



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

Working For You: Updates from the Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! This month, the 2024-2025 Operating Budget will come back to the House from the Senate where we will pass it before July first. House Democrats fought for funding for our public schools, for Ohio’s food banks, and for investments in affordable housing. I’m also excited that my amendment to fund Holocaust educational resources has remained in the Senate version of the budget.

Throughout the budget process, I have had the pleasure of meeting with many hardworking area organizations to learn more about their missions and how the State can support them. It has been wonderful to learn more about the work being done at JewishAkron, ASIA, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, Habitat for

Humanity of Summit County, the Summit County ADM Board, and so many more. Keep up the great work!

I am excited to announce that Madeline’s Law, my bill to require insurance companies cover the cost of childhood hearing aids, was voted out of the House Insurance Committee this morning with a unanimous vote of 14-0. I am glad for such strong bipartisan support and look forward to seeing the same when the bill comes to the House floor for a vote.

July starts the legislature’s annual summer recess, but my office is still open and ready to help. If you or someone you know needs assistance navigating a state agency, getting in touch with your Congressional representatives, or requesting a commendation, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are always happy to answer any questions or discuss concerns.

Sincerely,



Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

Congratulations to all spring 2023 graduates! Graduation is the culmination of years of dedication and hard work, and it is a time to celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to what the future has in store. You are to be commended for the intelligence, perseverance, and initiative you have displayed in reaching this goal and earning your diploma.

Know that you have made your family, your friends, and your community very proud, and I look forward to working with each of you as you embark upon this next great chapter of your life.



Spotlight: Pride Month 2023

June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their identities and experiences. Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals, specifically people of color, protested against police brutality and for their right to exist.

In June 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal law. However, it is still legal in Ohio for members of the LGBTQ+ community to lose their job, be denied housing, and be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

To show Ohio is open for business, we must be an inclusive state where all people—no matter who they are—can live, work, and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

I strongly oppose recent anti-transgender and discriminatory bills like the Anti-Trans Sports Ban (House Bill 6), the Ban on Gender Affirming Care (HB 68), and the Bathroom Discrimination Act (HB 183), and all pieces of legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer Ohioans. I hope you’ll join me in opposing these dangerous bills by contacting the appropriate committee Chair to share your thoughts. Email or call my office to find out how to best let your voice be heard.

To the LGBTQ+ community, please know: **I’ve got your backs.**



Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

- Disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Propose bill ideas and law changes
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

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Legislative Update

With the budget nearly wrapped up, my colleagues and I are turning our attention toward introducing and passing meaningful legislation. Here are a few of the bills that I have recently signed on to:

- [HJR 2](#): prohibit slavery or servitude as punishment for a crime
- Allow Community Solar projects
- [HB 62](#): Repeal “Stand Your Ground”
- [HB 115](#): Enact the Ohio Equal Pay Act to address wage disparities in employment
- [HB 170](#): Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act (red flag law)
- [HB 174](#): Establish the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohioans
- [HB 175](#): the Keep Every Home Safe Act to create an income tax credit for the purchase of firearm safe storage and locking devices

