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Ohio House of Representative

Representative: D.J. Swearingen

Party Affiliation: Republican

District Number: 89

Hometown: Huron, Oh

Expiration Date of Current Term: 31 Dec 2026

Eligible for Another Term: Yes

Committee Assignments:

2023-2024:

House Finance Committee

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

2021-2022:

Civil Justice Committee

Criminal Justice Committee, Vice Chair

House Finance Committee

House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Ohio Senate

Representative: Theresa Gavarone

Party Affiliation: Democrat

District Number: 2

Hometown: Centerville, Oh

Expiration Date of Current Term: 31 Dec 2028

Eligible for Another Term: Yes

Committee Assignments:

2023-2024:

Senate Finance Committee

General Government Committee

Judiciary Committee

Local Government Committee, Vice Chair

Senate Rules and Reference Committee

Legislative Service Commission Committee

2021-2022:

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review Committee, Vice chair

Senate Finance Committee, Vice chair

Judiciary Committee

Local Government and Elections Committee, Chair

Senate Rules and Reference Committee

Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee

2019-2020:

Education Committee

Senate Health Committee

Judiciary Committee

Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Workforce and Higher Education Committee, Vice Chair

2017:

Civil Justice

Education and Career Readiness

Finance

Health, Vice Chair
Higher Education and Workforce Development
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

U.S. Senate

Representative: Michael Bennet

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years of Service: 15

Expiration Date of Current Term: 3 January 2029

Biographical Directory Listing:

Michael Farrand Bennet

28 November 1964

American Attorney, Businessman, and Politician

B.A., Wesleyan University, Yale Law School

U.S. House of Representatives

Greg Landsman

Party Affiliation: Democrat

District Number: 1

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The Honorable Greg Landsman

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Dear Representative Landsman,

I am reaching out to you as a concerned nursing student who appreciates the significance of women's reproductive health and the need for equitable and just policies surrounding abortion rights. In particular, I would like to call your attention to the grave implications of gender bias in healthcare and women's mental health concerning reproductive choices.

Women have been and continue to be subjected to systemic biases within medical and psychological care, especially regarding the way in which their reproductive health decisions are regarded and regulated. The ongoing limitations and barriers on abortion access do not simply limit bodily autonomy but also compound psychological distress and emotional turbulence for those experiencing unplanned pregnancy. The notion that women are incapable of making an informed choice regarding their health because of a supposed emotional deficit is a harmful stereotype that continues to influence health related policies pertaining to women's health and women's rights.

Research findings indicate that access to safe, legal abortion does not increase mental health risk but instead, removes mental distress for many women. In addition, forcing anyone to carry an undesired pregnancy to term yields significant consequences to mental health--Women have

shown to have an increased risk of experiencing anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts. The Turnaway Study out of the University of California, showed that women who were denied abortion services were much more likely to suffer adverse economic and mental health consequences than women who were able to get the healthcare they sought.

I think the time has come for us to stop supporting paternalistic laws that require women to feel the urge to need to protect themselves from. Rather, we must support a framework that embraces autonomy, accepts the realities of gender bias in medicine, and provides adequate mental health care without excessive barriers to care.

I nudge you to advocate for policies that facilitate reproductive justice, provide adequate mental health support for women, and diminish damaging stereotypes in the medical field. Protecting abortion rights is a matter of freedom but it is also a critical public health matter for millions of women.

Thank you for the time and consideration. I value your interests in representing your constituents, and I trust your continued support for gender equity and reproductive justice policies.

Very Respectfully,

Davondre Harper