

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 am excited to introduce the **Ohio Medical Debt Fairness Act - House Bill 257** with **Representative Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland)**. Medical debt can happen to anyone. No one chooses to get sick or injured. No one plans for a car accident, a cancer diagnosis, or an unexpected hospital stay. Yet for too many, this is exactly how medical debt begins. The Ohio Medical Debt Fairness Act offers three commonsense solutions to protect Ohio families:

- **Caps the maximum interest rate for medical debt to 3% per year**
- **Prohibits hospitals, providers, and collectors from reporting medical debt to credit agencies**
- **Prohibits wage garnishment for medical debt collections**

No Ohioan should avoid obtaining medical out of fear of ruining their finances. I will continue to advocate for the passage of the Ohio Medical Debt Fairness Act to stop medical debt from ruining lives.

Michele



District Spotlight



It continues to be my pleasure to attend community events and recognize Toledo excellence!

Contact Our 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 May I had the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on **House Bill 244**, which would designate the month of March as **Women's History Month**

Testifying at the Statehouse



We can and should be doing more to honor the historical impact women have had on the state of Ohio, from all backgrounds. **Ohio's strength is in its people, and that most certainly includes the women who have been leading, advocating, and organizing during its storied history.** Designating a month to honoring this will be one step to fostering more growth for all women going forward.

You can watch any of my previous testimony, or watch live at <https://ohiochannel.org/>