



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

Dear Neighbor,

Last month, President Biden and Democrats delivered the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century, signing into law the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This will bring more than \$11 billion to rebuild Ohio’s infrastructure, and with it, create thousands of good paying union jobs for Ohio workers.

For Ohio to lead again in jobs and opportunity, I believe it is critical that we deliver these funds where they are needed most—to rebuild our roads and bridges, ensure clean drinking water for every Ohioan and invest in our future. It’s about jobs, opportunity and building an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. That’s why Ohio House Democrats prioritized our state’s infrastructure heading into the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, fighting to reverse the governor’s proposed cuts to public transit funding, and delivering historic wins to expand broadband access to unserved households and clean up Ohio’s waterways. And it’s why we stand today ready to work with the Biden administration and local communities to revitalize Ohio’s infrastructure and create jobs, right here at home.

Ohio is set to receive more than \$11 billion dollars to repair our roads and bridges, replace outdated water lines in our communities and continue to invest in modern, accessible public transit systems that allow people to get to work, go to school and earn a living. Additionally, the infrastructure deal will provide every Ohioan with reliable access to high-speed internet, and ensure cleaner water, cleaner air, and more protections for our lakes and environment.

I believe the historic infrastructure bill will make life better for millions of Ohio residents, grow our economy, and restore Ohio’s promise as a leader in innovation and opportunity for all of us, not just for some of us. Ohio House Democrats are proud to be able to continue this crucial investment in our state.

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

Happy Holidays!

Latyna M. Humphrey



**Open Enrollment Healthcare**

Open enrollment for healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act began Nov. 1 and ends January 15, 2022. Coverage will begin starting January 1, 2022. All US citizens or immigrants who are lawfully living in the US are eligible to enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.



**Holiday Resources**

This holiday season, there are many community resources available.

- Mid-Ohio Foodbank— 614-277-3663
- Faith Mission—614-299-3192
- IMPACT—614-221-2799
- Goodwill— 614-444-2886

## Rep. Humphrey: GOP gun bills are a missed opportunity to do something to keep and communities safe



Last month, the Ohio House passed two controversial Republican-sponsored bills that would make Ohioans less safe. HB 99 would allow school districts

to arm teachers in the classroom without adequate training or safe storage requirements, and HB 227 would eliminate concealed weapon training and safety standards, including penalties for failing to notify police of a concealed weapon during a stop. Both of these bills would make schools and communities less safe and fail to tackle the root causes of gun violence in Ohio communities.

Teachers and law enforcement are opposed to bringing more guns into schools. A 2018 survey found that 80 percent of teachers were “strongly opposed” to having armed faculty in schools. Ohio’s Fraternal Order of Police noted that the

minimal training required by HB 99 is significantly less than the hundreds of hours of training required for police officers. Democrats expressed similar concerns that HB 99 only requires 20 hours of training for armed teachers during committee hearings.

Recent research indicates that states that pass legislation to eliminate permits and training see increased instances of gun violence. I believe we can and should do more to reduce gun violence while still respecting the rights of gun owners. It’s what the vast majority of Ohioans want us to do, and what they called for us to do when they urged lawmakers to “do something” following the 2019 tragedy in Dayton.

Ohio House Democrats continue our calls for commonsense gun safety measures like safe storage requirements, extreme risk protection orders, and universal background checks, proven solutions that a vast majority of Ohioans support and are already working in other states to reduce gun violence and keep our kids and communities safe. I will continue to push for these commonsense, balanced solutions in the new year.

## District Community Hours

State Representative

# Latyna M. Humphrey

House District 26

**December 14 | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Columbus Metropolitan Library - Parsons Branch - Meeting Room 1

**December 21 | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Columbus Metropolitan Library - Barnett Branch - Meeting Room 1



**Socially Distanced, Masks Required**

