

# **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE SHARON RAY**

Thank you for electing me to serve the citizens of House District 66 at the Ohio Statehouse. Please know I am here to help with state issues and to hear your thoughts and suggestions on how we can make our district and the State of Ohio the best it can be!

You can reach me directly at 614.466.8140 or Rep66@ohiohouse.gov.

Best always,

Sharon Ray  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Asst. Majority Whip  
House District 66



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# Passage of the Adoption Modernization Act

I have the honor of sponsoring House Bill 5, the Adoption Modernization Act, priority legislation for this General Assembly. This bill modernizes Ohio's adoption process by increasing financial support for expecting mothers who plan to place their child up for adoption, expediting kinship care, and clarifying the Ohio Revised Code to help streamline the adoption process.

This legislation prioritizes the best interest of the child and helps ensure that every Ohio child grows up in a loving home. According to data published by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, there are currently almost 15,000 Ohio children living outside of the care of their parents. About 3,000 of them are awaiting adoption.

The Adoption Modernization Act passed the Ohio House with unanimous support. I look forward to seeing it continue to progress in the Ohio Senate!



## District Highlight

Summer officially kicked off in Wadsworth with the 50th Annual Blue Tip Parade and Festival. Judge Stephen B. McIlvaine was selected to be the Parade Grand Marshall and got the honor of lighting the giant blue tip match that kicks off the festival each year!

Pictured from left to right: Wadsworth Mayor Robin Laubaugh, State Rep. Sharon Ray, and Judge Stephen B. McIlvaine





I recently had the opportunity to speak at the Kiwanis Club of Medina about the State Operating Budget and the Adoption Modernization Act. I always love seeing my local elected officials!

Pictured from left to right: Medina Co. Commissioner Steve Hambley, Commissioner Colleen Swedyk, State Rep. Sharon Ray, Medina Co. Recorder Linda Hoffman, Medina County Juvenile/Probate Judge Kevin Dunn, and Medina Co. Commissioner Aaron Harrison

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*Sharon A. Ray*

***Sharon A. Ray, House District 66***

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I appreciate input and questions from all of my constituents. I encourage you to reach out to my office if there's any way I can serve you!



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