



**From the desk of Rep. Miranda**

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall, Ohio! As we enter this new season, I hope you and your family stay safe, healthy, and warm.

If you haven't yet, now is the perfect time to schedule a flu shot! Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/> to find a vaccine provider near you. It's important to stay up to date on your shots to keep you, your family, and your community healthy.

This October is National Work and Family Month. No matter who you are or where you live, I know how important it is to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have a good paying job that will support you and your family. I'm proud to support legislation that will make Ohio's economy work for working families.

The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 10 for the November 7th election. I encourage you to check your registration or register for the first time by visiting [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov). Make your voice heard and keep our democracy strong!

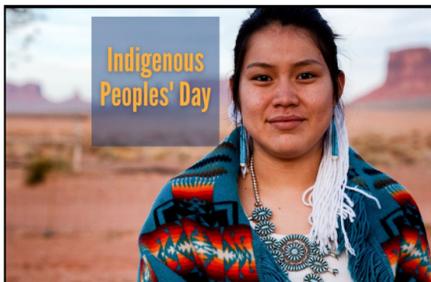
I am proud to be your state representative. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Millions of Americans' lives are impacted daily by mental health conditions. In 1990, Congress established the first full week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) to raise mental illness awareness throughout the US. Since then, mental health advocates across the country have joined in the effort to educate the public about mental illness. House Democrats will always support legislation that increases access to treatment, ensuring all Ohioans have the resources to thrive.



Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day! I am proud to celebrate and honor the contributions, cultures, and communities of all Native American Ohioans. House Democrats will continue to ensure that everyone is welcomed and supported here in Ohio.

**House Democrats Fight for Ohioans' Right to Make Their Own Healthcare Decisions**

Every Ohioan deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions. The fight to protect women's freedom to control their own bodies isn't over. I will not stop fighting until this dangerous law that bans abortions before most women even know they are pregnant is overturned once and for all.

As Americans, we all know people should have the fundamental freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care. Women should make their own healthcare decisions, not partisan politicians. Respecting families starts by respecting a woman's freedom to have a child if and when she wants to.

I will continue to protect women's freedom to access the healthcare they need, including abortion.



**House Democrats Remind Constituents of the November 7th Election**

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you register to vote for the upcoming November election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard! The last day to register for the November general election is October 10th.

Need to register or check your status? Register at: [vote.ohio.gov](http://vote.ohio.gov).

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- **October 10:** Voter registration deadline
- **October 11:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- **October 31:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- **November 7: Election Day** (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)



**Bill Spotlight: HB 35**

HB 35, also known as the Scout's Honor Law, has been signed into law!

I want to thank all of the survivors who shared their stories and trusted me to shepherd this bill through the legislative process. I am so proud that we were able to get this done!

It was passed by the House on October 11<sup>th</sup> and was signed into law by Governor DeWine quickly after.

The Scout's Honor Law reforms statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse so that survivors may participate in the Boy Scouts of America Nation Bankruptcy Settlement. There are nearly 2,000 survivors in Ohio and are going to participate in this historic settlement.



I hope that this is the first step towards tangible reform that helps survivors of childhood sexual abuse. It is so important that the path towards justice is clear of obstacles. We should have a justice system that helps survivors, not predators!

**Bill Spotlight: HB 250**

HB 250 is a common sense and bipartisan piece of legislation. For a student to earn the Military Enlistment Seal on their high school diploma, they either had to complete a J.R.O.T.C. program or enlist in the military after graduation.

HB 250 unanimously passed out of committee on October 10th!

This bill expands the criteria for the seal. Now those students appointed to a military academy or going to a university on an R.O.T.C. scholarship are also eligible for the seal.

We should be proud of our students that choose to serve our country in the highest capacity by serving in the military. It is a decision made with maturity and honor. This bill allows us to commend all our high school graduates that intend to serve whether it is right after high school or after college.



**October News from Rep. Miranda**

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