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Dear Neighbor,

During March, the House of Representatives began their deliberation over the Transportation and Operating Budgets. Additionally, focus was put for two important education issues and of course, unemployment.

There were a number of bills, included HB 40 which I jointly sponsored with Rep. Jeff Crossman (D-Parma) to seek a Federal Waiver and cancel school state testing. Ultimately a different bill, HB 67 was passed to grant some relieve for our schools regarding testing, and will soon head to Governor DeWine's desk. Another important education bill working its way through the Primary and Secondary Education Committee is HB 34, which requires that students records by transmitted by one school to another within 5 days. This is critical because too often, student academic records, or IEPs do not immediately follow as a student transfers to another school. They lag behind for months, and some times are never sent. This can cause a student to repeat coursework, fall behind, or even be prevented from graduating. This is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

Ohioans have been struggling to access their Unemployment Insurance or PUA assistance due to an overwhelmed and poorly maintained system. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed to improve and modernize Ohio's antiquated unemployment system. In an OpEd published by the Toledo Blade 2/24/2021, I laid out the issues plaguing Ohio and how we can begin to fix the system for all Ohioans. Through my work on the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council, I am hopeful we can propose meaningful solutions to help Ohioans.

You public servant,

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION UPDATE

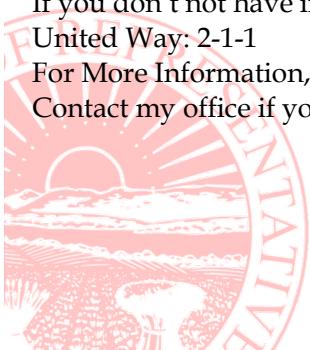
Starting March 19: Ohioans 40 and older are eligible for the vaccine. Starting March 29: Ohioans 16 and older are eligible.

To Register: lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine

If you don't have internet access, a disability, or difficulty completing the form, call the Northwest Ohio United Way: 2-1-1

For More Information, call the Lucas County Health Department (419) 213-4100

Contact my office if you have questions about your eligibility or need assistance scheduling your vaccine.



Unemployment / PUA – Important Tax & Fraud Update

If You think someone has filed a Unemployment Claim in your name fraudulently, or if you received a request to verify information for a employee you believe is fraud related, contact ODJFS @ unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/IdentityTheft.

If you and need assistance contacting ODJFS, reach out to my office.

I choose to uplift women during this year's Women's History Month. The month of March is filed with recognition and celebration of women and women achievement. During the month, there are a number of significant days including March 8th, International Women's Day, and March 24th, Equal Pay Day. This years theme of International Women's Day is "Choose to Challenge," which is intended to inspire people to challenge themselves to fight for gender equality and equity, stereotypes, and discrimination. Equal Pay Day marks how long the average woman has to work into this year to have earned the same amount as the average man last year. Women on average earn 82 cents for every dollar earned by men. Sadly, for black women and Latinas, the disparity is wider.

Women's History Month shines a light on the trailblazing women whose achievements and struggles against oppression has changed our country. Women such as Toledo born and gender norm challenging journalist Gloria Steinem, or Josina Lott, who in 1938 founded her own school in Toledo to help teach students with developmental disabilities, and efforts resulted in the expansion of dedicated education across the state. Women like Kamala Harris, who is the first Female Vice President of the United States. Women's History Month is also about future generations of women, and what the young girls of today will accomplish tomorrow. Their achievements will indubitably become the subject of future Women's History months.

To learn more about these topics, visit the websites listed below.

womenshistorymonth.gov

internationalwomensday.com

equalpaytoday.org

Rep. Sobecki's bills to honor fallen Toledo Police Officers Anthony Dia (HB 19) and Brandon Stalker (HB 80), who both were killed in the line of duty within the last nine months, were passed by the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee by a unanimous vote on March 3, 2021

Five Things You Can Do To Help Stop The Spread of COVID-19

1. Wash Your Hands Consistently Throughout The Day
2. Avoid Unnecessary Person to Person Physical Contact, i.e. Handshakes, Hugs
3. Cough Into Your Elbow
4. Avoid Attending Large Group Events, like Sports Games or Social Gatherings
5. Stand 6 Feet or More Apart from Other People When in Public

For Up To Date COVID-19 Info:

coronavirus.ohio.gov
1-833-4-ASK-ODH
(1-833-427-5634)

Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki's Press Releases from February and March

- Feb 8, 2021: Urging Cancellation of State Tests
- Feb 26 2021: Improving Safe at Home Program
- Mar 4 2021: Transportation Budget Vote

All Press Releases can be accessed at ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news.

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights: Over the past month, Rep. Sobecki filed: HB 129 To Establish the CDL Student Aid Program; HB 139 To Waive Collection of Unemployment Overpayments

A Full List of Rep. Sobecki's bills can be found at ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation

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