October | 2022 — Statehouse & Legislative Update State Rep. Casey Weinstein

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

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Working For You: Fall 2022 at the Ohio Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall! 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. COVID-19 booster shots are also available as we head into colder weather, and you can find sites for both at www.vaccines.gov.

Now is also a great time to start thinking about home weatherization and energy efficiency measures. Ohio's Home Weatherization Assistance Program is available for qualifying homeowners and renters and includes services such as insulation, furnace replacement/repair, or hot water tank replacement/repair. Columbia Gas and **Dominion Energy** also offer \$50 energy audits to learn where your home may

be wasting energy. Rebates are available following the audits to make home

improvements.

September was a busy month in the 37th District. I met with the district fire chiefs, went to ribbon -cuttings for some great new businesses and a groundbreaking for a new school



campus in Cuyahoga Falls, and spoke to local groups like the Rotary Club and Junior Leadership Hudson.

I also recently had a productive and informative discussion with Twinsburg Schools Superintendent Kathi Powers and my colleague, Senator Roegner. We discussed the current shortage of bus drivers in the district and across Ohio. We are currently working to see what we can do in the legislature to help alleviate this problem, but if you would like to apply to be a bus driver, click HERE!



I am proud to be your State Representative! As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely, **Casey Weinstein**

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Spotlight: Voting in Ohio

Part of ensuring safe and accessible elections includes promoting participation in our democracy. Over the next month, we want to encourage Ohioans to make



Commendations, Congratulations, and **Condolences** from Rep. Weinstein

The Ohio Department of Education released their 2021-2022 school Report Card data last month.

I'm proud to recognize Hudson, Twinsburg, Nordonia Hills, and Stow-Monroe Falls School Districts on their fantastic report cards! To all the teachers and administrators, THANK YOU for all of your hard work!

Congratulations to Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy student, Courtney, for having her art selected to be featured in this year's Ohio House of **Representatives High School** Student Art Exhibition, presented by the Ohio Arts Council and on display now!



their voices heard in the upcoming election.

The deadline to register to vote is next Tuesday, October 11, for the November 8 election. I encourage you to check your registration or register for the first time by visiting VoteOhio.gov. If you have changed names or addresses recently, you will also need to update your registration in order to vote this fall.

Once you're online, you can also check your polling place, view your sample ballot, request an absentee ballot, or sign up to work the polls. **REMEMBER:** we have new Congressional and Legislative districts this year, and your ballot may look different than you're used to.

Make your voice heard and keep our democracy strong! Make a plan to vote this year, and contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

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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Action Update

On October 6, President Biden announced executive action to pardon all Federal convictions for simple marijuana possession. Today, I sent a letter to Governor Mike DeWine urging him to do the same for Ohioans with state offenses.

Criminalizing marijuana has upended the lives of too many Ohioans for conduct that many of our neighboring states no longer prohibit. Since 2018, 37,345 Ohioans have been arrested for marijuana possession. No one should be locked up in local jails or state prison for the sole reason of possessing cannabis.

Pardoning these Ohioans will allow them to obtain goodpaying jobs, advance in their careers, and secure housing. This action would be lifechanging for thousands of Ohioans, but it should only be the first step. It's time to act to legalize cannabis statewide.

