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STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE COCKLEY



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Rep. Cockley and fellow Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus legislators celebrating the Ohio Women's Monument, honoring the women who shaped our history and inspire future generations

Dear District 6 Neighbor,

As we head into November, I'm reflecting with gratitude on the people I've met, the organizations I've had the privilege of working alongside, and the meaningful experiences I've shared throughout House District 6. This community is made up of Ohioans that truly care about one another, and I'm thankful for every opportunity to connect with those who make our district such a wonderful place to call home.

October was a month filled with opportunities to connect with organizations and people who greatly impact the district. I started off the month attending Equality Ohio's 21st Anniversary Gala, where they brought together advocates and community leaders to celebrate progress toward LGBTQ+ equality and the commitment towards a more equal Ohio. I was also honored to attend the YWCA Columbus 140th Anniversary Gala to celebrate their legacy of empowering women and advancing racial justice in Ohio. Both events were important reminders of the progress we have made and the work still left to do!

I also had the honor of speaking at the Franklin Park Conservatory's Fall Harvest Awards, celebrating community leadership and impact. To celebrate the spooky season, I joined Prairie Township for their annual trick-or-treat event where I got to see some awesome costumes and meet hundreds of neighbors. I then rounded out the month by spending some time volunteering with LifeCare Alliance, helping pack snack boxes for upcoming food deliveries to support our neighbors in Franklin County!

As November approaches, I remain focused on serving the people of House District 6 and advocating for policies that address the needs and priorities of our community and state.

As always, I am here to listen and serve. Reach out to my office if you need support or information.

Yours in service,

Christine Cockley



Rep. Cockley celebrating Halloween with Prairie Township alongside Senator DeMora and Councilmember Day-Auchauer





Rep. Cockley volunteering with LifeCare Alliance, helping prepare for food deliveries for community members



Supporting Equality Ohio's Advocates and Allies 21st Anniversary Gala

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - HB 1032

REP. COCKLEY INTRODUCES NEW HOUSE BILL ON STATE AI USE

I just filed a new bill, **House Bill (HB) 1032**, with my Joint Sponsor Representative Tristan Rader. This bill is working to address the use of AI in the public sector and establish safeguards for state agencies and employers to keep *humans* involved in *human* decisions.

Artificial Intelligence is becoming an increasingly significant part of our world, and while I recognize its potential to improve workplaces and increase efficiency, I have consistently advocated for its ethical, accountable, and responsible use. HB 1032 is an important step toward establishing clear standards for how AI is used in Ohio workplaces.

To maintain transparency, fairness, and accountability, this bill would require Ohio's public agencies to submit inventories of AI use, track which employment-related decisions incorporated AI, and disclose when AI is used in hiring.



Rep. Cockley is honored to be recently named a Kentucky Colonel for her work in improving the lives of others

HB 1032 also aims to protect Ohio employees from unlawful discrimination by prohibiting employers from using AI in hiring and employee evaluations in ways that perpetuate bias. This legislation helps ensure technology cannot become a pathway for discrimination that would be unlawful if carried out by a person. Using an algorithm does not excuse an employer from following the law.

This bill would also require a system of tracking AI-related layoffs, hold covered employers accountable for unlawful discrimination, and prohibit state agencies from using AI to decide who qualifies for taxpayer-funded assistance or what benefits they receive.

I am passionate that we must ensure that Ohioans' are able to understand how their government uses AI. HB 1032 is the proactive approach our state needs to stay at the forefront of technology while protecting Ohioans.

MY OFFICE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Resolving issues with state agencies
- Letters of commendation and condolence
- Consideration of opinions & concerns with bills in the state legislature or state related issues
- Connecting you or your business to state programs and services or neighborhood resources
- Testifying before a House Committee on legislation

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