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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE BETH LEAR

**61ST HOUSE DISTRICT** 



WELCOME TO OUR

# Newsletter

An Update from District 61



Dear District 61 Residents, I hope this message finds you well. As your state representative, it is my privilege to keep you informed about the work we're doing in the legislature and how it directly impacts our community.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we're working toward a stronger, more vibrant state. I'm always here to listen to your concerns, share information, and advocate for what matters most to you.

Warmly,

State Representative Beth Lear

## In this newsletter you will find:

Upcoming legislation, contact information, accomplishments, and more. Keep Reading!

# UPCOMING LEGISLATION



## HB 112: Conscientious Refusal

#### INTRODUCED

Representative Jennifer Gross and I just recently introduced HB 112 or the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act. This Act will prohibit discrimination against an individual for the refusal of certain medical interventions including accepting or refusing vaccinations for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions.



## DEI in K-12

### INTRODUCED

Following the passage of Senate Bill 1, Representative Josh Williams and I just introduced HB 155, which prohibits DEI in grades K-12. Diversity and inclusion has led to increased division and animosity. Eliminating it will actually encourage unity without being racially divisive. It is time for the state to focus on improving academics instead of Leftist indoctrination in our public schools.

### **School Board Elections**

#### INTRODUCED

House Bill 153 was introduced on March 19th by Representative Thomas Hall, Rep. Mark Hiner, and me. The bill requires candidates for Local and State School Boards to affiliate with a party. We want to ensure Ohio's voter are well informed.

## From the Representative:

#### ON THE BUDGET

The House recently had its first deadline for the Operational Budget. I advocated for several amendments that would cut spending on the state level. Did you know Medicaid requested an additional 5 billion dollars? My colleagues and I diligently created amendments to cut many expensive funding increases, and we hope to save the great state of Ohio over a billion dollars.

As a friend once told me, Medicaid is no different than Pac-Man. It'll continually expand until there is nothing left. We need legislators to be a road block in Medicaid's expansion.

In the budget, I introduced a number of things, such as: return \$1.5 billion to low income homeowners to offset massive property tax increases, foster care veto authority, and a number of cuts to spending. 2025 has already proven to be challenging, but we'll handle it together.



I got to be Speaker of the House for a day during one of our non-voting sessions!



I was honored to speak up for Senate Bill 1 during session this month.



## Contact me!

I'M HERE TO HELP. CALL AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

Every concern of my constituents matters to me. You can contact me at Rep61@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-1431.