



January Newsletter

Wishing you warmth and joy

Legislative Updates

**The Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try
Act Introduced**



This month, Representative Gross reintroduced the Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try Act into the House.

HB 12 gives healthcare providers and patients additional protections, including the right to access potentially life-saving off-label use medications, the right of healthcare providers, pharmacies, and pharmacists' ability to fill off-label prescriptions, and the right of health providers to speak freely and express independent medical opinions.

If passed, this bill will give more freedom to patients to refuse harmful treatments and more freedom to healthcare professionals to save a patient's life. According to Representative Gross, "Our healthcare providers should not fear retaliation for providing medication they deem best for their patients."

Boutique Services Reform Signed into Law

On January 8, Governor DeWine signed HB 238 into law. This law, modeled after HB 58 which Representative Gross sponsored, removes the barriers for those seeking to go into the cosmetology field and cut, clean, and braid hair or thread and apply makeup.

"The cosmetology field has long been overregulated in Ohio, pricing out many who wish to provide boutique services. Many states across the country have passed similar reforms which created thousands of opportunities for their citizens. Ohio is open for business," said Gross.

House Bill 70 Signed into Law



Recently, the Governor signed HB 70, sponsored by Representative Gross and Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur (R—Ashtabula), into law. This law requires Ohio schools to adopt policies on the administration of over-the-counter medications to students.

Previously, schools were only required to have policies on prescription medications; however, students face the possibility of receiving over the counter medications that negatively interact with prescription medication.

This bill allows parents and schools to communicate directly about the medications a student takes, which, in Representative Gross’s words, “will foster collaboration between parents and schools, ultimately protecting the health and safety of Ohio children.”

Rep. Report

“With the onset of the 136th General Assembly, Speaker Huffman appointed me to Chair of the House Medicaid Committee. As Chair, I am tasked with overseeing the committee on the budget and application of Medicaid for millions of Ohioans.

I’m honored to be chosen to lead policy efforts on the top budget expense in our state and I am enthusiastic to be at the forefront of policy that positively impacts the health and wellbeing of Ohioans. As chair, I plan to make each dollar spent on Medicaid work for every Ohioan—no matter the district!”

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is an honor and privilege to serve you!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Gross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Gross - District 45

