

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

A Legislative Update from the Office of State Rep. Erika White



Dear Neighbor,

Happy May! Last month, House Democrats unanimously voted “NO” on the state operating budget (HB 96) because it purposely and recklessly slashes critical state funding areas while failing to benefit everyday Ohioans.

In this budget, House Republicans chose to dismantle the constitutional and bipartisan fair school funding formula, dump more taxpayer money into vouchers for charter non-public and private schools that benefit the wealthiest Ohioans, and authorize a \$600M handout to billionaires to build a new Browns stadium outside of Cleveland amidst opposition by local leaders.

HB 96 cuts key investments from what Governor Mike DeWine proposed in:

- Childcare
- Public Libraries
- Medicaid
- Affordable Housing
- Clean drinking water
- Lead abatement funding

The bill decisively fails to provide the essential property tax relief that our communities desperately need, while also ignoring the critical funding required for local schools from the state level. It aggressively attacks the collective bargaining rights of workers, as well as the singled out attacks on LGBTQ+ individuals and creating disparity for minority- and women-owned contractors. Even more troubling, it blatantly silences the voices of voters. It undermines the will of voters by drastically reducing the percentage of marijuana sales revenue that should be returned to local host communities. Now more than ever it is important that our legislative decisions reflect the needs and concerns of everyone in our community.

The bill now heads to the Senate to start the committee process.

Call the Senate President Rob McColley at (614) 466-8150 or mccolley@ohiosenate.gov and Finance Chairman Jerry Cirino at (614) 644-7718 or cirino@ohiosenate.gov and tell them that this budget does NOT support Ohioans.

In Unity,

Erika White



#ThePeoplesDistrict
#Neighbor2Neighbor

#D41

April 2025

WORKING FOR YOU

In Columbus:

In April, I provided sponsor testimony for House Bill 204. The bill will designate March 9th as 6888 Battalion Day in the state of Ohio. The accomplishments of these women must be enshrined in our state's history. I also voted NO on the House's proposed version of the state budget (House Bill 96). The budget callously attacked public education and libraries while providing funds for billionaires. The House also passed House Bill 15 and sent it to Governor Mike DeWine to end the OVEC handout. This restores the voice of the taxpayers in District 41.



Scan this QR code to contact my office, or call us at **614-466-1731**, or email us at **rep41@ohiohouse.gov**

WORKING FOR YOU

At Home:

University of Toledo Senate Bill 1 Panel :

I attended a panel hosted by the University of Toledo's student body to discuss the impact of Senate Bill 1. The panel included Representative Josh Williams, Representative Elgin Rogers, Dr. Renee Heberle, University of Toledo professor, and myself. We discussed the impacts of Senate Bill 1 on the University of Toledo's Campus and listened to concerns voiced by the student body.

NOCK

I took a tour of the NOCK, the Northwest Ohio Cooperative Kitchen. The facility is designed to assist up and coming food related businesses by providing them with top-grade equipment, networking opportunities and other meaningful experiences.

AFL-CIO Worker's Memorial Day

I had the honor of attending the AFL-CIO's Worker's Memorial Day . It is important to remember those who have lost their life while at work. Those members, and their families, are in my mind as I work to serve the people of District 41.



PHOTOS FROM HOME



Photo of Rep. White and students at University of Toledo panel.



Photo of Reps. White, Grim presenting a commendation to the Lucas Co. Veterans Commission.



Photo of Rep. White at AFL-CIO Worker's Memorial Day.

RESOURCES FOR YOU

May is Mental Health Month

If you, or are loved one is in immediate danger, please call 911 and specify there is a psychiatric emergency occurring.

CrisisCare Line

Call 419-904-2273. Connect with local, trained crisis counselors to discuss a mental health emergency.

Lucas County Emotional Support Line

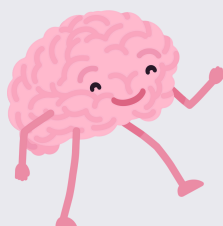
Call 419-442-0580 - available for mental health support from 8a to midnight.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

Call 988 - the line connects you with a crisis center in the Lifeline network closest to your location. The call will be answered by a trained crisis worker.

NAMI

Text NAMI to 62640 to connect with a trained counselor to receive free, 24/7 crisis support 24/7.



ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

Toledo Air Show: May 10th and 11th

Where: Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport
Airport Highway, Swanton, OH 43558

When: Gates open at 9a. Performances both days begin around noon and end around 4:30

Scan the QR Code to learn more:



Stamp-Out Hunger Food Drive:

Every second Saturday in May, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive – the largest one-day food drive in the nation. To donate, leave a non-perishable food by your mailbox.

Toledo Farmers Market:

Where: 525 Market St.
Toledo OH 43602

When: 8a - 2p every Saturday
May 24-26 is Flower Day Weekend at the Market.

Coding with Robots - hosted by the Public Library

Where: Main Branch Library
325 Michigan St.
Toledo, OH

In the Creativity Lab on the Second Floor

When: Saturday May 24th from 2-3
For Kids ages 6-10