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October at The Ohio Statehouse!

Dear Neighbor,
As October settles in, I hope you are enjoying the vibrant fall colors and cooler weather across our district. This season is a perfect reminder of the importance of community and staying connected with one another. While the leaves are changing, so too are the critical issues that shape our state.

With Election Day fast approaching, now is the time to make a plan to vote. Whether you've chosen to cast your ballot early or plan to vote on Election Day, your participation in our democracy is crucial. Our voices are strongest when we stand together and engage in the process that shapes our future.

As the House remains in recess, I've had the opportunity to engage more deeply with our district, attending local events and meeting with many of you, I'm excited to share some of the highlights from both our district and Columbus in this newsletter.



- October 8: Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- October 29: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- November 5: Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Representative Weinstein in the community

This month, I had the privilege of meeting with the Girl Scout Troop 91130 as a part of their Democracy Day Badge. It was inspiring to see young girls engaging in the democratic process from such an early age. Additionally, I participated in the Faith and Blue event in Akron, which brought together law enforcement and faith leaders to strengthen community bonds through collaboration. Finally, after hearing from our constituents, Representative Veronica Sims and I alongside other local leaders, hosted a press conference to address the need for the state to take action and reduce skyrocketing property taxes in Summit County and across Ohio. These experiences continue to fuel my passion for advocating on your behalf and fostering positive change.



It's been an exciting and productive month, and I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had so far to connect with many of you, whether through community events or meaningful conversations. These interactions continue to inspire me and guide my work. I look forward to more opportunities to collaborate and ensure that your voices are uplifted and heard at the state level.

Please remember that as your State Representative, I am here to listen! Don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, concerns, or ideas for how we can continue to move Ohio forward together.

Legislative Update: Fighting for Fair Representation in Ohio

As we strive to ensure a fair and transparent political process, the issue of partisan gerrymandering continues to undermine voter confidence in our elections. Gerrymandering allows political parties to draw district lines in a way that unfairly favors one party over another, diluting the power of individual votes and distorting representation. Issue 1 aims to change that.

Issue 1, the citizen-led ballot initiative to end partisan gerrymandering in Ohio, seeks to restore fairness by creating a transparent, nonpartisan process for drawing legislative districts. By taking the redistricting process out of the hands of politicians and placing it in the hands of an independent redistricting commission, this initiative is a crucial step toward ensuring that every vote counts equally.

Here is a closer look at the key aspects of Issue 1:

- **Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC):**
 - The OCRC will consist of nonpartisan members, tasked with drawing fair and competitive districts.
- **Transparency and Public Input:**
 - Public hearings and input will be required during the redistricting process, ensuring accountability and transparency.
- **Fair Representation:**
 - The initiative aims to prevent the manipulation of district lines for political gain, ensuring that districts accurately reflect the voters' will.

Passing Issue 1 is an essential step toward ending the harmful practice of gerrymandering and restoring trust in our democratic process. This is why my Democratic colleagues and I introduced a House resolution to express our support of a "YES" vote on Issue 1.

This resolution is necessary due to the constant stream of lies and misinformation surrounding the true nature of Issue 1. The resolution urges the people of the state of Ohio to support Issue 1, which would eliminate partisan gerrymandering by placing the redistricting process in the hands of Ohio citizens rather than politicians and paid lobbyists. It further notes that supporting Issue 1 would also establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC), ensuring a fair and transparent process that reflects the diverse voices and communities of our state.

Ohioans can learn more about the amendment and its implications [here](#).

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