culture wars ahead of our freedom and Ohio’s economic future with HJR 1. This bill will drive businesses from Ohio, discourage new innovation from coming to the state, and set Ohio’s economic potential back decades. Restricting ballot initiatives takes away Ohioans voice’s and our right to decide what matters most. It would end majority rule in Ohio, shred our Constitution, and take away our right to decide what happens in our communities. Democrats will always support legislation that upholds the freedom to be who we are, the dignity of representation, and opportunity to thrive.





My Newest Legislation:

- HB 150: Prohibit discrimination in form of housing payment
- HR 95: Urges Congress to extend GI benefits to descendants of Black WWII Veterans



Resource Fair:

- Be on the lookout for the details for our Community Resource Fair in June!
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