

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

Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! During the last week of May, Governor DeWine called for a special session to ensure that President Biden would be on the November ballot. Instead of a clean bill, Republicans used their gerrymandered supermajority to attack some of Ohioans most sacred fundamental freedoms. HB 1 is a preemptive strike against this year's citizen-led ballot initiative to reform the redistricting process in Ohio. GOP politicians know that the Citizens, Not Politicians reform, which is on-track to come before voters in November, will begin dismantling their gerrymandered, supermajority grip on power.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.


On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and achievements, while looking at our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures. Democrats continue to prioritize building up Black families and all Ohioans with legislation centered on health, housing, education, jobs, criminal justice reform and supporting minority owned businesses.

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

Sincerely,

**Jodi Whitted, DSW, MSSW**

**Register to Vote!**  
Make your voice heard



Are you a recent graduate? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!



Our children are our future. On National Children's Day, we reflect on the challenges many children around our state and country face. We need to ensure our children have access to a quality public education, food on the table, and a future to be hopeful about.

**Ohio House Democrats Celebrate PRIDE Month**

June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their identities and experiences.

Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals, specifically people of color, protested against the police for their right to exist.

In June 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal law. However, it is still legal in Ohio for members of the LGBTQ+ community to lose their job, be denied housing or be denied healthcare because of who they are or who they love.

Democrats strongly oppose all anti-transgender and discriminatory bills like HB 8 and HB 68, all pieces of Republican legislation which would further stigmatize and discriminate against already marginalized queer and trans-youth.

To show Ohio is open for business to the nation, we must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.



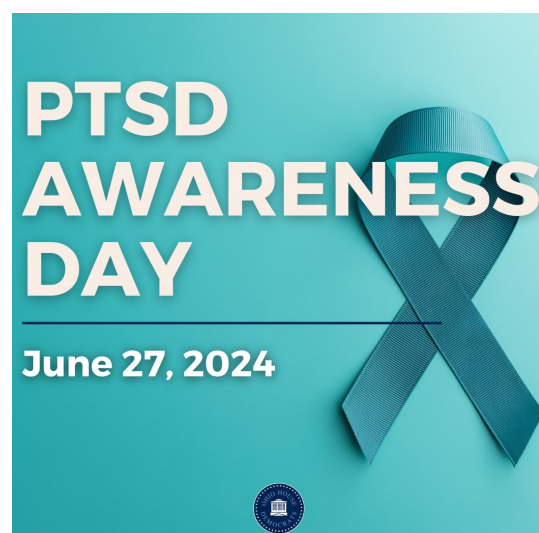
**Ohio House Democrats Highlight PTSD Awareness Day**

On PTSD Awareness Day, Ohio House Democrats want to highlight resources that individuals who suffer from PTSD can use to get help:

- Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Toll-Free Bridge for referral and resources for mental health resources: 877-275-6364
- Ohio State Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) program for professionals and survivors of trauma: 614-293-7827 (STAR)
- Crisis support for Veterans: 988 then press 1 or 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) then press 1
- Mount Carmel Crime and Trauma Assistance Program (CTAP): 614-234-5900
  - Adult in crisis: 614-276-2273
  - Youth or adolescent in crisis: 614-722-1800

- Hopewell Health Centers (SE Ohio): 888-475-8484 or 800-252-5554

Children: <https://www.handlewithcareoh.org/index.php>



**June News from Rep. Whitted**

For all news from Rep. Whitted's office, please visit: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/jodi-whitted/news>