



From the Office of Representative Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson)

Working For You: Spring 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse



Dear Neighbor,

Happy Women’s History Month! This month and all year long, I remain dedicated to advancing opportunities, improving access to healthcare, and ensuring that women’s voices are heard—for all Ohio women . That includes supporting bills such as:

- [HB 142](#) —Bi-partisan legislation to create a four-year pilot program for coverage & provision of doula services
- [HB 402](#) —Regulates the practice of certified professional midwives
- [HB 491](#) —Establishes paid family & medical leave benefits
- [Ohio Equal Pay Act](#) — Will take crucial steps to close the gender and racial wealth gap

I discussed a couple of these bills at my town hall in Stow last month. Our next town hall will be in April in Hudson, so keep an eye out for more details to come.

In February, I also had the opportunity to meet with a Hudson Cub Scout troop to discuss community service and leadership, as well as organizations from throughout Northeast Ohio to learn about some exciting new capital budget projects planned for our region. Applications for funding are due next Friday, March 18, so it’s not too late to submit one for your organization.

And finally, with spring around the corner, that means it’s primary election season. The primary date is still set for May 3, but the redistricting process is still ongoing. A majority of the Ohio Redistricting Commission voted to pass another set of partisan state legislative and congressional maps that fail to comply with the Constitution and defy the Supreme Court’s orders. As we continue forward with the redistricting process, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Commendations, Congratulations, and Condolences from Rep. Weinstein

I am honoring the life and legacy of **Leona Farris**, who passed away at the end of February. As a member of the first black family to move to Stow in 1954, she was a pioneer and a trailblazer throughout her 104 years. I am so glad I got to meet her last fall, and I send my condolences and thoughts to her family.

Congratulations to all of the students who received their college and graduate degrees this past winter!

My gratitude and best wishes go out to **Jane Howington**, who served the City of Hudson as City Manager over the past 8 years. With 25 years of city management experience prior to Hudson, she was the right woman for the job. Thank you for your service, Jane.



Spotlight: HB 327

Last month, House Republicans on the State and Local Government Committee accepted yet another substitute version of House Bill 327, the latest attempt by the GOP to silence and censor Ohioans.

Each version of HB 327 has included a long list of ideas to censor. Originally, [this list was taken nearly word-for-word from a 2020 Trump Executive Order](#).

The most recent version of the bill includes several alarming new provisions to go with the [concerns prior versions raised](#). These ambiguous measures raise many questions, including:

- When it says failing to “present both sides... of a political or ideological belief” is conduct unbecoming of a teacher, does that mean we can’t teach history anymore? How do you teach both sides of slavery? Of the Holocaust? Of 9/11?
- When it says our history “dispels the idea that the United States... is systemically racist,” how do we make progress in curtailing racism and its real and ongoing effects? When universities are intentional about making diversity, equity, and inclusion a priority to enrich the experience of everyone on their campus, do they have to stop?

Make your voice on HB 327 heard by contacting Rep. Scott Wiggam, Chair of the House State and Local Government committee, by email at Rep01@ohiohouse.gov or phone at (614) 466-1474. As always, if you have any questions about this bill or others, give our office a call.

HB 327 is Big Government Censorship

- HB 327’s big government censorship goes beyond K-12 classrooms, and extends into colleges, state agencies, and municipal governments.
- Republicans would rather prioritize controversial, inflammatory bills meant to divide us than address the real, everyday issues Ohioans face.

Reach Out to Rep. Weinstein

Here are some ways our office can help:

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

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Legislative Update

HB 109: Anti-Protest Bill / Last month, the Ohio House passed House Bill 109, Republican legislation that would increase penalties and create new criminal offenses related to riots. This bill would, in effect, discourage Ohioans from participating in lawful protests and civil demonstrations for fear of running afoul of the proposed law’s broad and vague language.

This bill is an attack on the Constitution and Ohioans’ First Amendment rights. HB 109 now proceeds to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.

HB 346 / My bill received its first hearing last month in the House Transportation Committee. If enacted, this bill would reduce the registration fees on hybrid and electric vehicles that were put in place in the 2019 Transportation budget. These \$100-200 fees are only punishing families for choosing sustainability when we should be incentivizing it. I’m working to change that.

