

# A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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*Michele Grim is a strong voice for northwest Ohio, representing the 43rd District (encompassing part of Lucas County) in the Ohio House.*

*Dear Neighbor,*

I have joined my fellow House Democrats in the introduction of a resolution to express the support of a “YES” vote on the Issue 1, the citizen-led ballot initiative to end partisan gerrymandering in Ohio. This resolution is necessary due to the constant stream of lies and misinformation surrounding the true nature of Issue 1.

The resolution urges the people of the state of Ohio to support Issue 1, which would eliminate partisan gerrymandering by placing the redistricting process in the hands of **Ohio citizens rather than politicians and paid lobbyists**. Ohio remains one of the most gerrymandered and corrupt states in our nation. All communities across Ohio deserve better.

This resolution further notes that supporting Issue 1 would also establish the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission (OCRC), ensuring a fair and transparent process that reflects the diverse voices and values of our state. If you'd like to learn more about the amendment and its implications you can do so here: <https://www.citizensnotpoliticians.org/petition/>.

Exercise your right to vote on or before November 5th!

*Michele*

# Fighting to Lower Property Taxes for Ohioans

Lucas County residents have begun to receive their property value assessments. While residents are struggling with rising property taxes, House Democrats have introduced solutions that ensure Ohioans can remain in the homes and communities they love.

- **HB 60 (Troy)** - Increases the homestead exemption for elderly or disabled homeowners and certain surviving spouses
- **HB 263 (Isaacsohn/Hall)** - Freezes property taxes for qualified homeowners
- **HB 274 (Dell'Aquila/Matthews)** - For individuals who qualify and have owned their homes for more than 20 years, this bill increases the exemption from \$26,200 to \$50,000.
- **HB 645 (Isaacsohn/Hall)** - Legislation authorizing a property tax circuit breaker benefit for eligible homeowners and renters whose property taxes, or portion of rent attributable to property taxes, exceeds 5% of their income.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your assessment I would urge you to contact the Lucas County Auditor's Office. They will be offering many services during this time to address resident concerns, including **in-person appointments**.

- 419-213-4406
- [Reval2024@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:Reval2024@co.lucas.oh.us)
- <https://co.lucas.oh.us/3236/Reval-2024>

# Eliminating Junk Fees



Whether they're called "service fees," "processing fees" or "convenience charges," these predatory fees cost American consumers an estimated \$90 billion a year. These fees may pop up when you pay buy a car, pay your credit card or cellphone bill, order delivery for dinner, and even when you pay your rent.

Rep. Grim and Rep. Abdullahi introduced The Junk Fee Elimination Act to crack down on this deceptive pricing practice. **Learn more on the most recent installment of In Session.**

Watch all episodes of **In Session** at:  
<https://ohiohouse.gov/members/michele-grim/video>

# District Spotlight



Grand Opening of the Hiawatha Boys & Girls Club

This will serve as the ninth Boys & Girls Club of Toledo location and is their first in partnership with Washington Local Schools.

This location will serve children from age 7 through 6th grade.



## ODOT Legislative Visit

In September I had the privilege of attending the Ohio Department of Transportation District 2's Legislative Day.

We toured ODOT's Maumee facility and the I-475/20A project.

