

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is almost over, but we are not slowing down in the legislature. Ohio House Democrats are working hard to create great change this coming fall!

From the desk of Rep.

Each September, we recognize Labor Day. It is a time to reflect and appreciate all who campaigned for workers' rights during the labor movement in the late 19th century. Because of them, we have working rights like a 40-hour work week, safe working conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. House Democrats will always stand with our unions, supporting initiatives to improve job security, provide fair wages, and ensure a collective voice in negotiations.

In synchronicity with Labor Day, we will also be celebrating International Equal Pay Day this month. This day represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for all, building upon the United Nations' commitment to human rights and against all forms of discrimination. House Democrats are ensuring that we are fighting for equal pay for all with bills like HB 115, Ohio's Equal Pay Act. This legislation will take crucial and long overdue steps to close the gender and racial wealth gap that currently hurts too many working families in Ohio.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at <u>Rep28@ohiohouse.gov</u> 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

September 11th Remembrance Day

September 11, 2001 is a day that we will never forget. These attacks have had a lasting impact on America and the world. I continue to extend my sincere gratitude to the brave men and women who have since served to protect our country. Thank you for everything that you have, and will continue, to do to keep us safe.



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House Democrats Celebrate Working Parents Day

parents and acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices working parents make every day to support their family. Working parents are feeling the squeeze of high costs for everyday expenses including healthcare, groceries, and rent thanks to greedy corporations.

I know that family always comes first, and Ohioans should have the opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. Democrats are working to ensure families have the resources they need to raise safe, healthy children without breaking the bank





Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you register to vote for the upcoming November election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard! The last day to register for the November general election is October 7th.

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- October 7: Voter registration deadline
- **October 8:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- October 29: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- November 5: Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Need to register or check your status? Register at: voteohio.gov.



September News from Rep. Whitted

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