




A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Sims

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is almost over, but we are not slowing down in the legislature. As we say goodbye to summer and welcome the crisp air of autumn, there's something undeniably exciting about the arrival of fall. It's a season that brings with it vibrant changes, from the fiery hues of the trees to the cozy, layered outfits we pull from our closets. Fall invites us to slow down and savor life's simple pleasures, like pumpkin-spiced everything, weekend football games, and gathering around the warmth of a bonfire.


I believe that wherever you come from and whatever your background, everyone should have the economic opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. That's why I want to share how my work on a comprehensive People First agenda will improve our quality of life in the Buckeye State. Putting People First means working together to ensure all Ohioans—no matter your race, gender or economic status—have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.

As we get ready for an exciting fall season, let's take time to enjoy the little things—whether it's the crunch of leaves beneath our feet or the first cozy sweater of the season. Fall is about transformation, and there's no better time to embrace the beauty of change and make lasting memories.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,
Veronica Sims

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Ohio House Democrats Fight to Lower Property Taxes for Ohioans

As we all know, the rising cost of property taxes is a critical economic issue for Ohioans. Homeowners are searching for answers and are rightfully frustrated feeling the squeeze of higher property tax bills. House Democrats have solutions!

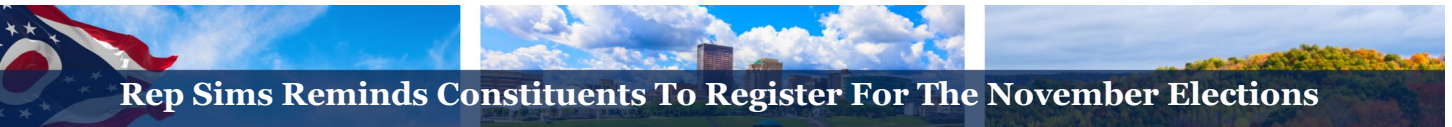
No one wants to pay more than their fair share in taxes. That's why tax-shifting is unfair. It funds giveaways for the wealthiest few, and cuts to local communities, shifting taxes away from the state onto local homeowners.

It doesn't have to be this way! Together, we can support policies and leaders to unrig Ohio's tax system, so the state stops shifting the tax responsibility onto homeowners and local communities.

House Democrats have introduced several bipartisan bills to help lower your property taxes:

- **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.
- **Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform** - This committee, proposed by Rep. Troy, with the intent of examining and identifying solutions to address some of the concerns with Ohio's property tax laws.
- **HB 645 (Isaacsohn)** - 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.



Rep Sims Reminds Constituents To Register For The November Elections

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you register to vote for the upcoming November election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard! The last day to register for the November general election is October 7th.

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

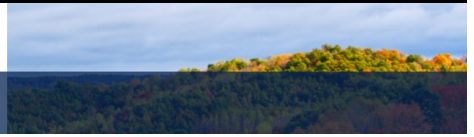
- **October 7:** Voter registration deadline
- **October 8:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- **October 29:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- **November 5:** Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Need to register or check your status? Register at: voteohio.gov.





Rep. Sims Around the District



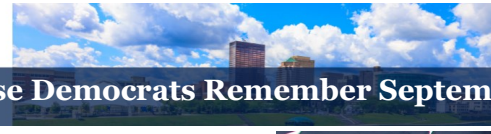
Rep. Sims participated in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Camp and the I Promise School. The lesson for the day was kinetic energy, design and physics. “How Terrific it was to hear these 3rd and 4th graders proclaim their love of science, we must continue to devise ways to both harness and nurture this kind of love of learning.– Rep. Veronica Sims.



Rep. Sims and Senator Sykes in collaboration with the Boys and girls Club of Akron Ohio and the Akron YMCA hosted the annual Youth Fishing Clinic. Kids learned how to cast, catch and identify fish with the help of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. “The sounds of pure exuberance filled the atmosphere at Little Turtle pond at Summit County firestone metro parks as approximately 50 young folks happily converged for a day of learning about fish and how to fish.– Rep. Veronica Sims.



House Democrats Remember September 11



September 11, 2001 is a day that we will never forget. The horrifying attacks on our country killed 2,977 people from 93 nations, including 441 brave emergency responders.

These attacks have had a lasting impact on America and the world. I continue to extend my sincere gratitude to the brave men and women who have since served overseas to protect our country. I will always prioritize bills that help support first responders, active military members, veterans, and their families to honor those who serve our nation.

