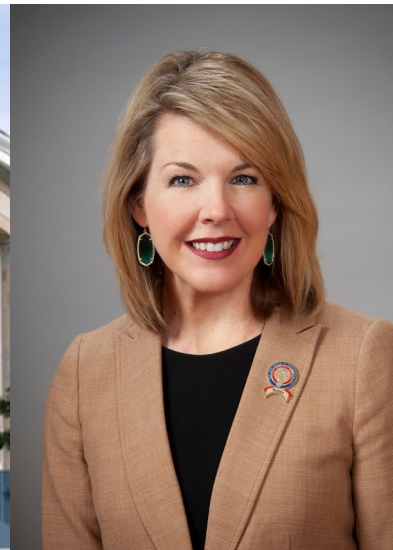




A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Russo

Dear Neighbor,

Happy March! We began last month by passing [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio. **HB 2** includes half of the \$700M from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF), funding that was set aside in the most recent state operating budget. The bill now awaits further consideration in the Senate.

In February, House Democrats hosted Ohio's inaugural Gun Violence Prevention Summit (GVPS) and introduced several new legislative solutions promoting gun safety measures supported by a bipartisan majority of Ohioans. Elected officials, law enforcement, and public health stakeholders from across the state led panels to discuss the promotion of responsible gun ownership, how to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals, and how to best combat pro-gun crime and anti-cop laws.

House Democrats also unveiled their Cost of Corruption campaign that better protects taxpayers from future public corruption scandals. Despite a \$1.3B dollar bailout, \$60M in bribes, and unaccountable damage to the people's trust in government, zero laws have been passed following Larry Householder and FirstEnergy crimes. Ohio's most valuable resource is our people, which is why Ohio's House Democrats are focused on putting people over politics by introducing legislation that will restore democracy and return dignity to our state government.

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

Sincerely,

C. Allison Russo
State Representative
Ohio House District 07



March 1st marked Ohio's 221st anniversary! Join my office in celebrating our great state by fighting for legislation to make Ohio a better place for everyone, no matter who you are. Here's to another 221 fantastic years!



During #WomensHistoryMonth, let's honor the countless contributions, achievements, and resilience of women throughout history. From trailblazers who shattered glass ceilings to everyday heroes making a difference, we celebrate your strength, courage, and unwavering spirit. Here's to lifting each other up and continuing to write history together.

Rep. Russo Votes to Allocate \$42M for Franklin County Projects

March 19th Primary

I am proud to announce that the Ohio House of Representatives passed [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio.

HB 2 includes half of the \$700M from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF), funding that was set aside in the most recent state operating budget. As passed by the House, I am excited to announce that Franklin County will receive \$42M in state funds.

If enacted, the \$42M of OTSCIF funds will be distributed to several local entities, including:

- **\$8M** for expansion of the Heritage Trail
- **\$1M** to the Unverferth House Revitalization and Expansion Campaign
- **\$200K** for Grandview Heights McKinley Field Park

The bill now heads to the Ohio Senate for further consideration. Community projects will have additional funding opportunities from the traditional capital budget and the remaining one-time funds.

Early voting is underway for Ohio's March 19th Primary! Nearly 90% of congressional elections are decided in the nominating contests, so be sure to vote and have your voice heard!

Early Voting

March 11 7:30 AM—7:30 PM

March 12 7:30 AM—8:30 PM

March 13-15 7:30 AM—7:30 PM

March 16 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

March 17 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

Early, in-person voting for Franklin County is located at the Franklin County Board of Elections.

1700 Morse Rd
Columbus, OH 43229

Absentee Voting

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, March 12th. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by March 18th, and received no later than March 23rd.

Election Day

Polls will be open on March 19th, 6:30 AM—7:30 PM.



In the District

February was a busy time for the Ohio Statehouse and in our local communities. Some notable events included:

- Meeting with the Director of the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Dr. Rahul Gupta, Rep. Russo discussed Ohio's opioid epidemic and high-impact addiction recovery policies to reduce overdose deaths.
- Speaking at the Tolles Career & Tech Center Advocacy Town Hall, Rep. Russo discussed policy priorities related to career-tech education.
- Rep. Russo was pleased to meet with students from Jones Middle School and Upper Arlington High School as they toured the statehouse and learned about the state legislature.
- Rep. Russo attended the grand re-opening of The Hub—a residential recovery center operated by The Refuge.
- Speaking at the Ohio Federation of Teachers' (OFT) convention, Rep. Russo discussed pro-education and worker friendly policies.
- Rep. Russo met with pharmacy students from The Ohio State University to discuss important policies and legislation.



March News from Rep. Russo

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