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We're at the end of a busy summer, but Team Au has been working continuously, advancing our legislative agenda, serving our constituents, and campaigning for re-election!



Labor Day traditionally marks the start of campaign season, though I consider these conventions irrelevant, as I think the best way to get re-elected is simply to show that I have, and will continue to serve my district effectively, fairly, and with integrity.

DONATE

I appreciate everyone's support, and with your help look forward to serve a third term under the Gold Dome, representing a key swing district at the heart of Battleground Georgia.

Now let's catch up on some of the work we've been doing!

HOUSE DISTRICT 50 LISTENING TOUR

It may surprise some of you to hear that the most important part of my job as a legislator is *not* going to the Capitol. It is not sitting in committee meetings or making speeches or even voting on bills.

No, the *most* important part of my job as a legislator is listening to the members of my district, and focusing on the issues most important to you. **I work for the residents of House District 50, and it is my honor to be your voice at the state Capitol.**

In order to do my job, I need to make sure I'm available, accessible, and talking to residents. So this summer, I planned a [Listening Tour across the district](#)—in small businesses, public buildings, and private homes—ensuring that I could best serve the needs of our vibrant, growing constituency.



The most interesting part of our HD 50 Listening Tour was how different each stop was. Depending on where I was and which group I was talking to, everyone brought different questions, concerns, and suggestions.

FEATURED

Public health issues center discussion on Rep. Michelle Au's listening tour

By AMBER PERRY Jul 19, 2024



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From questions about healthcare access to concerns about the State Election Board, from interest in conservation and animal welfare to suggestions about school safety, **I've been lucky to have so many constituents reach out and actively engage our office**, giving us a broad understanding of the needs of our community and ideas for work we'd like to do next session. Thank you to everyone who has turned out thus far!

GEORGIA STATE ELECTION BOARD CONCERNS

Georgia is no stranger to election controversy, and this year appears to be no exception.

POLITICS / 2024 ELECTIONS

Georgia's MAGA elections board is laying the groundwork for an actual stolen election

A new lawsuit hopes to stop them.

by **Ian Millhiser**

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[An article](#) by Mark Niese of the Atlanta Journal Constitution explains:

“A lawsuit supported by Democrat Kamala Harris’ presidential campaign challenged new Georgia election certification rules Monday, warning that they will ‘invite chaos’ if the results are disputed.

The case takes aim at rules approved by the State Election Board's Republican majority that require an undefined [‘reasonable inquiry’](#) and [add requirements](#) before county election boards finalize results one week after Election Day.

*The [44-page suit](#) by the Democratic Party says the rules could lead to disputes over the vote count and potentially delay certification. At least 19 county election board members have [refused to certify](#) various elections since 2020, according to a statewide survey by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.*

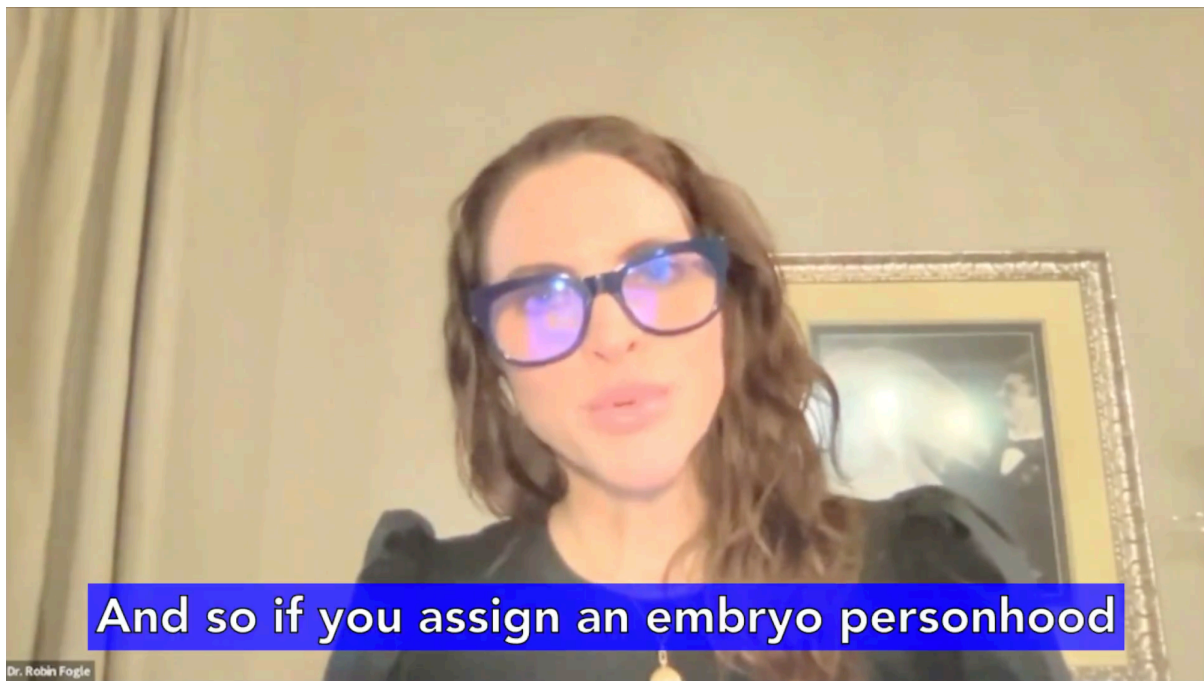
‘Certifying an election is not a choice, it’s the law,’ said Quentin Fulks, principal deputy campaign manager for the Harris-Walz campaign. ‘A few unelected extremists can’t just decide not to count your vote.’

The lawsuit escalates the fight over Georgia’s election rules, which were passed by three right-wing members of the State Election Board this month after they were praised by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump as [“pit bulls fighting for honesty, transparency and victory”](#) during an Atlanta rally.

Georgia is one of the key battleground states in the upcoming election. We will continue to watch this issue closely as it progresses through the judicial system.

IVF AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE ACCESS

On July 17th, I hosted a webinar with my friend and colleague **Dr. Robin Fogle**, a reproductive endocrinologist and a fertility specialist in Atlanta, about the practice of IVF and the legislative landscape around its practice.



[Watch full webinar here](#)

When I host these educational webinars, I always make it a point to invite all lawmakers, across both parties, and from both chambers of the legislature, and my goal is simple. ***I think we do a better job when we understand more about the issues on which we're legislating.*** And lack of understanding of reproductive healthcare is one of the key areas that have led to unintended consequences in states across the nation, including Georgia.

Southern Baptists formally oppose in vitro fertilization

At its annual meeting, the nation's largest Protestant denomination also urged members "to advocate for the government to restrain actions inconsistent with the dignity and value of every human being."



[Read full article here](#)

Of course, the reason we even need to have conversations about imperiled access to IVF is because states like [Louisiana](#) and [Alabama](#) have recently made efforts to restrict the practice. In all, [at least 13 states have pending legislation that threatens IVF treatment.](#)

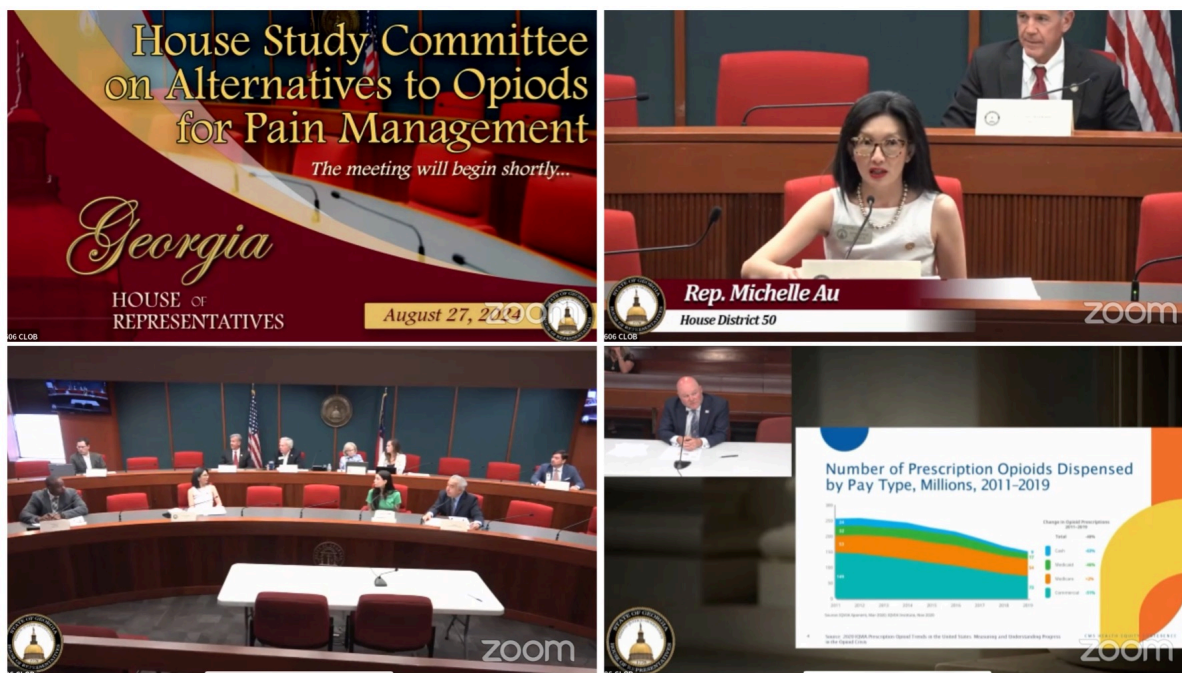
In our webinar, Dr. Fogle and I discussed specifics of the practice of IVF, the push from conservative groups like the [Southern Baptists](#) and [Project 2025](#) to constrain IVF, and what we in the Georgia General Assembly can do to protect patients who simply seek to start or grow their families.

One thing would be to pass bills like [HB 1497](#), which my Democratic colleagues and I cosponsored last session, unfortunately without the support of a single member of our Republican majority.

[Watch the full webinar here.](#)

HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVES TO OPIOIDS

As a practicing anesthesiologist, I have spent decades working on pain control, opioid risk mitigation, and alternative methods for acute and chronic pain treatment. I'm honored to have been chosen by Speaker Burns to participate on the [House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management](#), chaired by [Rep. Katie Dempsey](#).



In our [first meeting](#), we discussed the state of the opioid epidemic in Georgia, availability of naloxone, access to mental health and medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, and the status and allocation of Georgia's Opioid Settlement funds.

I look forward to our next meetings, and to our written report which may help guide our **legislative and non-legislative approaches to opioid risk abatement.**

(The archive for the House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management can be found [here](#).)

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

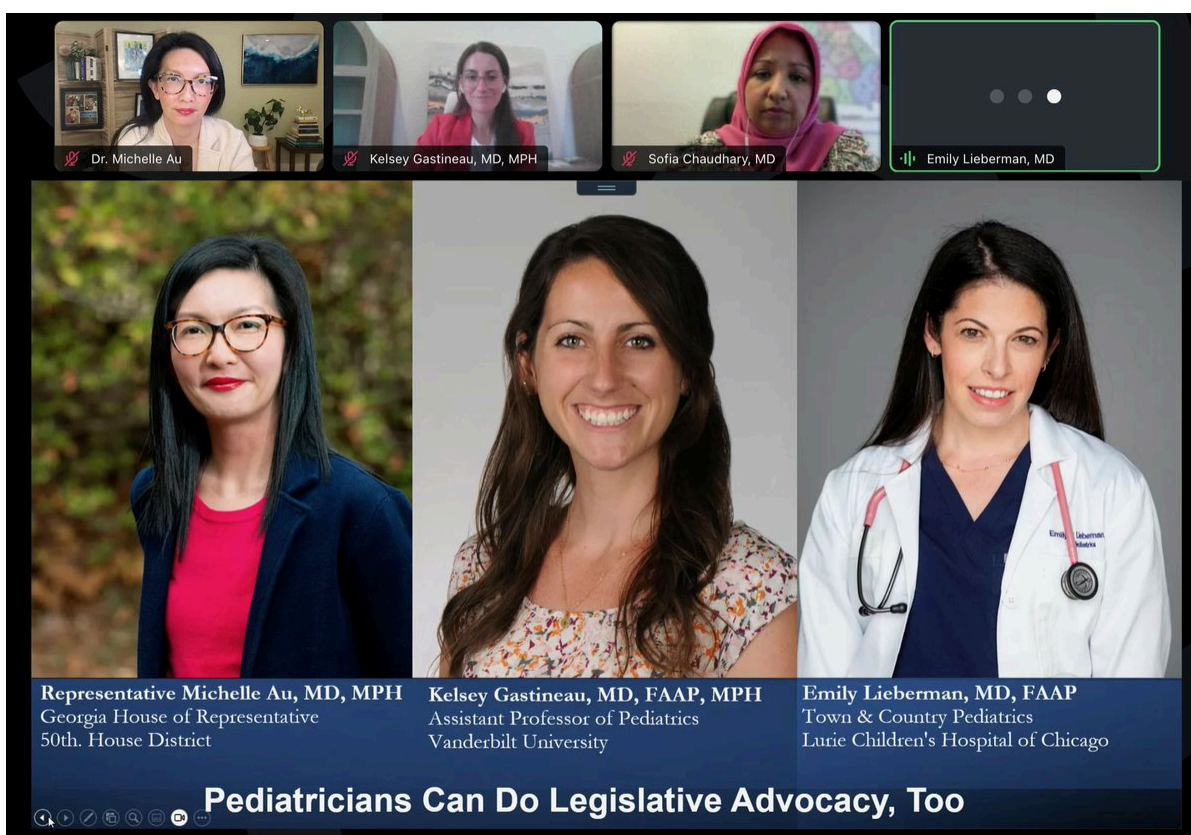
From our Listening Tour I know that **gun violence continues to be at the top of mind for many residents of House District 50**, and as such we have continued to work post-session on advancing gun safety efforts and legislation. I feel lucky we have such strong partners advocating at the national level, and few are as vocal as our [Congresswoman Lucy McBath](#). Her powerful [speech at the Democratic National Convention](#) was a moving reminder of how personal an issue this can be for so many of us, and why we keep fighting.



I am proud to note that I serve on the steering committee for a consortium of state legislators focused on the issue of gun violence, and working together we hope to pool strategies and advance legislation that can meaningfully move the needle on this issue, **even in states like Georgia where gun safety legislation has historically been quite difficult to advance.**

It is my hope that my bills from last session—in particular the [Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act](#) and the [Safe Storage Tax Credit Act](#)—might continue to move forward in 2025, as the majority of voters, including in Republican districts, demand progress.

Of course, **some of the strongest proponents for gun safety are not lawmakers at all.** In fact, many of them are doctors, parents, or both, people who understand intimately the toll gun violence can take on families. I was proud to speak on this panel with the [Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics](#) on the importance of physician involvement in legislative advocacy, and how much it makes a difference.



Working with a coalition of doctors called **Clinicians for Gun Safety**, we were able to meaningfully advocate for the advancement of both the Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act and the Safe Storage Tax Credit Act this past session, mostly because we were able to **correctly frame gun violence not as a political issue, but a public health issue.**



I look forward to continued work with these dedicated clinicians when we return to the Capitol in 2025!

SOUTHERN AIDS COALITION, HEALTH DISPARITIES

It was an honor to be invited by the [Southern AIDS Coalition](#) to speak on a panel at [The Carter Center](#) on health access disparities for patients living with HIV.



Georgia is the state with the highest new diagnoses of HIV. It is also one of only ten states in the nation that have thus far refused to fully expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. One point I made on the panel was that it was difficult for me to see how serious work on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV and AIDS can fail to take into account our large uninsured population and the barriers to care these patients face.

TRI-CAUCUS TOWN HALL

Georgia, a majority-minority swing state, could again determine the results of the Presidential election. We also, for the first time, have a Black and South Asian woman at the top of the ticket, a fact that has invited a lot of discussion about racial identity, intersectionality, and politics.



I was proud to be part of our second ever **Tri-Caucus Town Hall** on July 17th, with leaders from **Georgia's Legislative Black, AAPI, and Hispanic Caucuses**. Some topics we covered included our personal backgrounds and how they inform our approach to politics, coalition work, what it means to us to hear someone derisively referred to as a “DEI hire,” AP African American Studies as a curricular offering in GA, and much much more.

It was a valuable discussion among friends and community members--I hope the first of many such events!

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

I was honored to deliver the keynote last month at the [White Coat Ceremony](#) for the [VCOM Master of Health Science for Anesthesia](#) Class of 2026!



The White Coat Ceremony is now the traditional start to a student's career in medicine, and was first introduced at my alma mater, the [Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons](#). It has since become a standard part of medical training around the country. I was especially proud to speak at the white coat ceremony for our anesthesiology masters students, as I work with so many excellent AA-Cs as we take care of patients together in the OR.

Anesthesiology is about providing care to patients when they need care most. Congratulations to all our new students, and welcome to the team!

HOUSE DISTRICT 50 UPDATES

CREEKSIDE PARK GROUNDBREAKING



I was pleased to join **Mayor Bradberry, Johns Creek City Council, and many community members** on a beautiful morning for the groundbreaking at **Creekside Park**, envisioned to be the focal point for **Johns Creek's future Town Center**!

I am grateful to Mayor Bradberry and the members of Council for all the work and their vision for our city, and look forward to seeing the area develop as we continue to prove we are the **#1 suburb in America** in which to live, work, and raise our families!

ROTARY CLUB PATRIOT DAY COMMEMORATION



COMMEMORATION

PLEASE JOIN US

September 11, 2024 8:30 AM

Mark Burkhalter Amphitheater | Newtown Park
3150 Old Alabama Road | Johns Creek, GA

Program Speaker: Dr. Michelle Au - *"Memories of 9/11"*

Johns Creek Veterans Association Color Guard

Nishevitha Suresh, Student, Northview HS

Autrey Mill Middle School Chorus

Johns Creek Fire Department

Johns Creek Police Department

Presented by

Johns Creek &
Johns Creek-North Fulton

Rotary
Clubs



I am humbled to have been invited by the [Johns Creek Rotary Club](#) to give the keynote address this September 11th at their [Patriot Day commemoration](#) in Newtown Park.

On September 11th, 2001, I was working at a Manhattan hospital as a third year medical student. In my remarks, I will share the formative lessons I learned that day about service and sacrifice.

They told us, “never forget.” And I never did.

[Please join us](#) in [Newtown Park](#) at 8:30am on September 11th, 2024.

FESTIVAL OF INDIA

Wonderful seeing friends, constituents, and small business owners at the annual **Festival of India** in Gwinnett!



HD 50 has among the highest number of Indian American residents in the state of Georgia, and I saw so many friends, neighbors, and constituents there! It is my honor to be able to serve our vibrant community at the state capitol!

TEAM AU FALL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

There's no better way to learn about politics than working on a campaign, and **Team Au's Fall Fellowship Program is now accepting applications!** Our office has a long history of student mentorship, and many of our alumni have gone on to jobs in DC, medical school, law school, and advanced degrees in public policy!



This fall proves to be especially interesting, as we run for re-election in a critical swing state house district in one of the nation's key battleground states..

You will have a lot to do, and have a chance to make meaningful change and be part of the excitement!

[Join the team and apply here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAHNPIs FOR HARRIS RALLY AND DAY OF ACTION


It's no secret that the presidential election in Georgia will be extremely close, and **in 2020, Asian American voters were the decisive margin of victory** in this state.


Please join us as we show our power, use our voices, and help to turn out voters for Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz!



[DAY OF ACTION] Georgia AANHPIs for Harris Walz Rally and Canvass Launch!

Canvass · Hosted by 2024 GA Victory

 **Saturday, September 7**
10am – 12pm EDT


 **This event's address is private.**
Sign up for more details.

SATURDAY, 9/7, 10am

 RALLY with Democratic AAPI leaders from around the U.S.

 TRAINING on canvassing/calls/texts/voter outreach

 FREE DIM SUM

 DAY OF ACTION to turn out #AAPI voters for Harris/Walz and Dems all the way down the ticket!

[RSVP NOW to save your spot!](#)

HD50 CANDIDATE DEBATE



**STATE HOUSE
★ DEBATES ★**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9TH
6-8:00 PM AT CHATTAHOOCHEE HIGH SCHOOL
5230 TAYLOR RD, JOHNS CREEK, GA 30022

District 48		District 50	
	Laura Murvartian		Narender Reddy
Scott Hilton		Michelle Au	

Debate Hosted and Moderated by Student Leadership of Johns Creek

Looking forward to once again participating in the **candidate debate** hosted by [Student Leadership Johns Creek!](#)

This year the debate will be held on the evening of Wednesday, October 9th at Chattahoochee High School, starting at 6pm. **The debate is open to the public** and I invite everyone to join! The students of Leadership Johns Creek always work incredibly hard to put this debate together, and they ask excellent, tough questions of all of the candidates.

Remember, **campaigns are essentially job interviews**, and like any employer, you have the power to hire the candidate you feel has the right experience, expertise, work history, temperament, and people-skills to bring the most value to the role. **Debates are an excellent way to get to know your candidates better**, and I hope many of you will consider joining us on October 9th!

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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. [Thank you as ever 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.



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.***

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