A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM



Dear Meighbor.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank YOU**. Our community showed up and advocated for our most vulnerable during the Operating Budget process. My office received **over 5,000 emails** regarding public library funding alone. As well as numerous phone calls and many other messages addressing funding for our public schools, passenger rail, and our state's food banks.

The budget that was passed out of the House of Representatives on April 9th, falls short on funding these resources as well as so many others. For these reasons I voted **NO** on the Operating Budget.

This budget is a rip off for working families. Ohio Republicans are slashing education, healthcare, childcare, and libraries—all to hand out more tax breaks to the wealthy and special interests. It drives up local taxes, raises costs, and sells out our future. Ohioans deserve better—and as the budget process continues I will not stop fighting to deliver.

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District Spotlight



This has been a busy month of meeting with community members, advocates and celebrating local development!

Contact The Office

Residents of the 43rd House District can contact us at any time by calling **614-644-6017** or emailing **Rep43@ohiohouse.gov**.

Here are some ways our office can assist:

- Resolving disputes with government agencies
- Issuing Ohio House of Representatives commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Hearing opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

We look forward to hearing from you!

In March and April I had the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on two of my bills:

House Bill 148 and House Bill 191



Testifying at the Statehouse

House Bill 148 is jointly sponsored with Representative Sharon Ray (R-Wadsworth).

This bill will authorize the Ohio Pet Fund as an option for individuals to contribute a portion, or all, of their Ohio income tax refund.

Several of our local rescues have received critical funding from the Ohio Pet Fund, such as:

Lucas County Canine Care & Control

Lucas County Pit Crew

Toledo Area Humane Society

Toledo's Pet Bull Project

I also provided sponsor testimony for House Bill 191, with Representative **Joe Miller (D-Amherst)**.

House Bill 191 would establish a base salary of \$50,000 for Ohio teachers.



You can watch any of my previous testimony, or watch live at

https://ohiochannel.org/