

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is almost over, but we are not slowing down in the legislature. Ohio House Democrats are working hard to create great change this coming fall!

Each September, we recognize Labor Day. It is a time to reflect and appreciate all who campaigned for workers' rights during the labor movement in the late 19th century. Because of them, we have working rights like a 40-hour work week, safe working conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. House Democrats will always stand with our unions, supporting initiatives to improve job security, provide fair wages, and ensure a collective voice in negotiations.

In synchronicity with Labor Day, we will also be celebrating International Equal Pay Day this month. This day represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for all, building upon the United Nations' commitment to human rights and against all forms of discrimination. House Democrats are ensuring that we are fighting for equal pay for all with bills like HB 115, Ohio's Equal Pay Act; I have introduced this bill for the past two General Assemblies. This legislation will take crucial and long overdue steps to close the gender and racial wealth gap that currently hurts too many working families in Ohio.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at <u>Rep28@ohiohouse.gov</u> or by phone at (614) 466-8120. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessica E. Miranda Democratic Whip— 28th District



Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Their achievements and culture have made Ohio, and America, a better place for us all. House Democrats are dedicated to ensuring all Ohioans are welcomed and supported, so we can continue to thrive.

I was honored to speak at The Central Ohio Parent Training Graduation Ceremony. The first Spanish speaking cohort graduated on September 7th. Parents complete a 20 week leadership course and outreach project that will help make their communities better. I met so many wonderful families who were celebrating these parents and their desire to make their communities better.





On September 16th, we celebrate working parents and acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices working parents make every day to support their family. Working parents are feeling the squeeze of high costs for everyday expenses including healthcare, groceries, and rent.

Ohioans should have the opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. Democrats are working to ensure families have the resources they need to raise safe, healthy children without breaking the bank.

House Democrats have successfully passed several provisions in the budget to secure strong working families:

- Expanded publicly funded child care initial eligibility
- Established infant capacity building and early childhood learning
- Expanded the existing "sales tax holiday" for Ohio families
- Increased "homestead exemption" property tax break for senior citizens and disabled veterans

I know that family always comes first, and





After a short summer break, Ohio House Democrats are back at the Statehouse and I am ready to focus my efforts on making a better Ohio for us all. Here are a few priorities my office has for this month.

- HB 35, The Scout's Honor Law, has recently been amended to have an emergency clause. I am working nonstop to make sure HB 35 passes quickly, and survivors are able to get the relief that they deserve. To learn more about HB 35, click here.
- Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. I want to remind everyone that the last day to register for the November general election is October 10th! Need to register or check your status? <u>Click here.</u>
- I will be giving sponsor testimony for HB 250 on September 12th. This bill will help more high school graduates qualify for the Military Enlistment Seal on their diploma. To learn more about HB 250, <u>click here</u>.





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