

**State Representative Jennifer Gross** 

# **JUNE ISSUE**

The Ohio House of Representatives



### Please join State Representative Jennifer Gross for her next Town Hall Meeting in June!

Where: Morgan Township Administration Building - 3141 Chapel Road, Okeana, OH

When: Monday, June 24th from 5-6 PM

This will be a time to meet with the Representative to discuss current priorities and legislative updates. Representative Gross is looking forward to seeing you there!

### **District 45 Happenings**



Representative Gross is honored to have been selected by the Fairfield Prevention Coalition to be the Champion for the Fairfield Community and Fairfield Youth Coalitions. As the Champion, Representative Gross will serve as the featured speaker at community events, town hall meetings, and media events throughout the year. The Fairfield Prevention Coalition is a non-profit, community-based board that partners with the Fairfield City Schools and focuses on positive youth outcomes in the areas of substance use, mental health, sense of purpose, and hope for the future.



Representative Gross attended the grand opening of Charis Coffee and Creamery in West Chester. She enjoyed celebrating the welcome addition to the economy of District 45. Charis Coffee and Creamery not only serves specialty drinks, but also gelato and baked goods!

### Legislative Updates

## Houe Bill 546 Introduced in House Government Oversight Committee

Representative Gross recently introduced legislation to require all Ohio ballots to have a watermark. HB 546 would bolster election integrity and citizen confidence in the election process by discouraging the creation of fraudulent ballots. HB 546 awaits a hearing in the House Government Oversight Committee.



#### House Bill 547 Introduced

Representative Wiggam and Representative Gross introduced HB 547. This legislation would require those who apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program funds appropriated by the operating budget to be legal residents of the United States. This change ensures that only Ohioans who are lawfully present in the United States will be able apply for these funds. HB 547 awaits a sponsor testimony in the House Economic Workforce and Development Committee.

### House Bill 319 Received 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing in House Health Provider Services Committee

The House Health Provider Services Committee recently held a hearing for proponent testimony on HB 319 – the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act. The Act will protect Ohioans who choose to decline a vaccine or pharmaceutical due to religious or conscientious beliefs from discrimination in the workplace and higher education.

#### Rep. Report



I was delighted to visit with the Boys and Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty in Columbus. It was great to hear from young constituents about the programs and projects they are involved in. The students got to tour the statehouse and learn about the rich history of Ohio. It was an honor to discuss our great state and my job as a state representative. I am excited for their upcoming projects and their bright futures!



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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