



HOUSE DISTRICT 45

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Dear Neighbor,

Three years ago this month, 9 lives were stolen and 17 others were injured during a mass shooting in Dayton. Instead of working across the aisle to enact commonsense gun safety measures supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans, responsible gun owners, and law enforcement, the Republicans in the Statehouse have enacted extreme bills that put more Ohioans at risk. Governor DeWine has displayed a failure of leadership and betrayed the families and Dayton community who called on him to “do something” to stop the senseless mass murders. The Republican monopoly on state government has repealed duty to notify, passed permitless concealed carry and stand your ground laws. Instead of protecting Ohioans, these laws put our communities and law enforcement at risk.

On the other side, my colleagues and I have put forward concrete and effective bills that would reduce gun violence in our state. These bills include:

- o HB 38 (West, Miller, A.) Repeal “Stand Your Ground”;
- o HB 259 (Robinson, Miller, A.) Universal background checks;
- o HB 274 (Upchurch, Jarrells) Restore local control to regulate firearms-related conduct;
- o HB 257 (Russo, Smith, M.) Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order Act (“Red Flag” law);
- o HB 262 (Miranda, Kelly) Prohibit negligent firearm storage;
- o HB 360 (Miranda, Smith) Designate Gun Violence Awareness Month;
- o HB 661 (Crossman, Hicks-Hudson) Require gun trigger locks with firearm sales
- o HB 700 (Sobecki, Smith, M.) Revise allocation of firearms related tax revenue to survivors of gun violence, mental health services, and police-community relations.

House Democrats are fighting to protect Ohioans’ lives and reduce gun violence. In Washington, DC, Democrats were able to find bi-partisan support for the Safer Communities Act, which is among the most significant gun violence legislation Congress passed in nearly 30 years. Signed by President Biden, the bill will save lives but there is still so much work to do. To learn more, or if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My office can be reached either at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your public servant,



Did you know that August is National Black Business Month? Ohio is ranked the 7th best state in the country for Black entrepreneurship, according to a study by Merchant Maverick. Ohio is home to more than 4,200 Black-owned businesses. They employ nearly 70,000 and pay roughly \$1.5 billion in payroll each year. National Black Business Month is not just a time to highlight Black-owned businesses but to also draw attention to the needs of and challenges Black entrepreneurs face. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Business Survey in 2019, Black business owners owned only approximately 1.4% of all retail businesses in the country. Throughout the country, Black-owned businesses have less access to capital and human resources than white-owned businesses. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has programs focused on addressing this disparity. In Ohio, the State Encouraging Diversity, Growth & Equity (EDGE) program encourages state agencies to awarded contracts to certified EDGE eligible businesses to assist economically and socially disadvantaged businesses. To learn more, visit advocacy.sba.gov/2022/05/24/african-american-entrepreneurs-contributions-and-challenges/



Rep. Sobecki accompanied a State APA Officer on a ride-along.

Rep. Sobecki in District



Rep. Sobecki joined the family of fallen Toledo Police Officer Anthony Dia, who was killed in the line duty, to unveil the "Officer Anthony Dia Memorial Highway."

Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Rep. Sobecki's Press Highlights From July 2022:

- July 12, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Announces \$813 Million to Support Low-Income Housing, Infrastructure Projects.
- July 21, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Announces Ohio Arts Council Awarded \$873,000 grants to support the Arts in Lucas County.
- July 26, 2022: Rep. Sobecki Condemns Governor's Decision to reappoint Mike Gonidakis to the State Medical Board.

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

Rep. Sobecki Legislation Highlights:

- House Resolution 334: Honoring Whitmer's Savannah Isaac as the U16 and U19 National Champions in Wrestling.
- House Bill 711: To Require the Department of Taxation to provide how much state tax was withheld by an employer to an employee who doesn't have access to a W-2.

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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