

State Representative Jennifer Gross

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Representative Gross would like to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving Day!

<u>District 45 Happenings</u>



Ross Township Fire Chief and Police Chief Recognized

Ross Township recently hired both a new fire chief and a new police chief. Representative Gross was pleased to honor Police Chief Gerhardt and Fire Chief Johns for their promotions at the Ross Township Trustees meeting.

Gross remarked, "Both Chief Gerhardt and Chief Johns bring a wealth of knowledge to their posts that will serve them as they serve the community in Ross Township."



Bowling Green State University Military Student Advocacy Day

Representative Gross met with the Bowling Green State University Office of Nontraditional and Military Student Services where she discussed the opportunities they provide to their military students. The university boasts the top ranking in Midwest and #20 nationally for veterans and active military students.



Rik Saylor Financial Visit

Representative Gross enjoyed visiting with Rik Saylor Financial in Fairfield. She was happy to meet with the team to discuss what they bring to the community and the challenges they face as a business in Southwestern Ohio. She is thankful they chose to open for business in District 45.

Legislative Updates

HB 70 Passed Out of Ohio Senate

The Ohio Senate passed House Bill 70. This legislation will require Ohio schools to adopt policies regarding the administration of over-the-counter medications, announced bill sponsors, State Reps. Jennifer Gross (R-West Chester) and Sarah Fowler Arthur (R-Ashtabula).

Under current law, public schools are only required to have a policy on the administration of prescription medications. House Bill 70 will expand this requirement to include over-the-counter medication administration.

"Parents know their child's medical history best," said Gross. "Now, with the Governor's signature remaining, this legislation is poised to become law. It will foster collaboration between parents and schools, ultimately protecting the health and safety of Ohio children."

House Bill 70 specifically aims to protect the health of students, equip school nurses and parents in better communicating about their child's health history and needs, and protect schools from potential liability.

"Representative Gross and I brought this legislation forward when we learned that Ohio law is silent regarding over-the-counter medication administration within a school," said Fowler Arthur. "The absence of a clear policy has led to a child becoming ill from the administration of an over-the-counter medicine that interacted with her prescription medication. With the Ohio Senate passing House Bill 70, we are one step closer to ensuring the protection and safety of our children."

House Bill 70 now heads to the Governor for his signature or veto.

9/11 Remembrance Day Received First Hearing in House Committee



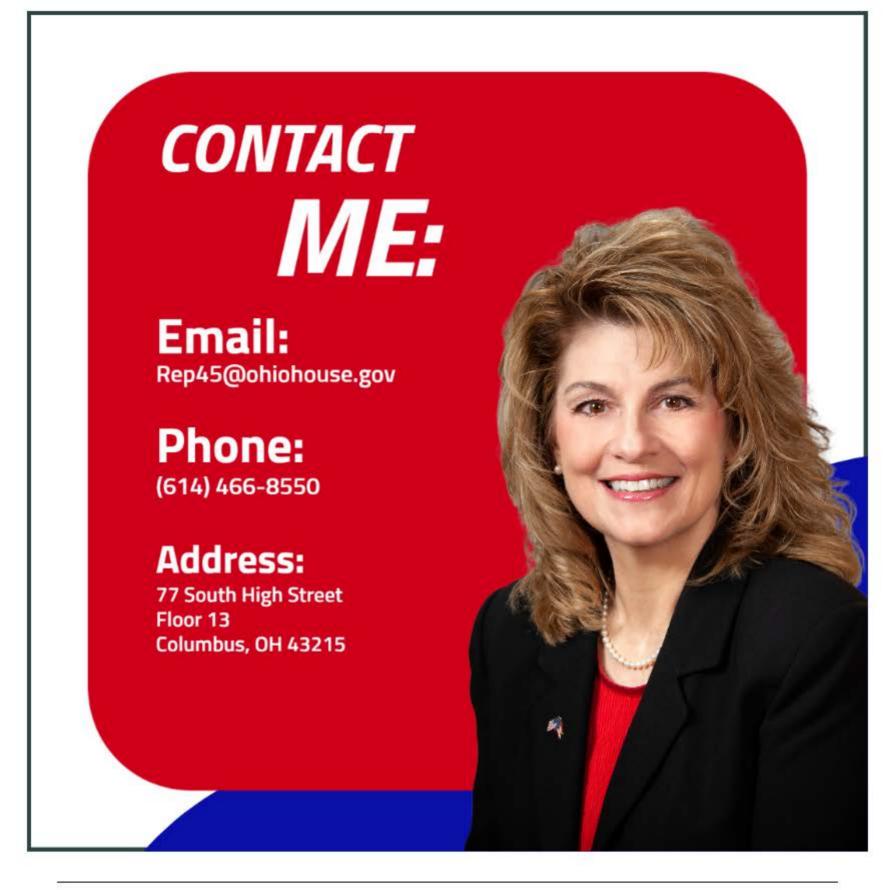
HB 389, Designate 9/11 Remembrance Day, received sponsor testimony in the House State and Local Committee. Representative Lorenz (R-Powell) and Representative Gross (R-West Chester) introduced legislation for 9/11 Remembrance Day to be officially observed by the state, recognizing the tragedy 9/11 brought to the nation, Ohio's contribution to relief efforts, and the patriotic spirit that emerged after the loss.

"23 years later, remembering 9/11 is remembering the tragedy we faced together as Americans and the sense of unity we shared. The time has come for Ohio to recognize 9/11 as a state, along with the nation," said Gross.

Rep. Report

Thank you for electing me to serve District 45 in the Ohio House of Representatives once again. It is an honor to serve you in the 135th General Assembly, and I look forward to the 136th General Assembly with hope of what we can accomplish.

As the nation and the state turn over a new leaf, I am optimistic that economic conditions will improve. The legislature continues to have conversation on measures to decrease the tax burden on Ohio citizens through property tax and income tax reform.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is an honor and privilege to serve you!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Gross - District 45

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