



## From the desk of Rep. Humphrey

Dear Neighbor,

The redistricting process continues, after the Ohio Supreme Court struck down both the state legislative and Congressional maps as unconstitutional in mid-January. The Court gave the Ohio Redistricting Commission 10 days to redraw the state legislative maps, and Republican commissioners adopted another set of partisan, four-year state maps on Jan. 22 without any Democratic support. The new state maps are now under review by the Court after voter rights advocates challenged the new maps as unconstitutional once again.

Our democracy should work for and include all of us. But a handful of Redistricting Commission members blatantly ignored what Ohio voters told us they wanted, not once, but twice. Democrats believe this disregard for Ohioans will be remedied again by the Court, and the people will have the fair, constitutional maps they deserve.

In response to the uncertainty caused by the unconstitutional state legislative and Congressional maps, House Bill (HB) 93 was recently signed into law, which makes several changes to the filing requirements for the upcoming primary election.

The emergency legislative changes enacted will help alleviate some concerns about administrative deadlines and paperwork requirements, but these measures fall far short of what's needed to prevent chaos and confusion for election officials and candidates. This could have been avoided entirely had Republican commissioners passed fair, constitutional maps the first time.

Ohio House Democrats are still fighting to ensure fair maps and elections for the people of Ohio, who deserve to choose who represents them, not the other way around.

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

Sincerely,

## Ohio Democrats fight for Black health & wellness

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Happy Black History Month !

Happy Black History Month! This is a time to celebrate the full histories of Black Americans and Ohioans. Ohio Democrats are working every day to fight for equity and justice for all.

See **page 2** for more information on how the Caucus is Celebrating Black History Month !



### Community Hours

I will be holding two Community Hours in House District 26. Please stop by and join the conversation!

**Monday, Feb. 14th from 3:30 PM to 5 PM Columbus Metropolitan Library- Parsons Branch Meeting room 3**

**Monday, Feb. 21st from 3:30 PM to 5 PM Columbus Metropolitan Library- Driving Park Branch Meeting room 2**

## Representative Humphrey votes YES on Senate Bill 105 -- a win for minority businesses across Ohio

Representative Humphrey understands the value of minority businesses in Ohio. Just last month, Rep Humphrey co-sponsored Senate Bill (SB)105 which would remove the red tape and bureaucratic paperwork when applying for the Minority Business Enterprise Association. The bill was first introduced by the Senate on March 21st, 2021, and after further deliberation on the Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee, the bill was finally passed and introduced to the House last June. It passed with a 99:1 vote on Jan 26, 2022.

The Minority Business Enterprise Association provides minority businesses with premier access to an abundance of resources such as top corporate purchasing agents, networking events and supplier databases. These are all aimed at growing minority businesses. This bill is a win for people of color, women, and veterans all across Ohio.

SB 105 was created in response to various complaints by minority constituents regarding the unnecessary time and paperwork before obtaining their MBE certification. The bill requires State Political Subdivisions to recognize the MBE certification, eliminating the unnecessary and duplicative paperwork for minorities wishing to operate their business within the state of Ohio. Rep Humphrey is a proud co-sponsor of this bill and believes it is a huge win for all of Ohio. She is looking forward to continuing to support and pass legislation aimed at equity for Ohioans.

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## Rep. Humphrey and the Democratic Caucus celebrate Black History Month

Happy Black History Month! Ohio Democrats are here to fight for equity and justice amongst people of all races, ethnicities, sexualities, gender expressions, religions, classes, and backgrounds. Black History Month is a time to honor that, and specifically celebrate the full histories of Black Americans.

This month's theme is "Black Health & Wellness." House Democrats are working every day to improve healthcare for Black Ohioans. Throughout this month, we will be highlighting the legislative work we are doing to ensure that Black Ohioans have fair access to opportunities, voting, healthcare, jobs, housing, transportation and all other aspects of life. Our legislative work includes;

### Signed into law:

- **HB 8** —Requires the recording of most custodial interrogations & will reduce the risk of forced confessions/wrongful convictions

### Passed in the House:

- **HB 3** —Aisha's Law
- **HB 371** —Expands coverage of screening mammography & patient notice of dense breast tissue
- **SB 105** —Establishes reciprocity between state and local MBE certifications

### Awaits committee action:

- **HB 42** —Save Our Mothers Act
- **HB 60** —Authorizes medical marijuana for autism spectrum disorder
- **HB 135** —Allows all forms of copay assistance to count towards patient deductible
- **HB 142** —Creates a four-year pilot program for coverage & provision of doula services
- **HB 402** —Regulates the practice of certified professional midwives
- **HB 491** — Establishes paid family & medical leave benefits
- **HCR 6** —Declares racism a public health crisis

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