



{{FirstName or 'Friends'}} --

Summer is in full swing here in Georgia, which means I've been hard at work taking kids to camp, juggling jobs with family life, trying to stay cool while making plans for the fall, and most importantly, **servicing my constituents in Georgia's 50th House District!**



As ever, there is no shortage of work to do here in Georgia, a vibrant and rapidly growing state on the cusp of proving, yet again, that it is capable of incredible progress. It is my honor to represent one of the most diverse districts in the state, and **one of the few swing districts which will be in the national spotlight come Election Day in November.**

The progress we've been able to make these past few years has been remarkable, and I am so grateful for your support as we continue to work to change the balance of power in Georgia. From gun safety legislation to fighting to protect reproductive healthcare access, from defending voting rights to building diverse coalitions, **never has work at the state legislative level been more important.**

## DONATE

As always, thank you for helping us to do this work. ***Now, let's catch up on what we've been up to!***

## HOUSE DISTRICT 50 LISTENING TOUR

One of the most important things I do as a state house representative—and the most rewarding—is talking to constituents so I can learn how best to serve them. Therefore, I am excited to launch my **listening tour of House District 50** next week, an event series we are calling ***“Conversations with Representative Dr. Michelle Au.”***



My goal is to visit businesses, neighborhoods and homes all around the community to meet residents where you live and work, hosting round-table style discussions about what is most important to you and your families and what work you would like me to prioritize at the state Capitol!

These events will be open to all, and **the first stop will be this Monday, July 15th, 6:30PM at [Divine Coffee](#)** (on McGinnis Ferry Road in Johns Creek).

**To RSVP for this first event or for any future listening tour stops, you can visit [bit.ly/AuListens](https://bit.ly/AuListens).** I look forward to seeing many of you around the district this summer!

### PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

As one of only four physicians in the Georgia General Assembly, **I've always made it a priority to help inform our understanding of health issues**, and as a result improve the ways we craft health policy and legislation. Naturally, there are some health policy issues that naturally make their way to the fore in a political environment.

## ALABAMA REFLECTOR

[EDUCATION](#)   [GOVERNMENT & POLITICS](#)   [HEALTH CARE](#)   [CRIMINAL JUSTICE](#)   [ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT](#)   [ELECTION 2024](#)

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS   HEALTH CARE

### Mobile clinic to end IVF program amid litigation over frozen embryos

Infirmity Health in Mobile will shut down its IVF services at the end of the year.

BY: **ALANDER ROCHA** - APRIL 3, 2024 2:32 PM





[Read full article here](#)

In particular, restrictions the practice of **in vitro fertilization has been making state and national headlines in the past few months**. In recent newsletters, I have written about states across the South like [Louisiana](#) and [Alabama](#) making efforts to restrict access to in vitro fertilization. In all, [at least 13 states have pending legislation that threatens IVF treatment](#).

With all that is going on surrounding IVF, it is important to learn more about the clinical practice with an expert in assisted fertility. That is why **I'd like to invite you to join me for an educational webinar with OB-Gyn Dr. Robin Fogle** (a reproductive endocrinology and fertility specialist), for an informative discussion about **the science, medicine, and politics around assisted reproductive care**.

The graphic features a dark blue background with a glowing blue molecular or cellular structure pattern. At the top, two headshots are shown: Michelle Au, MD on the left and Robin Fogle, MD on the right. Below each headshot is a blue box with white text identifying the speaker. The central text is in a white box with black text, and the date and time are in a red box with white text. A gold seal of the State of Georgia is in the bottom left corner.

**MICHELLE AU, MD**  
Georgia House of Representatives, HD 50

**ROBIN FOGLE, MD**  
Reproductive Endocrinology & Fertility Specialist

**IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND HEALTHCARE ACCESS**  
*Where Science, Clinical Medicine, and Politics Collide*

**WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 7:00PM**  
Register for webinar link: [bit.ly/Au717](https://bit.ly/Au717)

The webinar will be held **Wednesday, July 17th from 7-8PM on Zoom**. All are invited to join, learn, and ask questions. Hope to see you there! ([RSVP HERE](#))

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND RISK MITIGATION



**The country is in the midst of an opioid epidemic, and Georgia has not been immune.**

Opioid-involved overdose deaths in Georgia [increased by 302% between 2010 and 2022](#), and between 2019 and 2022 [fentanyl-involved drug overdose deaths increased by 308%](#). In the setting of a state with stark healthcare disparities and severe challenges to accessing mental health care, **this creates a public health crisis** that affects thousands of patients and their communities.

**As an anesthesiologist, opioid-sparing pain treatment strategies are a key part of my work.** As such, I am proud to have been selected by House Speaker Jon Burns to participate on the [House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management](#).



Jon Burns  
Speaker

House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Office  
404.656.5020

**MEMO**

**TO: House Members & Staff; Joint Office Staff**

**FROM: Speaker Jon Burns**

**DATE: June 26, 2024**

**RE: House Study Committee Appointment**

Pursuant to applicable resolutions, I have appointed members to the following House Study Committee:

- H.R.1360: House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management

\*\*\*\*\*

The members of the committee are as follows:

**H.R.1360: House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management**

- Rep. Katie Dempsey - Chair (R- Rome)
- Rep. Butch Parrish (R-Swainsboro)
- Rep. Lee Hawkins (R-Gainesville)
- Rep. Sharon Cooper (R-Marietta)
- Rep. Michelle Au (D-Johns Creek)
- Rep. Lynn Gladney (D-Augusta)
- Rep. Mark Newton (R-Augusta)

Non-Legislative Member:

- Mr. Jeff Breedlove, a citizen representative from the Georgia Council of Recovery

**We are far more effective when we can work together towards a common goal**, and I am gratified to know that I, with the other members of this House study committee, will be focused on the health and safety of Georgia’s patients.

It is always wonderful to see our friend **Senator Raphael Warnock**, who has been a champion in DC fighting for quality affordable healthcare access for all Georgians. I was proud to stand with him and advocates from [Protect Our Care Georgia](#) as we discussed the stakes of our upcoming presidential election, particularly when it comes to **defending the [Affordable Care Act](#)**.



**Donald Trump poses a critical danger to the American healthcare system** with [his long standing goal to dismantle the ACA](#). Despite his failure to repeal the overwhelmingly popular and transformative piece of health legislation, **Donald Trump has made it clear that, if re-elected, he will not stop until he has [ripped healthcare away from hundreds of thousands of Americans](#)**.

Elections matter. Voting matters. Our priorities matter, and the resultant outcomes matter. So right now, **there can be no more key priority than making sure that Donald Trump is not elected president again.**

\* \* \*

**Gun violence is a public health issue, and [is now the #1 cause of death of children and teenagers in the United States](#)**. It therefore naturally follows that healthcare providers have been a key part of our working coalition to pass common sense gun safety legislation in Georgia.

Two of our incredible gun safety advocates, **Dr. Sofia Chaudhary** and **Dr. Mike Greenwald** of **Georgia Clinicians for Gun Safety**, wrote [a powerful piece in the AJC](#) chastising the Republican majority for not doing more with their power to protect Georgians and their families.

# The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

## Opinion

Readers Write   Get Schooled   Mike Luckovich   Real Life With Nedra Rhone   Torpy At Large

OPINION

### Georgia legislators are not working for us on guns

This is not a partisan issue. Gun violence is a public health crisis.



[Read full article here](#)

“Fourteen bills introduced in the Georgia Legislature in the 2023-24 cycle could have reduced gun violence. One of the few encouraging developments was that **the Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act (HB 161)** received a hearing in **2023**; but, despite public support, it did not get a hearing in the 2024 session. **A bill offering a modest tax credit for gun safes and safety training (HB 971)** passed the House and the required committees in the Senate, but it did not make it to the Senate floor for a vote. Other bills did not get a hearing, let alone a vote.”

Dr. Greenwald and Dr. Chaudhary, with many of their colleagues and partners with the Georgia Majority for Gun Safety, were at the Capitol nearly every day



talking with legislators and tirelessly advocating alongside us to pass these bills. ***I could not be more proud to have the support of these brave, committed public health leaders as we continue to fight the good fight together.***



\* \* \*

One less known fact about me is that I am actually a published author, and my book *This Won't Hurt a Bit (and Other White Lies)* was released by Grand Central Publishing in 2011 (which, I'm shocked to realize now, was 13 years ago!).

It's been a while since I've done a reading, but I was delighted to participate in **this very special book club discussion**, hosted by a group of Pediatric ER physicians and held right in the heart of House District 50 in the **Bellmore Park** subdivision!



I loved being part of this thoughtful discussion of medical training, motherhood, and everything in between, and it was certainly fun revisiting some of the stories from my own [residency training in Pediatrics](#) at the [Children's Hospital of New York](#).

Thank you so much to **Dr. Carrie Ng** for hosting us in your beautiful home, and to HD 50's own [Yi Fan Kitchen](#) for catering the lunch! And thank you to all the book club attendees for your commitment to our youngest patients!

## TEAM AU UPDATES

I was humbled to receive **an endorsement from our valued colleagues at [Sister District](#)** for a second consecutive election!

The folks at Sister District do an incredible job nationally helping to elect Democratic legislators in **tightly-contested state-level races in swing seats**, so I am honored to be one of a handful of candidates that they have chosen to endorse, and **one of only two candidates in Georgia**.



\* \* \*

**I was honored to welcome our Vice President back to Georgia** as she visited for Gun Violence Awareness month and spoke at the Carter Center on community-based gun violence prevention strategies. Vice President Harris, as many know, **leads the first ever White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention**, and has been instrumental in this administration’s ability to pass The Safer Communities Act, the most substantive piece of gun safety legislation in nearly three decades.



As a leader with a large group of state legislators working across the country to pass common sense gun safety legislation, **I could not be more thankful to have such a powerful gun safety champion in the White House**, and look forward to continuing our partnership at the federal and state level.

\* \* \*

At the end of June I had the honor to attend the [2024 Chinese American Convention in DC](#). Georgia sent quite the delegation, including a number of familiar faces proudly representing our state and the **Chinese Business Association of Atlanta**.

It was inspiring to meet hundreds of Chinese American activists, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, elected officials, academics, and youth, who embody the best of America and the dream at the heart of it.



While there, I was honored to receive **the President's Award for Outstanding Chinese American Public Servant** at the UCA Gala! However, my personal proudest moment of the weekend was the opportunity to **present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lani Wong**, a friend and mentor who for decades has led the way growing AAPI electoral power in Georgia.



\* \* \*

Happy to chat with the [Asian Pacific Islander American Vote \(APIAVote\)](#) team last weekend, for a video interview which will be featured at the **AANHPI Leadership Summit and Presidential Town Hall** this week in **Philadelphia!**



As the Chair of Georgia’s inaugural **Legislative AAPI Caucus**, I could not be more proud of the work that our community has done to grow the voice and power of the AAPI electorate in this state. **AAPI voters were the margin of victory in Georgia during the 2020 election**, and we hope to be an even more decisive force this November as we continue engaging and turning out in record numbers.

Thank you to **Victoria Huynh** for your leadership, and to **Bonnie Youn** for hosting us at the RMN Agency!

\* \* \*

Thank you all so much for your kind messages and birthday wishes! A very special thank you to everyone who came out to The Painted Pin for my birthday party. You all made this a birthday to remember!



\* \* \*

**It has never been more important to pay attention to the work of state legislatures,** and nowhere is it more evident than in our district, at the epicenter of the changing electoral face of Georgia, the leading edge of where swing districts are still being fought and flipped. And [thank you as always for your support](#) in what promises to be a very difficult (and very expensive) re-election campaign so that we can keep doing the work.



## DONATE

As always, please **do not hesitate to [reach out to our office](#)** should you need any assistance, or if you have any concerns you'd like me to address on your behalf. (Bailey, for one, has heard your request to increase access to tennis balls and purloined cat food pellets, and is drafting model legislation as we speak.)



I could not do this without the support of my constituents. ***It is my honor to be your voice in the Georgia House of Representatives.***

In Service,



Paid for by Au for Georgia Inc.

5805 State Bridge Road, Suite G238  
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097  
United States

If you believe you received this message in error or wish to no longer receive email from us, please (Unsubscribing is not supported in previews).