



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Miranda

Dear Neighbor,

After a busy last month, House session and committees are over for the summer, and will be resuming after the November elections. Over the summer and fall, I hope to hear from you and see you around our community.

I am here to be a voice for you. Some ways that my office can help include:

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

Visit legislature.ohio.gov for more information on how to contact offices, bill specifics and Ohio House news.

I am working for you, and working for Ohio. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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June 19, or Juneteenth, is a day to celebrate and commemorate the end of slavery in the United States of America.

On Juneteenth, we celebrate African American freedom and achievement, while looking to our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures.

Democrats continue to prioritize building up Black families and all Ohioans with legislation centered on health, housing, education, jobs, criminal justice reform and supporting minority owned businesses.





Democrats oppose extreme gun legislation

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across Ohio. Yet Republicans continue to pass extreme legislation that Ohioans are not calling for. Recently, Gov. DeWine signed into law [House Bill \(HB\) 99](#), a Republican bill that actually puts guns into the classroom by encouraging staff to be armed in schools. Police, teachers' unions, civil rights groups and students all strongly oppose this legislation and the effects it would have on our children and schools.

Ohioans do not want this. They want bills that focus on gun safety. That's why Democrats have been working to propose common sense gun safety legislation in order to ensure the safety of our communities, families, and children.

Gun safety legislation Democrats have introduced:

- **HB 38** (West, Miller, A.) Repeal "Stand Your Ground"
- **SB 73** (Thomas) / **HB 259** (Robinson, Miller, A.) Universal background checks
- **SB 74** (Thomas) Raise minimum age to purchase

firearm to 21

- **SB 75** (Thomas, Williams) Regulate transfer of firearms at gun shows
- **SB 76** (Thomas, Craig) / **HB 274** (Upchurch, Jarrells) Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct
- **SB 77** (Thomas) Ban bump stocks and other items that accelerate semi-automatic firearms
- **SB 138** (Williams) / **HB 257** (Russo, Smith, M.) Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act ("Red Flag" law)
- **SB 205** (Thomas) Gun Violence Awareness Month
- **HB 262** (Miranda, Kelly) Prohibit negligent firearm storage
- **HB 360** (Miranda, Smith) Designate Gun Violence Awareness Month
- **HB 661** (Crossman, Hicks-Hudson) Require gun trigger locks with firearm sales

Democrats are here to listen to the people and keep our communities safe.



Democrats are fighting to protect women and support families

Last month, Democrats introduced a plan to protect women's healthcare and support babies and families. Due to the national threat of reproductive freedom being stripped away, House and Senate Democrats proposed an [amendment](#) to Ohio's Constitution that would ensure all people have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care.

[Over 60% of Ohioans](#) agree with the Roe v. Wade decision to allow access to abortion. Despite this, Ohio Republicans continue to prioritize legislation to ban abortion, including the [6-week abortion ban](#) signed into law by Gov. DeWine in 2019. [House Bill 598](#) and [Senate Bill 123](#) are current pieces of legislation that would completely ban abortion in Ohio without any exceptions for rape, incest or to protect the health of the mother.

In addition to ensuring that women of Ohio have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, Democrats have introduced a comprehensive legislative plan that invests in

families from the very beginning and ensures all babies have the resources they need to grow and thrive.

The legislative package includes bills to:

- Eliminate the diaper tax;
- Create the Infant Formula Tax Credit;
- Establish the Ohio Safe Sleep and Baby Box Program;
- Require insurance coverage of medically necessary donor human milk;
- Create the Infant Nutrition Protection Act;
- Enact the Ohio Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Democrats are working every day to ensure that women have the right to make their own health care decisions, and that families have the resources they need to succeed.



June News From Rep. Miranda

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