



A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

Happy August!
House Democrats are fighting to lower your property taxes. A handful of Republicans and special interests have rigged Ohio's tax code in favor of the wealthiest few, hurting Ohio homeowners and shifting the state's tax responsibility onto local communities, senior citizens, and middle-class families. This isn't cutting taxes. It's shifting taxes in our community— making you pay more locally so the state can pay less.

It doesn't have to be this way! Together, we can support policies and leaders to unrig Ohio's tax system, so the state stops shifting the tax responsibility onto homeowners and local communities.

Have you checked your voter registration? Voting is one of the most sacred fundamental freedoms we have. The deadline to register to vote in the November election is October 7th. Make sure your voice is heard and check your voter registration here: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep28@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-8120. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jodi Whitted, DSW, MSSW

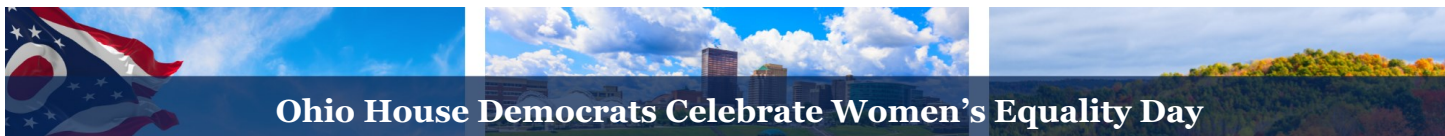
Register to Vote!
Make your voice heard

Is your voter registration up to date? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!

OHIO OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31

In 2022, almost 5,000 Ohioans died from unintentional drug overdoses.

Today is Ohio #OverdoseAwarenessDay, a time to reflect on the national overdose epidemic that has a personal impact on Ohio communities. This is a serious crisis that will require years of hard work. House Democrats are committed to policies that will save lives and end the opioid epidemic in Ohio.



On August 26, we celebrate Women's Equality Day! This day commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to U.S. citizens on the basis of sex.

and I will continue to fight against these barriers until we ensure everyone has the same opportunities to make their voice heard.

While we celebrate that the 19th Amendment was a critical step towards gaining equal voting rights, we must also acknowledge that equality on paper is not the same as equality in practice. Black women would continue to struggle and fight to receive the same rights at the ballot box for another 40 years until the 1965 Voting Rights Act was passed.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Today, there are still issues such as socioeconomic adversity and gerrymandering that prevent disenfranchised communities from voting and being properly represented in our state.

At the Ohio House, my Democratic colleagues



In June, Ohio House Democrats introduced the Learning & Education Advancement Package (LEAP) Initiative, legislation to reaffirm K-12 education as a Democratic priority, setting goals and standards for our education system going into the new school year for for-profit charter school oversight, private school vouchers accountability, investing in early childhood education, and supporting public schools, educators, and students.

education, regardless of race, gender, income, and zip code.

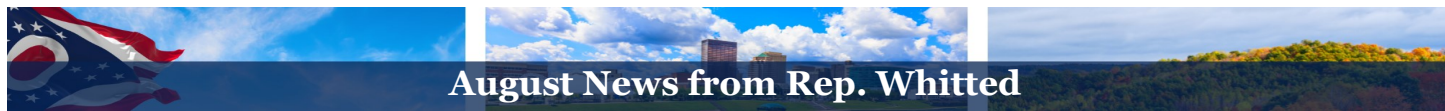
Some of the K-12 education House bills being highlighted include charter school oversight, private school voucher accountability, public school support and funding, student support, and teacher support.

As part of its People First agenda, House Democrats are committed to creating a state that works for and supports all Ohio children's edu-

The LEAP Initiative

learning & education advancement package

People first.



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