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May at The Ohio Statehouse!

Dear Neighbor,

Happy May! Before all the fun in the sun begins this summer, now is a great time to check your voter registration. House Democrats are focused on our continued efforts to engage more young people- especially our graduating seniors- to participate in the civic process by getting registered to vote and learning about upcoming elections. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have, so please make sure your voice is heard.

This May, for Teacher Appreciation Week, I wanted to recognize and thank all our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our students are receiving the best education and care possible. That’s why I support legislation that guarantees every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education.

In May, we also commemorated Memorial Day. I will continue to honor the courage and bravery of the people who gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we are the land of freedom, dignity, and opportunity by upholding the principles they so valiantly fought for.

Over in the district, **this June 20th at the Stow-Munroe Falls Library**, Congresswoman Sykes and I will be hosting a joint community conversation where we will be discussing legislative updates and any other topics of importance to you. Please keep your eye out on my social media for any updates regarding this community event. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

As always, it’s an honor to represent you at the Statehouse! Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any reason. We are here to serve you however we can. We encourage you to continue to share with us your thoughts, concerns, and any ideas you may have.

Sincerely,

Casey Weinstein
State Representative
Ohio House District 34



New Bill: HB 539 - Revise the law governing high volume dog breeders

After seeing Ohio be ranked 2nd highest in the nation for “problem puppy mills” and hearing about the Morrow County puppy mill fire that killed 70 dogs, it was apparent to me that these events were the direct result of the lax regulations high volume dog breeders have enjoyed for far too long here in Ohio.

That is why my colleague, Representative Richard Brown (**D-Canal Winchester**) and I decided to collaborate and introduce HB 539. This new bill revises the law governing high volume dog breeders so that puppy mills are not enabled to continue harmful practices here in Ohio.



This legislation, if enacted, will eliminate the two-day notice employed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to high volume dog breeders prior to an inspection and require the ODA to conduct its inspections without notice to the dog breeders, require that all surgical or euthanasia procedures be performed by a licensed and qualified veterinarian, and modify the definition of “high volume breeder” so that it includes all high volume dog breeders in our state.

I am confident that if enacted, HB 539 will help in ensuring that the dogs being bred in our state are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this legislation, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

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**PSA: Joint Townhall with
Congresswoman Emilia Sykes
June 20th, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Stow-Munroe Falls Library**