

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Humphrey

Dear Neighbor,

At the Statehouse, Democrats have released a Congressional map that keeps our largest communities together, has compact district lines and ensures that communities that live, work and play together stay together. The Democratic map is a compromise, a realistic plan that can pass with bipartisan support. Compromise is the only way to reach the bipartisan, 10-year map voters expect of us. The legislature can now either pass a bipartisan 10-year map or a short-term partisan map by **Nov. 30**.

Ohioans and Democrats still want to see a bipartisan, 10-year map that keeps our communities together and reflects the preferences of Ohio's voters. Fair districts means districts that do not have undue, unfair favoring of one party, and keep large cities together so Ohioans who live and work together can get the representation they deserve. The last thing we need is the majority party rushing through a partisan four-year map that invites a veto from the governor or a referendum by Ohio voters.

With fair districts, we can fund our schools fairly, create good paying jobs, and stop pushing through extremist legislation that does nothing but divide us.

To learn more about the redistricting process or to get involved, visit redistricting.ohio.gov.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

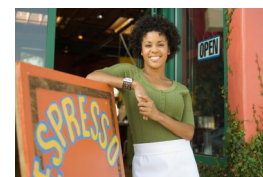
Sincerely,
Rep. Latyna M. Humphrey



Unemployment Account Takeover Reimbursements

Ohioans who have been victims of unemployment account takeovers— which occurs when a criminal gains access to a legitimate claimant's account and reroutes the payments from the intended recipient— can now start the process to have their payments reimbursed.

Ohioans who have been affected by this problem can call the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services at 1-877-644-6562 to request reimbursement, then an affidavit will be sent to the individual to fill out. ODJFS has indicated they do not know how long processing of these cases will take.



Small Business Saturday

With many small businesses still working towards recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, make sure to help your community by supporting a small business this **Small Business Saturday (Nov. 27)**.

Small businesses make up the backbone of Ohio's economy, comprising roughly 98% of all Ohio businesses and employing half of the state's private-sector workforce.

If you are a small business owner looking for resources, visit businesshelp.ohio.gov.

Aisha's Law, legislation to protect those at risk of domestic violence, overwhelmingly passes Ohio House

Last month, House Bill (HB) 3, better known as Aisha's Law, passed out of the Ohio House. Aisha's Law would improve how law enforcement agencies respond to domestic violence cases and provides added protections for those in high-risk situations.



HB 3 was initially unveiled as bipartisan [priority legislation](#) in the 133rd General Assembly, and [was passed by the Ohio House on May 20, 2020](#). Aisha's Law is named after Aisha Fraser, who was brutally [killed](#) on Nov. 17, 2018 by her ex-husband Lance Mason following years of domestic violence.

Aisha's Law would:

- Expand the definition of "domestic violence" to include strangulation;
- Create a new temporary emergency protection order that an individual can request outside of the court's normal business hours;
- Require police agencies to adopt rules and procedures for law enforcement officers to screen victims of domestic violence using an evidence-based lethality assessment screening tool to determine if the case should be referred to local or regional domestic violence advocacy services;
- Require the Ohio Attorney General to adopt rules to require every peace officer and trooper who handles domestic violence complaints to complete biennial professional training that includes, among other items, the referral of high risk victims to a local or regional domestic violence advocacy service;
- Require law enforcement to inform victims of an alleged

strangulation the medical dangers of strangulation and urge them to seek medical attention;

- Increase domestic violence circumstances to the offense of aggravated murder;
- Request the Ohio Supreme Court review the Ohio Rules of Evidence to consider how the Rules may better aid victims of domestic violence without diminishing the fundamental fairness to alleged perpetrators of domestic violence;
- Create the Domestic Violence Drop Policy Study Committee to examine policies to protect domestic violence victims throughout the judicial process;
- Allocates \$150,000 to the Police Officers' Training Academy Fee for the purpose of training police officers on how to respond to domestic violence calls.

Aisha's Law now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

If you are a survivor of domestic violence looking for resources and referrals in Ohio, you can visit DDVN.org or call 614-781-9651.

If you are in an emergency, call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

District Resources

Let's stay in touch! I always want to hear from my constituents. Please feel free to call or email me if there is anything I can do to be of assistance.

Phone: (614) 466-8010

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Community Hours

I am proud to announce that I will be holding Community Hours in House District 26. Please stop by and join the conversation!

Monday, Nov. 15 from 4:30 PM to 6 PM Columbus Metropolitan Library- Driving Park Branch

(1422 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43205)