November | 2023 — Statehouse & Legislative Update

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

Thankful For You: Updates from the Ohio Statehouse

Dear Neighbor,

Happy November, Ohio! And oh, it has been a November to remember! On November 7th, 2023 citizens all over Ohio showed up to the polls to defend reproductive rights and cannabis legalization.

I want to thank every single person who showed up for privacy, freedom and liberty. As your State Representative, you can count on me to uphold YOUR will.



In November, we also celebrated National Veterans Day. I am grateful to each and every Ohioan who has served our state and nation. We can never fully repay our veterans and their families for their commitment to defending our freedoms.

I will continue advocating for policies that benefit them.

Since my last newsletter, I visited Pittsburgh and took part on a Public Utilities joint hearing between the Pennsylvania and Ohio Legislature where we discussed key energy policies for both states, gave a floor speech in support of our bi-partisan Statehouse resolution condemning the attacks in Israel, spoke about the importance of supporting our local governments in creating safeguards to protect kids from targeted tobacco marketing, attended The Hudson Community First Take a Second Make a Difference Awards, and announced my candidacy to the Ohio Senate!

As always, it is an honor to serve you at the Statehouse. With the holidays coming up, before getting together this year, make sure you are up-to-date on

your flu and COVID-19 vaccines. You can find a vaccine provider near you here. I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely, Casey Weinstein



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

Becker, Charles Maupin, Michael Loftus, Jackson **Ondash and Lucas Ulbricht** from Troop 155 on achieving the Eagle Scout ranking this year.

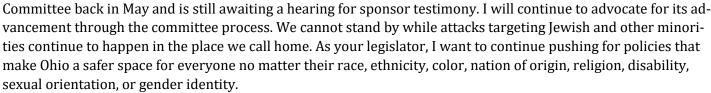
This achievement speaks to your great character and your role as a young leader in our community! I want to thank you for setting a positive example and striving to make a difference.

I also want to welcome my new Legislative Aide, **Sol Moreira Chavez** to my office. I am looking forward to accomplishing great things for the 34th together!

ICYMI: Bill would create the Bureau of Hate **Crimes in the Attorney General's Office**

Back in April, my Democratic colleague, Representative Anita Somani (D-Dublin), and I reintroduced a bill to create a Bureau of Hate Crimes within the Office of the Attorney General. In 2020, the nation saw a 12-year-high in the number of hate crimes. Currently, many communities are feeling vulnerable and I want to ensure there are resources in place that will assist and show all constituents that hate has no place in Ohio.

The bill was referred to the State and Local Government House



The Bureau would make any crimes motivated by the identities mentioned above fall under the Attorney General's jurisdiction. I truly believe that to make Ohio more welcoming, we need to make it a safer space for minorities. Creating this Bureau would not only help hate crime deterrence, but would encourage reporting from people who would perhaps not report those crimes for fear of persecution.

As we wait to have a committee hearing date, I remain hopeful that this important piece of legislation will get a hearing soon and advance from there. In the face of adversity, it is our responsibility to act now!

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

Contact Methods:



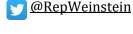
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Funding Opportunities Spotlight

Here are some funding opportunities my staff and I have put together for your convenience:

Ohio Commission on Minority Health: Community and Faith-Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services Funding Opportunity

The University of Akron: New full tuition grant available to eligible local students from Summit, Stark, Medina, Portage, Cuyahoga and Wayne counties

Brownfield Remediation Program: Summit County

Land Bank application open, **DUE ON NOVEMBER 30th**

Community Action Akron Summit: <u>Delinquent Property</u> Tax Help Available for **Eligible Summit County**

Homeowners Capital Budget applications open NOW: for more

information, please email us

