

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

### Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I want to sincerely thank you for placing your trust in me to represent the 86th House District! It has been an eventful spring at the Ohio House of Representatives and I am excited to share my reformatted newsletter. This newsletter will serve as a resource to keep you informed on legislation, government issues, and what I am doing in my role as State Representative.

If you have any questions, need assistance with state agencies, or would like to schedule an appointment during my monthly in-district hours, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at [rep86@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep86@ohiohouse.gov).



## **GENERAL UPDATE:**

In this 135th General Assembly I serve as the Chairwoman of the House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education as well as participating on four other House committees: Finance, Families & Aging, Behavioral Health, and Armed Services & Veterans Affairs. In addition to fulfilling my duties as a committee member and Chair, I have worked alongside my colleagues to pass several key pieces of legislation out of the Ohio House.

One of these key pieces of legislation was Senate Joint Resolution 2 (SJR2). This resolution increases the current threshold to amend the Ohio Constitution from 50% +1 to 60% of the electorate. Passing SJR2 was a significant step forward in protecting the supreme law of Ohio and preserving our state constitution. [Click here](#) to hear me speak more on SJR2.

# A BALANCED BUDGET

As Chairwoman of the House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education, I worked diligently on the House version of the state operating budget. As the leader of a dedicated Subcommittee, we shared a goal of finding meaning and impactful education funding solutions that would set our children and our state on a path for success. While my focus was on education reforms and funding, I am proud of all the provisions in this budget that help our children, farmers, seniors, business owners, veterans, and law enforcement. House Bill 33 is a fiscally responsible balanced budget that supports everyday Ohioans and lays the foundation for the future.

## **A few noteworthy provisions include:**

- State income tax reductions
- Greater reimbursement rates for individuals who provide direct services for seniors and those with developmental disabilities
- Increased eligibility for Ed Choice vouchers
- Significant funding for law enforcement training
- Updates to the fair school funding formula

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

In addition to serving you in my role as State Representative, I am also a U.S. Army Reservist and graduate of West Point. I have the honor of working with Ohio students to help them navigate the application process for admission to the U.S. Military Academy. This month, we unite as a nation to honor and mourn U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces on Memorial Day. Memorial Day will be observed on May 29th, the last Monday of the month.

May is also the month in which we unite as a nation to pay tribute to local, state, and federal peace officers who died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty. Peace Officers Memorial Day was observed on May 15th.

Thank you to all of the veterans and law enforcement officers who have dedicated their lives to serving us!

## **HB 103**

I recently introduced and joint-sponsored House Bill 103 with Representative Don Jones. HB 103 creates a task force to review Ohio's current social studies standards. The intent is not to criticize social studies teachers, but rather to ensure clarity and civics oriented instruction. The task force will use "American Birthright: The Civics Alliance's Model K-12 Social Studies Standards," as a guide and must also keep Ohio's Founding Documents curriculum in place. The goal is to teach our children essential fundamentals of Americanism and to provide an opportunity to preserve and cherish American values. I am proud to be an American and hope that through this process our children will learn to be proud too. The final standards would be voted on by the General Assembly.

## **HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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