

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Whitted

Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, dignity, and opportunity, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

Last month, House Democrats passed House Bill 2, the state's biennial state capital budget. The record-setting \$6.2B investment makes appropriations for state-owned infrastructure, colleges, universities, and school districts as well as other community projects.

July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make healthcare more accessible for all.


Visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#) to learn more.

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

Sincerely,

Jodi Whitted, DSW, MSSW

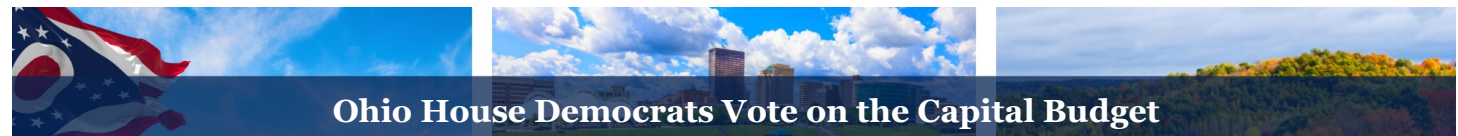
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Happy Fourth of July! Today, we celebrate our strengths and recommit ourselves to fighting for liberty, equality, and justice for all Americans. May we honor every sacrifice of those who fought for our independence, ensuring that we all have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive.

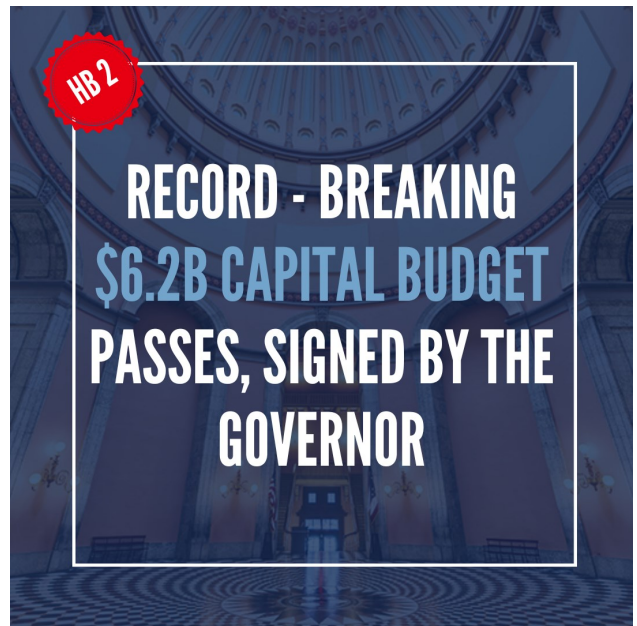


Ohio House Democrats Vote on the Capital Budget

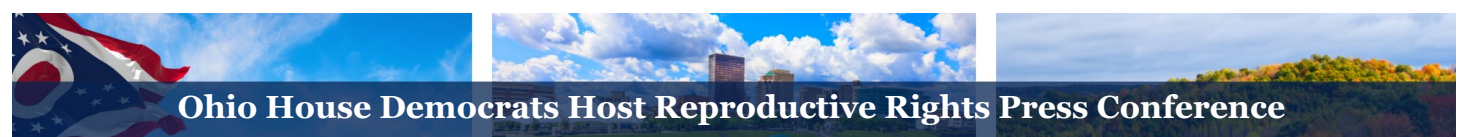
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In addition to the \$3.51B in traditional capital funds and a \$1.98B appropriation for ongoing projects, HB 2 includes an additional \$700M in state funds that will be directly invested into transformative community projects designed to generate further development & economic opportunity across the state. These state funds were able to be set aside due to the influx of federal relief dollars that helped to supplement the state's balance sheet during the most recent state operating budget.

Rep. Whitted helped secure \$1.32 Million for District 28.



HB 2
RECORD - BREAKING \$6.2B CAPITAL BUDGET PASSES, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR



Ohio House Democrats Host Reproductive Rights Press Conference

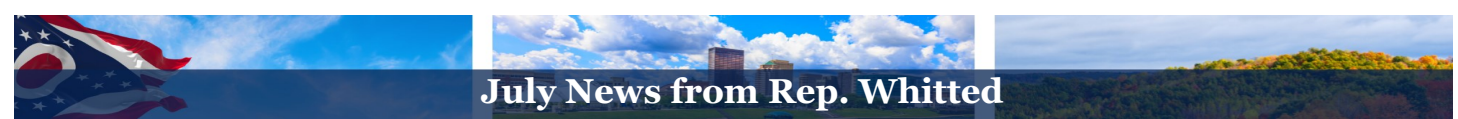
House Democrats hosted their Reproductive Rights Press Conference to discuss ongoing attacks against Ohioans reproductive rights. The representatives re-emphasized House Democrats' ongoing efforts in protecting Ohioans fundamental freedoms.

Wherever you come from and whatever your background, as Americans, we know people should have the fundamental freedom to make decisions about their bodies and health care.

Democrats are protecting women's freedom to access the healthcare they need, including abortion, and have introduced several bills, including:

- [HB 343 \(Somani, Liston\)](#) - Enact the Reproductive Care Act

- [HB 502 \(Somani, Brown Piccolantonio\)](#) - Protect assisted reproduction care
- [HB 565 \(Somani, Grim\)](#) - Regard funding through the Ohio pregnancy and parenting program



July News from Rep. Whitted

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