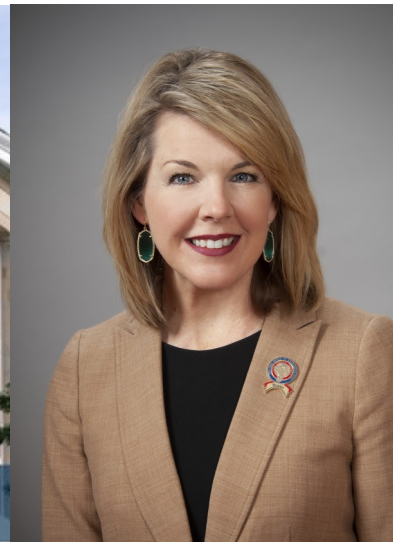




A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Russo

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Holidays! December is full of celebrations and valued time spent with family and friends. As we gather to reflect on the year and look ahead to what's to come, I wish you a warm and safe season of joy.

I'm proud of the work we've done together here at the Statehouse this year. House Democrats put people first by fighting back against anti-democratic legislation, anti-reproductive healthcare, anti-gun safety laws, all while fighting for lower costs, increased wages, and safer communities. We will continue to work 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.

Looking ahead to the new year, I'm optimistic for the future of our state. I am looking forward to working for you and your family every day in the halls of the Statehouse and our community.

With that, I hope you have a healthy, happy holiday season. Before gathering with loved ones, make sure you are up-to-date on your flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/> to find a vaccine provider near you. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

C. Allison Russo
State Representative
Ohio House District 07



**DON'T
WAIT
SAVE 8**

Did you know that more than 3,000 Ohioans are waiting today for a lifesaving organ transplant? You have the power to make a difference and change lives, even after you're gone. By registering in the Ohio Donor Registry, you can save up to 8 lives with the gift of an organ, eye, and tissue donation. It takes less than two minutes to register online at www.donatelifehio.org.



On International Universal Health Coverage Day, December 12, let's stand united for #HealthForAll. Accessible and affordable healthcare is a fundamental right. Today, we celebrate progress and advocate for a future where everyone can enjoy the highest standard of health. Together, we can build a healthier, more equitable world!



House Democrats Introduce Reproductive Care Act

Following Issue 1’s amazing victory, House Democrats introduced the Reproductive Care Act, legislation to reduce barriers to accessing abortion and reproductive healthcare. The bill will repeal existing statutes related to abortion care, such as mandatory 24-hour waiting periods, transfer agreements, and TRAP laws. It will also add protections related to patients and providers including data privacy, nondiscrimination, along with civil and criminal protection for evidence-based care.

For years, the extreme majorities in Ohio’s state legislature have been making it harder for patients to access abortion care and for providers to provide the proper, comprehensive care their patients need. The Reproductive Care Act is the first step in this multifaceted process to remove barriers to reproductive health care that exist in Ohio. Protecting women’s reproductive rights happens when we work on reducing barriers to care. House Democrats will continue to work to ensure patients and providers are protected.



In the District

The end of year is always a busy time at the Ohio Statehouse and in our local communities. Rep. Russo was pleased to welcome the Upper Arlington Girls Water Polo State Championship team and the Ohio Carolina Synchronic Swim Club Junior Olympic gold medalists to the Statehouse. She also hosted Grandview Heights Daisy Troop #6838 and showed them around the House Chambers to help them earn their democracy badge. Following the recent reporting about the state of Ohio’s juvenile justice system, Rep. Russo also sat down with SEIU members who work in youth detention centers around the state to talk about their ideas for improving the system and employee safety. In the district, Rep. Russo joined OSU Wexner Medical staff for a tour of the new hospital tower being built; she celebrated Maryhaven’s 70th Anniversary serving Central Ohio and discussed how the state can continue to support comprehensive treatment for addiction and mental illness; and she paid a visit to Barrington Elementary where she spoke with students about being a good citizen. Rep. Russo was also honored to receive the Ohio Domestic Violence Network’s Leadership in Policy Award for her work at the Statehouse on behalf of domestic violence survivors.



December News from Rep. Russo

For all news from Rep Russo’s office, please visit: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/c-allison-russo/news>