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Dear Neighbor,

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House Republicans have followed the trend of states such as Texas, Arizona, and Georgia by introducing House Bill 294, a bill that is anti-voter. The bill’s intention is misleading and harmful. Instead of ensuring every Ohioan has the freedom to vote and cast their ballot, House Bill 294 limits ways to cast ballots and attacks voters, especially elderly and poor Ohioans.

We all want safe and accessible elections, but Ohio Republicans are pushing the anti-voter legislation that will takes us in the wrong direction. House Bill 294 is a divisive and dangerous anti-voter bill that contains many attacks on our freedom to vote. Any bill that rolls back our right to vote is a non-starter. Period. Ohio already has enough anti-voter laws. We don’t need anymore. We don’t need House Bill 294. Instead we should pass legislation that expands the right to vote and lifts burdens like expanding drop boxes. My House Democratic colleagues and I have been hearing directly from Ohioans about protecting their freedom to vote. Join me this Monday, June 7th in Toledo.

If you have any questions on concerns you wish to discuss, please contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or at (614) 644-6017.

Your Public Servant,

Unemployment / PUA – Overpayment Waiver

It is expected that ODJFS will soon release information about the Waiver Process for Overpayments on Claims at no fault to the Claimant. If you plan on seeking a waiver and need assistance contacting ODJFS, reach out to my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017.



June 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 New Psalmist Church
 3251 Glendale Ave
 Toledo, OH 43614

**FREEDOM TO VOTE
 TOWN HALL TOUR**

OhioAntiVoterBill.com 

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION UPDATE

Ohioans 12 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Each vaccinated person is one step closer to herd immunity. Just like Polio or Measles, we can defeat COVID-19 with herd immunity so cases won’t spike in the Fall, which could cause another economic and health disaster.

To Register: lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine

If you don’t not have internet access, have a disability, or have a difficulty completing the form, call the Northwest Ohio United Way: 2-1-1

For More Information, call the Lucas County Health Department (419) 213-4100

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

In May, the first ever Virtual Women's Lobby Day hosted by the Ohio Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus was a success. Hundreds of Ohioans throughout our state joined us for a couple of hours to learn more information about important issues, centered around the theme: "Women Still Rising." During the pandemic this past year, Women have risen above challenges but continue to face burdens preventing them from returning to the workforce; no access to childcare, or only low wage jobs that won't support their families. The Women's Caucus focused on these issues and the broader concerns of women in Ohio. The event can be viewed here:

["Women Still Rising" - 2021 Women's Lobby Day](#) on the Ohio House Dems Youtube Channel.



This LGBTQ+ Pride Month, I join my House Democratic colleagues calling for action on the Ohio Fairness Act, bipartisan legislation that would protect LGBTQ+ Ohioans from discrimination in employment, housing and accommodations. The legislation was introduced yet again as House Bill 208 by Democrats in March 2021 and was referred to the House Commerce and Labor Committee, but has yet to receive a committee hearing.

Currently, qualified and competent employees can lose their jobs because of who they are or whom they love. Ohio should be a welcoming place to attract and retain the most talented workers. Passage of the Ohio Fairness Act fulfills the Ohio Promise as it will make Ohio a welcoming place to live, raise a family, work and retire. In June 2020, the [U.S. Supreme Court ruled](#) that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal

law. The Ohio Fairness Act goes further by expanding LGBTQ+ protections to include not just employment, but also housing and services in Ohio.

Democrats have also previously introduced legislation which would protect minors by prohibiting certain licensed health care professionals from engaging in conversion therapy when treating minor patients.

Additionally, Democrats strongly oppose anti-transgender bills like HB 61, Republican legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized trans-youth.

During Pride Month and beyond, I am committed to making Ohio an inclusive and welcoming place for all people.

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

- May 12, 2021: Bill Honoring Gene Kranz Passes Unanimously
- May 14, 2021: Rejecting Federal Unemployment is Misleading and Shortsighted
- May 27, 2021: As Chair of the ODWLC, Condemning the Lebanon City Council's Vote to Ban Abortion

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

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights:

- House Bill 24 Honoring Gene Kranz passed the House Floor
- House Bill 292 Creating Electric Vehicle Commission referred to the House Transportation Committee
- House Resolution 62 Congratulating Whitmer Athlete Savannah Isaac for her National Wrestling Title

All Legislation can be accessed at: ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation

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