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Dear Neighbor,

The redistricting process is still ongoing, as a majority of the Ohio Redistricting Commission voted to pass another set of partisan state legislative maps that fail to comply with the Constitution and Court requirements. Democrats voted against the state maps. If approved by the Supreme Court, the maps will last for only four years. Instead of proportional and fair districts, the majority again passed maps that fail to comply with the Constitution and do not accurately reflect the statewide preferences of Ohio voters. These maps ignore the will of Ohioans, and defy the Supreme Court’s orders. Democrats had introduced a state map proposal that complied with all constitutional requirements, including reflecting the preferences of Ohio voters. This proposal was rejected by the Republican commissioners on Feb. 17.

Instead of pushing back the May Primary due to the uncertainty, House Republicans pushed through an amendment to an unrelated bill and used a dirty procedural trick to pass it. The amendment significantly cuts the amount of time our military and overseas voters have to receive their ballots and get them back in the mail by Election Day. We should not be shortchanging our service members because unreasonable Republicans in Columbus refuse to move the primary to a date that will allow access for all Ohioans to vote. Our service members, who protect our freedom to vote every day, deserve better than this rushed bill and rushed election.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns. My office can be reached either at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your public servant,



March is Women’s History Month, a time to celebrate the histories of women in Ohio, America, and all across the world. The Ohio Democratic Women’s Legislative Caucus are dedicated to advancing opportunities, improving access to healthcare, and ensuring that women’s voices are heard - for women of every background and identity. We strive to support legislation that prioritizes the health and well-being of women in Ohio.

Learn more about Women’s History Month at www.womenshistorymonth.gov.



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and this is a time to educate ourselves about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of life, as well as to raise awareness to the barriers that continue to face people with developmental disabilities in their communities. Over 95,000 Ohioans live with developmental disabilities. According to the CDC, about one in six children in the U.S. have one or more developmental disabilities or other developmental delays. I am privileged to have been recognized by the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities as their Legislator of the Year, and I am honored to work with them to advocate for rights and resources for those with Developmental Disabilities. Supporting resources for those living with developmental disabilities and their families is important to the wellness of our state, and it is crucial that we provide more resources to support them. Providing these resources can change the lives of those living with developmental disabilities and their families. To learn more about the history of developmental disabilities in Ohio, visit <https://www.alwaysthereforohio.org/history/>.



On February 25th, 2022 President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Judge Brown Jackson is currently a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. According to the Pew Research Center, only 2% of Federal judges have been Black woman. The nomination of Judge Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court is an important step towards a more accurate representation of our nation's population. In February, I joined my fellow members of the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative

Caucus to write to President Biden and urge him to fulfill his promise to nominate a qualified Black woman to the Supreme Court. President Biden's historic selection is a meaningful step to addressing social inequalities and inequities in our country, one that will have a lasting impact.

Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki's Press Releases from February 2022:

- February 14, 2022: Rep. Sobecki files bill to give tax relief to Ohioans with Late Unemployment Benefits Payments
- February 15, 2022: Rep. Sobecki testifies on bill designating Walleye as the State Fish

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

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:

- Rep. Sobecki filed House Bill 544 to move the primary election to June just in case the State needs to move it due to Redistricting
- Rep. Sobecki filed House Bill 565 which adds Student Representatives to the State Board of Education
- Rep. Sobecki filed House Bill 570 which gives a tax break to Ohioans who received late Unemployment benefits during the pandemic.

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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