

VELCOME

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

Welcome to another edition of my official newsletter. The General Assembly recently passed the state's two-year capital budget, which invests state funding into communities around Ohio to build transformative projects. The 84th House District had some major investments from the state including \$1.5 million to help build the Grand Event Center at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, \$750,000 to fund the construction of a new regional fire training facility for 21 fire departments in Darke, Mercer, Miami, Shelby and Prebble counties at the Western Ohio Fire Tower, \$500,000 to restore the Morvilius Opera House in Fort Recovery to its original 1883 design. In addition to the funding of these projects, the district received more than \$6 million for other worthy projects. The capital budget also invests \$600 million in the School Building Program Assistance Fund to help with the maintenance and construction of Ohio's public schools.

If you have any questions, need assistance with state agencies, or would like to discuss how to improve the 84th District, please get in touch with my office at <u>rep84@ohiohouse.gov</u>.



WIRED ACT

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THE WIRED ACT



I have introduced legislation to help put an **end to the illegal trade of drugs, human trafficking and immigration** by targeting cartels wire transfers. The Ohio Withholding Illegal Revenue Entering Drug (WIRED) Act will target the money of drug cartels by imposing a transfer fee on international wire transfers from Ohio.

The majority of the cartel's money is being made right here in the United States, including Ohio. To prevent these illegal activities my legislation will charge a 7% remittance fee on money being sent outside of the United States. These fees will be collected into a state fund and used as a grant to law enforcement agencies around the state to combat drug trade, human trafficking and illegal immigration.

HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES FREEDOM TO SHARE ACT

While traditional health insurance is most common and meets the needs of many, it is not the only way to pay for health care. I recently introduced the Health Care Sharing Ministries Freedom to Share Act to assure faith-based, nonprofit membership organizations that facilitate the sharing of medical expenses among their members are authorized in Ohio and regulated as charitable organizations. This legislation will ensure these organizations are regulated as non-profit entities that will fall under the Attorney General's Office rather than the Department of Insurance. These organizations provide an essential service, helping to cover major medical expenses while allowing members to hold on to and support their religious and ethical beliefs.



Honoring our Fallen Heroes

It is my privilege to announce our local military heroes will be honored in the district with the passage of legislation to memorialize their names with road naming's in the district. The memorial roads are:

The Army Staff Sgt. Charles V. Kettler Memorial Highway will be established between milemarker 24 and mile-marker 29 on U.S. 33 in Auglaize County.

The **Army Sgt. Herbert C. Linville Memorial Highway** will be established along State Route 29 between mile-marker 20 and mile-marker 25 in Auglaize County.

The **Army Sgt. Ronnie Blair Memorial Highway** will be established between mile-marker 29 and mile-marker 32 of State Route 66 in Auglaize County.

The Lance Cpl. Gerald Subler Memorial Highway will be established in the north and southbound lanes of State Route 185 between Burns Road and Progress Way in Darke County.

The **Staff Sgt. Gene F. Morrison Memorial Bridge** will be established on the bridge spanning over Indian Creek on State Route 47 just outside of Staff Sgt. Morrison's hometown of Versailles in Darke County.



Nursing Mothers Jury Exemption

Recently, my legislation to exempt nursing mothers from jury duty was signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. Before this change in law, prospective jurors could be excused for reasons such as age and illness, but with the passage of this legislation, mothers will no longer have to face the question of complying with the law or taking care of their child. I'm grateful I could help shepherd this bill through the legislative process to help Ohio mothers.

CONGRATS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

I would like to congratulate all high school graduates. Graduation is a turning point in the life of any student as it defines the future course of careers and ambitions. With this, you have raised the bar very high, and we all will be expecting much from your future. May your success be the start of tomorrow's achievements. Your prospects are very bright, and I wish you all the best.

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