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Dear Neighbor,

So far the start of Fall session in the Ohio House has been hectic and not very productive for Ohio. First, the Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted maps that appear to make the gerrymandered state districts worse. Committees have had hearings on a pair of bills, House Bill 322 and 327 that seek to address a problem that does not exist. House Bill 322 and 327 also attack academic integrity, freedom, and hurts state government diversity and K-12 education. There are bills being dubbed as “vaccine” freedom bills, House Bill 248 and 435, that could cause more harm than good. There are no forced vaccinations, and religious, medical, and good consciences exemptions already exist and are followed. A coalition of hundreds to businesses, insurance companies, health providers and many more have come out against these bills.

Attention on these bills are distracting from the issues Ohio should be focused on, such as expansion of Electric Vehicles. EVs are the future and each day become more widespread. If Ohio is not prepared, the EV production industry will continue to pass us by. Recently Ford announced a decision to build a new facility geared towards EV production in Tennessee. Five Midwest States formed a coalition to expand EV in the region and Ohio was left out. In the Statehouse, there are several bills that will help prepare Ohio’s economy for EV including my bill, House Bill 292. HB 292 is a bi-partisan bill, joint sponsored by Rep. Cutrona (R-Canfield). House Bill 292 will establish a commission focused on laying the groundwork for Ohio to be competitive with the 49 other states to attract EV production. A large portion of our state’s economy is linked to the automotive industry but we need to take steps to ensure those ties continue. To learn more about House Bill 292, contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your Public Servant,

Unemployment / PUA – Overpayment Waiver

Ohioans with Unemployment Overpayments are able to request a waiver. Visit unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov or contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017 for questions or assistance completing the waiver.

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 or (614) 644-6017 if you have questions or need assistance scheduling your vaccine.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and while the COVID-19 pandemic appears to have exasperated the crisis, Domestic and Sexual Violence sadly is very prevalent in our state. As Chair of the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus, I lead an incredible team of lawmakers who are focused and dedicated to ending domestic violence and opening pathways to allow survivors to seek justice. ODWLC members have introduced House Bill 121 to eliminate the Marital/Spousal Rape exemption. In Ohio it is legally permissible to rape your spouse because you are married. House Bill 199 removea the cap on damages awarded during court cases brought against the sexual assaulter or rapist. House Bill 266 will eliminate the statue of limitation to bring criminal and civil action against sex crimes.. Additionally, the ODWLC is partnering with like-minded advocacy groups to introduce more legislation that will address other aspects of domestic and sexual violence. To learn more about Domestic Violence and how you can get involved, visit the [Ohio Department of Health Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program website.](#)



Left: Rep. Sobecki received the Ohio Trucking Association's "Excellence in Public Service Award." Pictured with her husband Ed (left), and Ed Nagle (right), Chair of the OTA 2020-2021.

Right: Rep. Sobecki received the UA Local 50 Plumbers & Pipefitters' "Appreciation Award." Pictured with Scott Lopez, Local 50 Business Manager.

Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki's Press Releases in September.

- September 3, 2021: Rep. Sobecki Response to Decision to Withdraw H2Ohio Cullen Park Project
- September 23, 2021: Rep. Sobecki and Rep. Crossman Call for Cybersecurity Investigation into Ohio's Unemployment System
- September 23, 2021: Rep. Sobecki and ODWLC Calls for Justice after cases against Dr. Strauss Dismissed.

All Press Releases can be accessed at: ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news.

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:

- Rep. Sobecki Provided testimony in support of HB 334 to Increase Public School Board Member Compensation and enhance good governance requirements.
- Rep. Sobecki's Bills Honoring Officer Dia and Officer Stalker passed the Senate the first week of October.

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

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