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From the desk of Rep. Upchurch

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.

I am proud to be your state representative. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



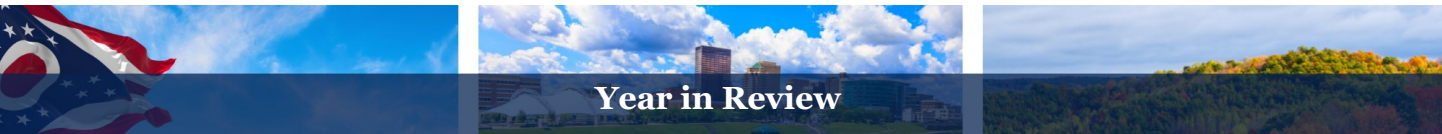
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House Democrats Introduce Reproductive Care Act

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 evident-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.



Year in Review



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. I will continue to put people over politics and work 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.

This was a busy year working for you and the people of House District 20. I’m proud of the work my staff and I did in 2023.



2023 Bill Conclusions



Bill Updates:

HB 253: Designate Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor

*was passed out of the House on December 6th

*85 yeas, no nays

*All of my other bills are still waiting to be heard on the House floor





Wishing everyone a joyous and Merry Christmas! May your hearts be full of love, laughter, and the warmth of cherished moments. Here's to spreading kindness, sharing smiles, and creating beautiful memories.

Happy New Year! All across our state, families and friends are celebrating the possibility and hope of new beginnings. I wish you and our entire community a wonderful 2024.



Wishing everyone a bright and joyous Hanukkah! May the Festival of Lights bring warmth, love, and countless moments of happiness to you and your loved ones. As the candles glow, may your days be filled with peace, miracles, and the spirit of togetherness. Happy Hanukkah!