

Dear Representative Hall and members of the House Government Oversight Committee.

I am writing in support of HB 166, Harriet Tubman Day.

My name is Angela Abram, and as a member of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, we have celebrated Harriet Tubman Day in the City of Respect for the last 4 years.

Harriet Tubman was a remarkable woman whose courage and determination changed the course of American History. Born into slavery in Maryland around 1822, she escaped to freedom in 1849. She risked her life numerous times leading 70 people to freedom. During the Civil War, she worked as a nurse, spy, and military strategist for the Union Army, leading an additional raid in South Carolina that freed 700 additional people.

Last year, she was posthumously awarded the honorary rank of Brigadier General by President Joe Biden to recognize her military contributions.

Here in Reynoldsburg, we have our own connection to the abolitionist movement, and we have many members of Reynoldsburg, including Alexander Livingston, who contributed to the Underground Railroad Movement. This information is memorialized at the Reynoldsburg Truro Historical Society, and I invite you to come to Reynoldsburg to view the Ohio connection with Harriet Tubman, and the struggle for justice, and freedom.

Support of HB 166 will assist all Ohioans to remember and know about the legacy of Harriet Tubman, and remind us to stand up for justice, lift up those in need, and to never stop fighting for a better Ohio, and a better America, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank You.