





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

Dear Family,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, dignity, and opportunity, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

Last month, House Democrats passed House Bill 2, the state 's biennial state capital budget. The record-setting \$6.2B investment makes appropriations for state-owned infrastructure, colleges, universities, and school districts as well as other community projects.

July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make healthcare more accessible for all. Visit the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to learn more.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep02@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-8010. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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State Representative Humphrey Announces Successful pastor roundtable Event

We are pleased to announce that Representative Humphrey's recent Faith-Based Leader Round Table was a tremendous success, with over 40 pastors from various denominations in attendance. The event, held last week, provided a platform for open dialogue and collaboration among faith leaders from our community.

Representative Humphrey expressed her gratitude for the turnout and emphasized the importance of faith-based organizations in addressing community challenges. "Our pastors play a crucial role in supporting our community's spiritual and social well-being," **Humphrey stated.** "Their insights and dedication are invaluable as we work together to build a stronger, more unified community."

The round table facilitated meaningful discussions on key issues such as community outreach, youth engagement, and interfaith collaboration. Pastors shared their experiences and proposed innovative solutions to better serve their congregations and the broader community.

Attendees left the event feeling inspired and

motivated to continue their collaborative efforts. Many expressed their appreciation for Representative Humphrey's commitment to fostering unity and understanding among faith-based leaders.

We look forward to future round tables and continued partnership with our faith leaders to address the needs of our community. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the success of this event.



Governor Signed Representative Humphrey's HB50 Into Law

Our office is pleased to announce that HB50, legislation aimed at creating a mechanism to provide relief from collateral sanctions for housing, was signed into law by the governor last month. This significant milestone follows the bill's successful passage through the Senate Community Revitalization Committee, where it received its 6th hearing and strong support. The new law introduces the Certificate of Qualification of Housing (CQH), which helps returning citizens demonstrate their rehabilitation and trustworthiness to potential landlords, thus breaking down barriers to stable housing.

Reentry in Ohio is a key initiative championed by Representative Humphrey. With over 60,000 individuals released from custody in Ohio over the past six years, the demand for effective reintegration measures is undeniable. "Every individual deserves a fair chance at rebuilding their lives after paying their debt to society," said Representative Humphrey.

HB50 is a collaborative effort with Representative Bill Seitz and is supported by various social justice

and housing organizations, including the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association and the Ohio Justice & Policy Center.

This legislation marks a crucial step towards fostering successful reintegration and creating a more inclusive and equitable society in Ohio.

