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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY

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Rep. Cockley at COHHIO's Youth Institute Initiative Day.

## Dear District 6 Neighbor,

Happy May! Over the past month, I've dedicated additional time to addressing housing instability and homelessness in our community. This is an urgent and complex challenge affecting communities across Ohio, especially right here at home in District 6. There are no simple solutions, which is why meaningful progress depends on ongoing collaboration among service providers, local leaders, and individuals with lived experience whose perspectives must help guide our work.

That is why Rep. Abdullahi and I co-hosted our second community housing and homelessness roundtable, bringing together more than 25 advocates, shelter providers, and stakeholders. Together, we discussed the most pressing challenges and explored practical, community-informed solutions. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who participated, and

to those working every day to build a stronger, more affordable Ohio.

I also had the opportunity to serve as chair for a mock legislative committee during the Youth Institute Initiative Day hosted by the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). In that role, I heard testimony from young people who have experienced homelessness. Their stories were powerful and deeply moving. They served as a reminder of both the resilience of Ohioans and the importance of getting this work right.

As always, I am here to listen and to serve. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you need support or information.

Yours in service,

*Christine Cockley*



Rep. Cockley as a guest speaker on the True Crime Garage, discussing HB 217.



Rep. Cockley at the 46th Annual Governor's Holocaust Commemoration.



Rep. Cockley at the Equitas Health's Aids Walk Ohio.



Rep. Cockley and local Hilltop artists at the In Our Backyard exhibit.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 813

## BRINGING TRANSPARENCY TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Rep. Cockley at the Ohio Women's Bar Association Annual Meeting where she spoke about artificial intelligence and state government.

I'm proud to introduce House Bill 813 alongside Rep. Joe Miller. This legislation would require AI-generated content to include a clear watermark so people can easily identify when something is created by artificial intelligence.

AI is rapidly becoming a larger part of our daily lives and can be an incredibly useful tool across industries. However, as these systems grow more advanced and realistic, it is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between real and AI-generated content.

This creates new challenges, including the spread of misinformation and a growing erosion of public trust. House Bill 813 offers a simple, commonsense solution to increase transparency and accountability. By clearly labeling AI-generated content, we can give Ohioans the context they need to make informed decisions about the information they consume and share.

Ohio cannot afford to fall behind as this technology continues to evolve. Various research results shows that people can currently distinguish between AI-generated and human-created content only about half the time— and that gap is likely to grow. Our laws must keep pace with these changes. This legislation is a practical step to ensure AI remains a tool that informs and benefits us, rather than one that contributes to confusion or mistrust.

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- Disputes with state agencies
- Commendations and condolences
- Hearing opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connecting you or your business to state programs and services
- Connecting you with neighborhood resources
- Testifying before a House Committee

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