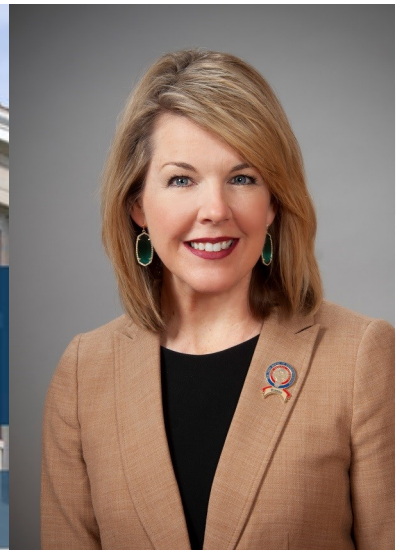




A legislative update from  
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**From the desk of Rep. Russo**

Dear Neighbor,

Happy May! Before all the fun in the sun begins this summer, now is a great time to check your voter registration. House Democrats are focused on continued efforts to engage more young people-especially our graduating seniors- to participate in the civic process by getting registered to vote and learning about upcoming elections. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make your voice heard!

In our continued fight for reproductive rights, House Democrats unveiled their [Protect Assistive Reproductive Technology Act](#). This legislation will provide civil and criminal immunity for providers, facilities, or health care personnel who provide assistive reproductive care, as well as for the patients seeking care. In addition, the legislation will provide data protections for patients, ensuring that third party organizations do not have access to private medical information. Every Ohioan deserves the right to build a family through assisted reproductive technology without fear of being prosecuted. This legislation will support families navigating infertility without adding to the emotional and financial stress they are already experiencing.

This May, Democrats are recognizing and celebrating our educators in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. House Democrats thank all our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible. That's why we support legislation to guarantee every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education. Democrats delivered a major win for education by continuing to fund the [Fair School Funding Plan](#) that would invest more money in our public schools. The Fair School Funding Plan supports students and ensures that public schools get the funds they need to succeed. Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do!

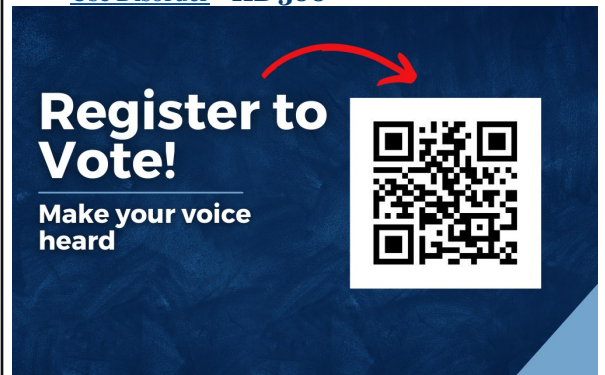
Sincerely,

C. Allison Russo  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 7



Nearly 1 in 4 Ohioans experiences a mental illness. This month is a time to be dedicated to eradicating the stigma around mental health, extending support, fostering public education and advocating for policies that prioritize the well-being of individuals and families affected by mental illness. House Democrats have been strong advocates for expanding mental health services while supporting investments for services, research, and job development, with bills such as:

- [Counseling Awareness Month—HB 198](#)
- [9-8-8 Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Telephone Line—HB 231](#)
- [Pilot Program for Remote Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder—HB 300](#)



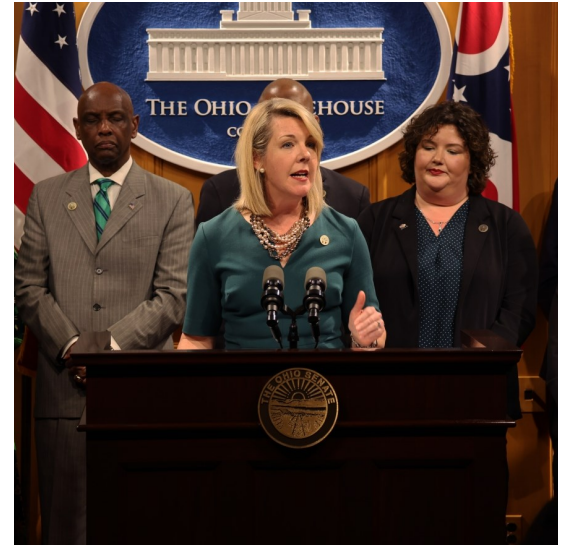
**Register to Vote!**  
Make your voice heard

Are you a recent graduate? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code to make your voice heard in the upcoming election!

## Ohio House Democrats Respond to the State of the State Address

Last month, Governor Mike DeWine delivered his State of the State address. Many Ohioans find themselves living in a state they believe is headed in the wrong direction. They believe a major reason for this is because its leaders do not reflect the values the majority of citizens hold dear. For far too long, those controlling the gerrymander levers of government have put the priorities of extremists and special interest groups above the priorities of the people. Therefore, at a time when Ohio should be unleashing its great potential to improve the lives of working families, improve schools, and keep our communities safe, the real state of the state is that cultural wars and distractions have constricted Ohio's growth and its future.

For all of us to have better and brighter futures, we must continue the fight to put people first. We can, and should, put our children first by fairly funding childcare in Ohio, and invest in our future by supporting mental health services, raising the salaries of our public school educators, and helping working families thrive with necessary tax credits. As Ohio strives to be a leader in the future of innovation and technology, we must level the uneven playing field that continues to benefit crooked politicians, greedy corporations and the wealthy few over the rest of us. When we put people first, we come closer and closer to building better and brighter futures for all Ohioans.



## In the District

April was a busy month in the district. Representative Russo met with many of the advocates fighting for the issues most important to those in Ohio, and celebrated the accomplishments of Ohio's most accomplished citizens. Some notable stops in the district included:

- Meeting with the Columbus Youth Council, Rep. Russo listened to the issues and policies of most concern to Columbus's young people.
- Celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child, Rep. Russo visited Washington Elementary School to recognize their selection as a Purple Heart School.
- Meeting with OSU Students Demand Action, Rep. Russo discussed student concerns related to gun violence and detailed the actions taken by Democrats to address these concerns.
- Recognizing the amazing accomplishments of student athletes, Rep. Russo celebrated the Upper Arlington girls swim team as OHSAA Division I state champions, as well as the Ohio State University's women's ice hockey team and diver Lyle Yost as NCAA champions.
- Rep. Russo met with the Ohio Library Council to discuss the important community impact of Ohio's libraries and recognized the Grandview Heights Public Library on its centennial.
- The Ohio Bleeding Disorders Council met with Rep. Russo to examine the issues and policies that affect Ohioans with these disorders.



## May News from Rep. Russo

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