

AMSN 2024
Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)
Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET

Instructions:

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
 - You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

Your name: Paige Stacy

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<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

Ohio House of Representatives

Name of your Ohio Representative: Gary Click

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 88

Hometown: Tiffin, Ohio

Expiration date of current term:

Eligible for another term?

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete and accurate*):

- Energy & Public Utilities Committee (Chair)
- Select Committee on Rail Safety (Chair)
- Transportation Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Finance Committee
- Workforce & Higher Education Committee
- Governor's Executive Workforce Board
- Ohio Turnpike Commission

Address: Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor, 221 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Ohio Senate

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Bill Reineke

Party affiliation: Democrat

District number: 26

Hometown: Vickery, Ohio

Expiration date of current term:

Eligible for another term?

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate:

- Civil Justice
- Infrastructure
- Primary and Secondary Education

Address: 77 south High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215

U.S. Senate

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

United States Senators representing Ohio:

- A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party*, *years of service*, and *year of term end* (Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)
1. Sherrod Brown
 - a. Democrat
 - b. Years of service: (2007 – Present)
 - c. Term ends: January 3, 2025
 2. J.D. Vance
 - a. Republican
 - b. Year of service: January 3rd, 2023
 - c. Term ends: January 3rd, 2027

U.S. House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Name of Congressional representative: Robert E. Latta

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 5th district

Assignment:

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.

● **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/health/6130>

April 2, 2024

The Honorable Gary Click
U.S. House Representative for Ohio

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senator for Ohio

The Honorable J.D. Vance
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear Members of Congress:

Hello, My name is Paige Stacy and I am currently a nursing student for Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing located in Sandusky Ohio. I have worked in healthcare for almost 10 years now. I originally graduated from Tiffin Sentinel Career Center and since then have worked for many parts of healthcare such as Skilled nursing facilities, Rehab centers, Assisted living, and was a float for Firelands Regional Medical Center for 5 years. Within that time I have worked with many patients from every walks of life, and something that is common when people are in facilities and hospital stays are issues with their mental health. In the realm of mental illness there are often common social determinants of health that play a major role in if someone is able to seek the proper care for their mental health. Some of the social determinants of health being lower income, homeless, jobless, chronic health issues, multiple comorbidities, genetic disposition, and military veterans. Often times these individuals are on medicaid/medicare, disability, and changing some of their social determinants of health is nearly impossible for these individuals.

On December 7th, 2023 the bill S. 3430: Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act of 2023 was passed in an attempt to increase better access to mental health care and bridge the gap for people who lived in more rural areas of the U.S by giving more access to telehealth services, and allowing over all more affordable medications for these patients. But Tiffin is a rural town, and we are currently having one person overseeing all the case managers, therapists and both facilities for Sandusky and Seneca county. Our mental health services are drowning and lack enough resources to appropriately care for people in our area. For many mental health patients it takes a month after being discharged from a psych unit to be established as a patient somewhere and seen by professionals for medication and guidance with their mental health diagnosis.

I am writing to seek further mental health support for the people within our community. Making more and easier access to mental health care is a priority for the wellbeing of those in need of these services. Pushing for telehealth, like stated in the bill S.3430 for those in between in person visits and lowering the time for these people to be seen, especially in a rural area like ours where most of these people have to drive sometimes over an hour to get into an office for mental health support. All while also finding a way to make it possible for more help for the facilities in our area who are desperately trying to keep up with this demand.

Sincerely,

Paige Stacy

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