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Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! During the last week of May, Governor DeWine called for a special session to ensure that President Biden would be on the November ballot. Instead of a clean bill, Republicans used their gerrymandered supermajority to attack some of Ohioans most sacred fundamental freedoms. HB 1 is a preemptive strike against this year's citizen-led ballot initiative to reform the redistricting process in Ohio. GOP politicians know that the Citizens, Not Politicians reform, which is on-track to come before voters in November, will begin dismantling their gerrymandered, supermajority grip on power.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely.

On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and achievements, while looking at our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Willis E Blackshear Jr.



On Juneteenth, we celebrate the official end of slavery in the United States. Today we reflect on the history of slavery, the impact of which is still felt today. We also celebrate the sacrifices made by so many on the journey towards freedom and equality.



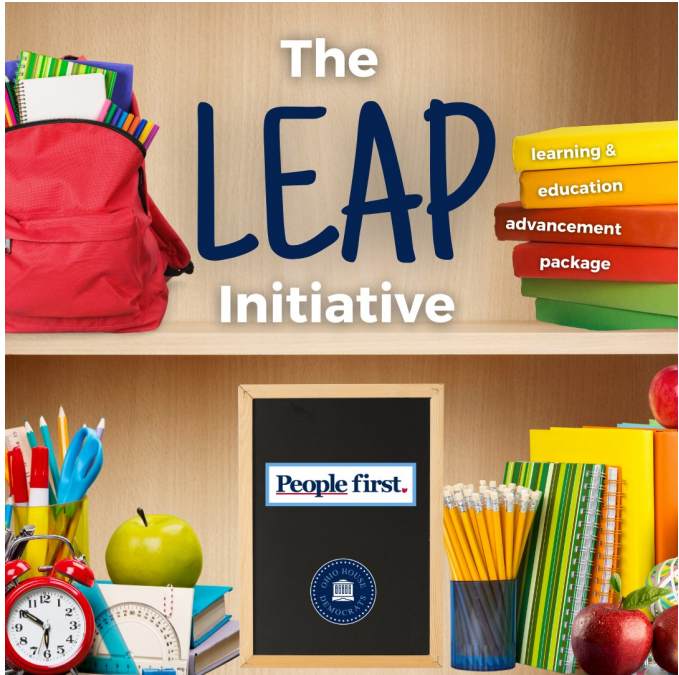
Happy Pride Month! House Democrats are proud to celebrate our vibrant and diverse LGBTQ+ community. House Democrats will oppose any legislation that discriminates against the LGBTQ+ community and will be tirelessly working to protect minority communities.

## Ohio House Democrats Introduce the LEAP Initiative

Last month, Ohio House Democrats introduced the Learning & Education Advancement Package (LEAP) Initiative, legislation to reaffirm K-12 education as a Democratic priority, setting goals and standards for our education system prior to the next school year for for-profit charter school oversight, private school vouchers accountability, investing in early childhood education, and supporting public schools, educators, and students.

Some of the K-12 education House bills being highlighted include charter school oversight, private school voucher accountability, public school support and funding, student support, and teacher support.

As part of its People First agenda, House Democrats are committed to creating a state that works for and supports all Ohio children's education, regardless of race, gender, income, and zip code.



## Check to Make Sure You're Not Overpaying on your Electric Bill!

On June 1st there will be updated information on utility supply prices to reflect the most accurate options. We encourage residents to use the Apples-to-Apples charts on PUCO's Energy Choice Ohio website to compare offers from different electricity and gas suppliers: <https://energychoice.ohio.gov>.



Simply, look at the “price-to-compare” (PTC) on your monthly utility bill when comparing rates from competitive suppliers to know when switching suppliers is best to save money. The PTC represents what a customer will pay to their local utility if they do not choose to enroll with a competitive supplier.