



A legislative update from  
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**From the desk of Rep. Blackshear**

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Fall, Ohio! As we enter this new season, I hope you and your family stay safe, healthy, and warm.

Have you heard about Issue 1? House Democrats have introduced a resolution to express the Ohio House of Representatives' support of Issue 1, the citizen-led ballot initiative to end partisan gerrymandering in Ohio.

I encourage you to check your registration or register for the first time by visiting [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov). The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 7th for the November 5th election. Make your voice heard and keep our democracy strong!

If you haven't yet, now is the perfect time to schedule a flu shot! Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/> to find a vaccine provider near you. It's important to stay up to date on your shots to keep you, your family, and your community healthy.

I am proud to be your state representative. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Willis E Blackshear Jr.,**



**Voter  
Registration  
Day**

**Oct. 7**

Ahead of the October 7th deadline, make sure you're registered to vote in the November 5th election. Make your voice heard, visit [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov) to get started!



**Domestic  
Violence  
Awareness  
Month**  
**October**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I will always support legislation that protects survivors and victims, and holds abusers accountable. If you or someone you know needs help, visit [odvn.org/find-help](http://odvn.org/find-help) and share the hotline number 800.799.SAFE (7233)



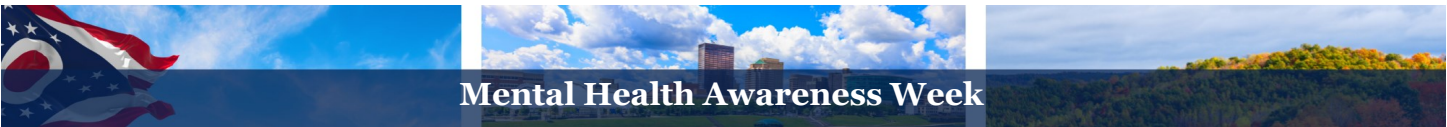
House Democrats have introduced a House resolution to express the Ohio House of Representatives' support of a "YES" vote on the Issue 1, the citizen-led ballot initiative to end partisan gerrymandering in Ohio.

This resolution is necessary due to the constant stream of lies and misinformation surrounding the true nature of Issue 1.

The resolution urges the people of the state of Ohio to support Issue 1, which would eliminate partisan gerrymandering by placing the redistricting process in the hands of Ohio citizens rather than politicians and paid lobbyists. It further notes that supporting Issue 1 would also establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC), ensuring a fair and transparent process that reflects the diverse voices and communities of our state.



Ohioans can learn more about the amendment and its implications [here](#).



Millions of Americans' lives are impacted daily by mental health conditions. In 1990, Congress established the first full week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) to raise mental illness awareness throughout the US. Since then, mental health advocates across the country have joined in the effort to educate the public about mental illness. I will always support legislation that increases access to treatment, ensuring all Ohioans have the resources to thrive.