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Dear Neighbor,

As we enter the month of September, summer winds down and the Statehouse will soon be in full swing. There are many important issues including redistricting, Unemployment Overpayment Waivers, and the Delta Variant of COVID-19 on the minds of many Ohioans. In this coming weeks, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with concerns with these issues, or any other issue important to you.

My office contact information is [rep45@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep45@ohiohouse.gov) or at (614) 644-6017.

Your Public Servant,

**LET'S GET VACCINATED, OHIO.**

Learn more at

**[gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov)**

According to the CDC, over 95% of new COVID-19 infections due to the Delta Variant are among unvaccinated Americans. The Delta Variant is currently believed to be more deadly and spread more easily. The good news is that the current vaccines, now fully approved or soon to be, will protect you and your family. The more people around you who are vaccinated, the less likely it is for the virus to spread and mutate.

Contact my office at [rep45@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep45@ohiohouse.gov) or (614) 644-6017 if you have questions or need assistance scheduling your vaccine.

**Unemployment / PUA – Overpayment Waiver**  
Ohioans with Unemployment Overpayments are able to request a waiver. Instructions were sent via email to all claimants. Visit [unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov](https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov) or contact my office at [rep45@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep45@ohiohouse.gov) or (614) 644-6017 for questions or assistance completing the waiver.

### Fall 2021 Internships

If you know someone who is interested in applying for internship in my office, contact my Legislative Aide at (614) 644-6017 or [rep45@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep45@ohiohouse.gov).

This upcoming Monday is Labor Day, an annual celebration, held the first Monday in September, to recognize the economic contributions of American workers. Although there is some dispute among historians to who official founded Labor Day, it was first celebrated in the late 1880s. Following the adoption of Labor Day as an official holiday by over twenty states, Congress passed an act on June 28, 1894 establishing Labor Day as a National Legal Holiday. Labor Day in Toledo has long been celebrated with an annual parade throughout Downtown in the Morning. For decades, men and women stood together and fought, sometimes sacrificing their lives, to improve workplace safety conditions, and so forth. So many things common in today's workplace including 40 hour workweek, overtime pay, unlocked fire escapes, are things many of us take for granted that would not be in place had it not been for America's labor movement. Celebrating Labor Day is important for many reasons, but here are two. First, our great country was built by the middle class and labor unions play a significant role in expanding the middle class and keeping it strong. Second, Labor Day is for the workers who dedicate so much of their time and effort into their profession to improve our country's quality of life for all. Hard working men and women deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Join me in thanking all workers during this Labor Day weekend.

	General Assembly Districts	Congressional Districts	
Who draws districts	→ Ohio Redistricting Commission	→ General Assembly	Ohio's redistricting process officially kicked off last month with the Ohio Redistricting Commission convening for the first time on August 6. Convening the Commission put in motion the reforms Ohio voters laid out when they unequivocally told lawmakers not once, but twice, to bring fair districts back to our state. In late August, the Ohio Redistricting Commission hosted a 10-stop statewide listening tour to hear directly
Required Bipartisan Vote	→ 4 of 7 Commission members, including 2 members of the minority party in the General Assembly	→ 3 / 5 of members in each chamber, including half of each major party in the General Assembly	
Deadlines	→ Sept 1 of year after census → Deadline extended to Sept. 15, with simple majority needed for 4-year map	→ Plan due Sept. 30 → If fails to approve maps, additional steps kick in	

from Ohioans about what they think their districts should look like. Hundreds of Ohioans from Toledo to Rio Grande showed up and testified on the importance of creating fair districts to ensure better representation and allow people to have a real voice in their democracy. Democrats and Ohioans wanted to see us follow our constitutional duty to release a map and hold additional hearings by Sept. 1, but the Commission adjourned on August 31 with no map. We need the Commission to work together to draft a fair map that lives up to the spirit of the reforms Ohioans passed in 2015. It is imperative that the Commission approve a bipartisan map before the next deadline of Sept. 15.

**Rep. Sobecki in the Press:** Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki's Press Releases from August and Early September:

- August 16, 2021: Rep. Sobecki Announces \$84.7 Million for Infrastructure Funding and Enhanced Lead Testing
- August 30, 2021: Rep. Sobecki Announces funding for homeless youth and \$18.5 Million for Unemployment System
- September 1, 2021: Redistricting Commissions Misses First Constitutional Deadline

All Press Releases can be accessed at: [ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news](https://ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news).

**Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:**

Stay up to date with all of Rep. Sobecki's legislation, including bills and resolutions by visiting her website or contacting her office. All Legislation can be accessed at: [ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation](https://ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation)

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