

A legislative update from  
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## From the desk of Rep. Lett

Dear Neighbor,

Happy November! Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you have a plan to vote in this upcoming November election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard! The last day to vote early for the November 4th election is November 2nd between 1:00pm-5:00pm. Questions on voting? Visit [ohiovoterguide.org](http://ohiovoterguide.org).

We are in the final stage of redistricting and Republicans continue to run out the clock to jam a gerrymandered 13-2 map and strip Ohioans of a map any bit reflective of their actual voting patterns. Ohioans deserve better than political games that hurt families' budgets.

We have been tasked by our constituents with trying to find bipartisan agreement and adopt a fair map. And Ohioans desperately need us to get this right because every day we are reminded of the consequences of having unrepresentative districts. Every vote in Congress matters and we cannot let Republicans cheat their way to tighter and tighter margins.

Make sure to reach out to your state representative and senator to demand a bipartisan, fair congressional map.

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

Sincerely,

**Crystal Lett**  
State Representative  
Ohio House District 11



Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Ohioans can get signed up for coverage through the healthcare marketplace. The Open Enrollment Period on HealthCare.gov runs from Nov. 1, 2025 to Jan. 15, 2026. It's important to get covered, get started at healthcare.gov!



Happy Veterans Day! I am grateful to each and every Ohioan who has served our state and nation. We can never fully repay our veterans for their commitment to defending our freedoms. House Democrats will continue to advocate for legislation that supports our veterans and their families.



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Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- **November 2:** Early in-person voting ends
- **November 3:** Absentee ballot must be postmarked by this date
- **November 4:** Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)



The clock is ticking on 1.4 million Ohio residents, almost half of them children, who rely on food assistance. If the federal government shutdown drags on, November SNAP benefits could be delayed, or possibly not issued at all, until federal funding is renewed.

Ohio's food banks are already strained as it is following the president's "One Big Beautiful Bill" that cut SNAP federal spending and Ohio's state budget that provided **\$7.5 million less** for food banks compared to 2024.

Not only is this a humanitarian crisis, it is an economic one as well. Cuts would negatively impact Ohio's economy as every [\\$1 in SNAP spending generates \\$1.54 in economic activity](#). That would be a huge blow to grocers, farmers, truckers, and small businesses across the state.

**Rep. Humphrey** held a [press conference addressing this issue](#) and the need for her [HB 502](#) that would pull money from the rainy-day fund to keep food assistance programs running. With the federal

government at a standstill, Ohio can act. Lawmakers should put people over politics and make sure no Ohioan goes hungry because of inaction in Washington.





## The National Redistricting Fight in Ohio

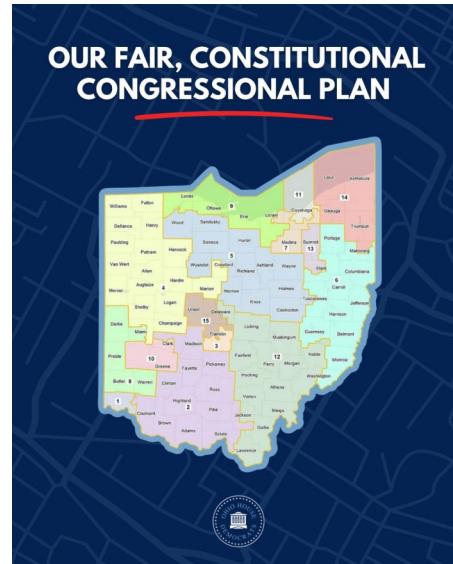
House Democrats are fighting for fair, constitutional maps this fall as Ohio continues its redistricting process. We are back to the drawing board due to 2021's redistricting cycle passing along party lines. The basic principle is clear: Ohio voters should get to choose their elected officials, not the other way around.

We already have some of the most rigged districts in the country which has led to single party rule, out-of-touch leadership, and dangerous federal bills that directly impact Ohioans' Medicaid coverage, hospitals, and food stamps. That's not democracy.

Fair districts should mean:

- Maps that reflect the people, not just the party in power
- Transparency in how lines are drawn
- Accountability to voters, not politicians
- Maps that comply with federal and state laws

House Democrats are continuing to fight for fair representation, protect the voices of Ohioans, and make sure every community has a seat at the table.



## House Democrats Fight to Lower Property Taxes for Ohioans

As we all know, the rising cost of property taxes is a critical economic issue for Ohioans. Homeowners are searching for answers and are rightfully frustrated feeling the squeeze of higher property tax bills. House Democrats have solutions!

No one wants to pay more than their fair share in taxes. That's why tax-shifting is unfair. It funds giveaways for the wealthiest few, and cuts to local communities, shifting taxes away from the state onto local homeowners.

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.

House Democrats have introduced several bipartisan bills to help lower your property taxes:

- [\*\*House Bill 103 \(Troy, T. Hall\)\*\*](#) - Increase the homestead exemption and income limit
- [\*\*House Bill 143 \(Brennan, Mathews\)\*\*](#) - Authorize property tax exemption for certain long-

- term homeowners
- [\*\*House Bill 156 \(Isaacsohn, T. Hall\)\*\*](#) - Authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes
- [\*\*House Bill 365 \(Brennan, D. Hall\)\*\*](#) - Enact the Property Tax Refund Act





## Rep. Lett's Legislation Spotlight

### **HB 136: The Ohio Fairness Act**

Prohibit sexual orientation or gender identity discrimination

### **HB 140: Authorize the refundable thriving families tax credit**

Families earning less than \$65K annually would qualify for a benefit of up to \$1K per child aged 0-5 and up to \$500 per child aged 6-17

### **HB 300: Prohibit conversion therapy for minors by certain professionals**

Requires state licensing boards to sanction health professionals who practice conversion therapy on minors

### **HB 373: Enact the Universal Background Check**

Requires a firearm transfer to be made through a dealer, law enforcement agency, or pursuant to a specified exception, and to require a background check when a firearm is transferred

### **HB 521: Enact the Ohio Nurse Workforce and Safe Patient Act**

Empowers nurses by establishing a student loan-to-grant fund, requires >60% membership of direct care nurses on hospital staffing committees

### **HB 552: Regards Medicaid reimbursement for hospice providers**

Requires that Medicaid hospice providers to be reimbursed for room and board for a hospice patient

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