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From the desk of Rep. Upchurch

Dear Neighbor,

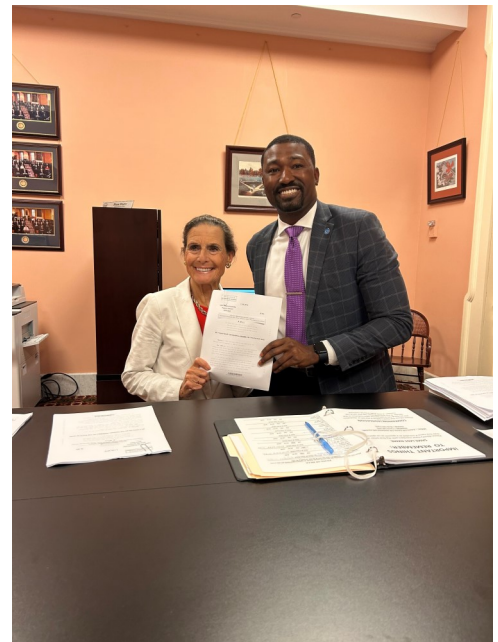
Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

This Independence Day, make sure your voice is heard and vote “NO” on Issue 1. Issue 1 is an unfair, unpopular, and undemocratic attack on the people and an attack on their sacred constitution. It will shred that constitution, it will end majority rule in our state, and it will snuff out the principle of “one person, one vote.” We must defeat Issue 1 to protect our freedom to determine our future.
#VoteNoInAugust

Make sure your voice is heard this August! Register to vote at: vote.ohio.gov.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep20@Ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-7954. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,





State Representatives

Darnell T. Brewer, Terrence Upchurch & Juanita Brent

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Cleveland Lawmakers Issue Joint Statement on Warehouse District Mass Shooting

COLUMBUS – Cleveland state lawmakers, **Reps. Darnell T. Brewer, Terrence Upchurch, and Juanita Brent** today issued a joint statement following this morning’s shooting that wounded nine in Cleveland’s downtown Warehouse District.

“This morning’s mass shooting proves what too many families, first responders and communities already know– gun violence is a public health crisis. We are grieving with the victims and their families who are suffering following the horrific mass shooting that impacted our communities early Sunday morning. We are thankful to our brave first responders who rushed to the scene to help those injured and impacted.”

“The nine victims come from all across our communities and districts. Though there is not yet a loss of life, one victim is in critical condition. The truth is all victims, families and community members will bear the scars, trauma and devastation from this violent attack. As the investigation continues, we ask citizens and police to be safe until the perpetrator is brought to justice.”

“What played out in our community is just one of more than 365 mass shootings in the US this year already. Ohioans can’t afford to wait for more proof that it is well past the time to pass common sense gun safety measures that will keep our children, families and communities safe. Congress must step up and we will continue to engage our Ohio House of Representatives colleagues in meaningful dialogue to come together and find common ground to reduce gun violence and keep people safe.”

The shooting took place in **Rep. Terrence Upchurch’s** Ohio House district and includes known victims from neighboring House Districts 22 (**Brent**) and 18 (**Brewer**).

According to [Everytown For Gun Safety](#), Ohio has the 17th-highest rate of gun violence in the U.S., with 1,702 gun deaths each year.

During the 135th General Assembly, Ohio House Democrats have introduced legislation that would enact commonsense gun legislation and keep our communities safe:

HB 170 (Grim, Thomas, C.), Enacts the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act (“Red Flag” law)

HB 175 (Miranda, Brewer), Prohibits negligent firearm storage

HB 186 (Brennan, Brewer), Exempts sales of firearm safety devices from sales and use tax

HB 217 (Somani, Thomas, C.), Require gun trigger locks with firearm sales

HB 218 (Brewer, Upchurch), Restore local authority to generally regulate firearm conduct

Warehouse District Shooting:

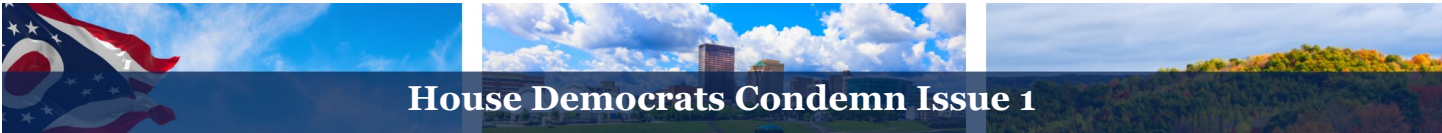
Early Sunday Morning there was a mass shooting that took place in our District that injured 9 people, outside of Rumor on West 6th St. I first want to send my sincerest prayers to the 9 victims who had to experience something so traumatic, while just trying to enjoy their time outside.

As of today, the suspect has been arrested and charged with attempted murder. I would like to give a shoutout to our Cleveland Police Department and the deputy marshals that worked hard and were able to make an arrest within 61 hours of the shooting. But, I cannot be too ecstatic because instances of gun violence are too prevalent in our city and just because there were no fatalities does not mean this is ok, it is not!

Gun safety is a public health crisis and that is why I will continue to fight for gun regulation to keep our communities safe and curve mass shootings, such as this one, from happening.

Please, reach out to my office to voice your concerns and/or comment on what you want to see changed:
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House Democrats Condemn Issue 1

Voting for Issue 1, which if passed would raise the threshold to approve a citizen initiated constitutional amendment to 60% from 50%, starts in July.

The deadline to register to vote is July 10th and early voting starts the next day, July 11th. You can vote early-in person by going to your county Board of Elections office. Absentee voting by mail also starts on July 11th. Absentee ballot applications must be turned in by August 1st at 8:30 pm. All absentee ballots must be postmarked by August 7th. On Election Day, August 8th, the polls will be open from 6:30-7:30 pm.

When politicians fail us, ballot issues give us the freedom to make decisions that affect our lives. Make sure your voice is heard by voting “NO” to protect our freedom to determine our future.
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Vote "NO"
on Issue 1

ONE PERSON.ONE VOTE.



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The August Special Election regarding Issue 1 is fast approaching. Make sure your voice is heard by voting “NO” to stop special interests from ending majority rule. Protect our rights and the sacred principle of “one person, one vote,” instead of handing power over to out-of-touch politicians. #VoteNoInAugust.

Here are some important dates to remember:

July 10: Deadline to register to vote

July 11: Absentee voting by mail begins (ends August 7)

July 11: Early in-person voting begins

August 1: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

August 7: Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by this date

August 8: **Election Day** (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

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