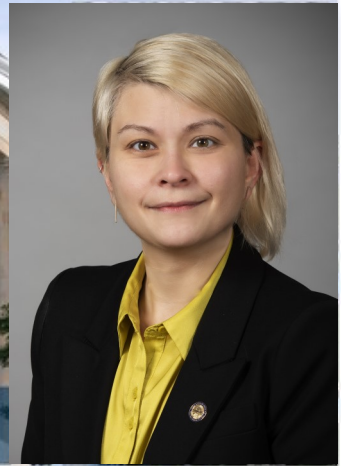




A legislative update from
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 Michele Grim for Ohio



From the desk of Rep. Grim

Dear Neighbor,

It has been a busy few weeks at the Statehouse. For months, Ohioans have pushed back against undemocratic attempts by the GOP to usurp Ohioans' constitutional power to govern themselves. Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 2 is a blatant attack on Ohio's democracy and severely undermines the one-person, one-vote principle in Ohio. It has been inspiring seeing the hundreds of Ohioans who have come to the Statehouse to make their voices heard.

On May 10, 2023, House Republicans subverted the will of Ohioans by passing SJR 2 in the face of widespread opposition from citizens and organizations across the state. Senate Joint Resolution 2 is the ultimate representation of what happens when an extremist, out-of-touch, gerrymandered supermajority realizes that the majority of Ohioans do not agree with them on a certain issue. Despite their insistence that this measure will 'protect the Constitution,' the resolution's sponsors and proponents have made clear that this is about one issue: abortion. Rather than respecting our citizens' will on the ballot in November, Ohio Republicans decided to strip away a 110-year-old right. This action brings Ohio one step closer to ensuring that out-of-state special interests with millions of dollars to spare will be the only ones capable of utilizing the citizen-led initiative.

My office will continue to advocate for the inherent rights of Ohioans to govern themselves. For the time being, I will be prepared to Vote NO on August 8. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michele Grim



I attended Toledo's Train Day forum at Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza on May 13, 2023. I'm proud to be standing with Ohio's rail workers and to have worked with members of both parties to pass new rail safety improvements in the state transportation budget.



Job Development Alert!

On May 8, 2023, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority and JobsOhio announced the approval of four new development projects in Northwest Ohio. Two of the projects are expected to bring 145 new jobs to Toledo, while an additional two projects are expected to create 160 jobs in NW Ohio. You can learn more [HERE](#).



Legislative Update

Ohio's Budget

On April 26, 2023, the Ohio House passed its version of the state budget. I am proud to have supported this bipartisan effort that prioritizes improvements in public education funding and teacher pay, expansion of Medicaid coverage, and necessary funding for local government infrastructure projects.

Ohio will have better jobs, wage growth, and an economy that works for all of us when we invest in our greatest economic resource—people. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure the budget maintains that focus.

To learn more about key priorities in this budget, please click [HERE](#).



Grant Opportunity

Afterschool Childhood Enrichment Educational Saving Program

The Afterschool Childhood Enrichment (ACE) Education Saving Program provides families with a \$1,000 credit per child (ages 6-18), which can be used for a multitude of summer enrichment programs, including:

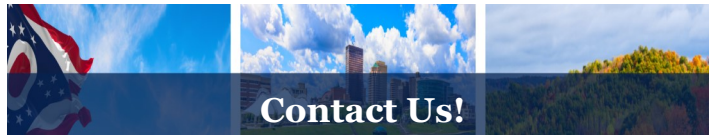
- Before– or after-school educational programs
- Day camps
- Educational, learning or study skills services
- Field trips to historical landmarks
- Tutoring

Apply [HERE](#)!

Standing With Survivors

In March, I introduced the Ohio Safe Homes Act. This bill would allow tenants to terminate a rental agreement or change the locks if the tenant is a victim of domestic violence or sexual violence. Survivors often reside with the abuser or their address is known to the abuser. This bill provides victims with the ability to move to a safe environment.

Additionally, my amendment to enhance the state's accountability related to sexual assault examination kits was passed in the budget. This amendment would codify victims' rights to know the status of their reexamination kit and require the state to report how many kits have been tested each year.



Contact Us!

Residents of the 43rd House District can contact me at any time by calling 614-644-6017 or emailing Rep43@ohiohouse.gov.

Here are some ways our office can assist:

- Resolving disputes with government agencies
- Ohio House commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Voice opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connect you or your business to state programs or services

We look forward to hearing from you!