



A legislative update from  
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## From the desk of Rep. Grim

Dear Neighbor,

We are fast approaching the upcoming August 8th election. I encourage you to vote early or on election day to make sure your voice is heard. Issue 1 originating in the Ohio Legislature (where I voted against it), and is an unfair, unpopular, and undemocratic attack on the people and on our sacred constitution.

If passed, Issue 1 would enshrine minority rule by raising the threshold to approve a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment from 50% to 60%. Ballot issues give Ohioans the freedom to make decisions that affect our everyday lives, and Issue 1 would make it harder for the people to have a say over their own futures. Vote NO on Issue 1 to stop special interests from majority rule and a right Ohioans have enjoyed for over 100 years. A NO vote will protect our voices at the ballot box and uphold the sacred principal of “one person, one vote.”

You can vote **early in-person** by going to the Lucas County Board of Elections. Early voting hours may be found [HERE](#). You may also request an **absentee ballot to vote by mail**. More information on absentee ballots may be found [HERE](#), and applications must be returned to you Board of Elections by August 1st at 8:30 PM. On **Election Day, August 8th**, the polls will be open from 6:30 AM—7:30 PM.

Ohio voter ID laws may have changed since you last voted. Ohioans must present a valid photo ID when voting in-person. A list of valid forms of ID may be found [HERE](#).

**NOTICE:** An unexpired Ohio Driver License, State ID Card, or Interim Documentation with your **former address IS AN ACCEPTABLE** form of ID when your current address is in the pollbook. All forms of ID must be non-expired, have a photo, and name that matches your voter registration.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by phone at (614) 644-6017 or by email at [Rep43@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep43@ohiohouse.gov). Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



Michele Grim



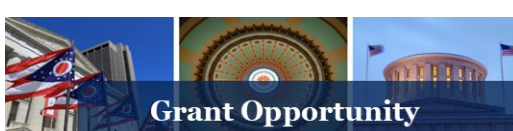
## Staff Update

On Friday, July 28, I will bid farewell to my Legislative Aide, Michael Cochenour.

Michael has been with me since I began my term in January. He recently hit his 3-year anniversary at the House of Representatives, having previously worked for former Representative Michael Sheehy.

Michael is a hard worker and has been a fierce advocate for the people of Toledo and Lucas County. While I am sad to lose Michael, I know he will do great things at Ohio State while pursuing his Master of Public Administration degree.

My new Legislative Aide, Lilly Bohler-Brewer, will begin working on Monday, July 31!



## 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!](#)



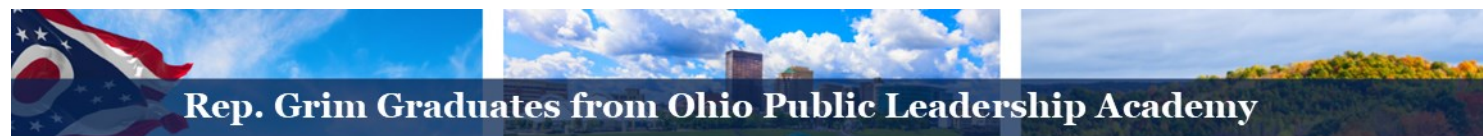
## Legislative Update

On July 4th, Governor DeWine signed Ohio’s new 2-year operating budget into law. While I believed there were many issues with the final version, I voted to pass the budget as it funds several important local and statewide priorities. The Fair School Funding formula was updated and, as a result, funding for Toledo Public Schools will increase by \$21.8 million, and funding for Washington Local Schools will increase by \$14 million. We continued to invest in Ohio’s Maritime Assistance Program, which will spur economic development on Lake Erie and in Toledo. The budget also provided funding for lead abatement projects in the Historic South neighborhood and delivered increased funding to our food banks. Finally, Innovation Hubs received an increase in funding that will be used for job creation, retention, and economic development.

Two key amendments I introduced also made it into the budget:

- Victims of sexual assault will now have the right to know the status of their examination kit. The amendment further requires the Ohio Attorney General to compile data regarding sexual assault examination kit inventory throughout the state and release an annual report to the public.
- Each school district that enrolls girls in grades 6-12 will be required to provide free menstrual products to those students. No student should be robbed of the ability to achieve their potential because they can’t afford pads or tampons.

More information about the budget and key wins for Lucas County may be found [HERE](#).



## Rep. Grim Graduates from Ohio Public Leadership Academy

This month, I graduated from the Ohio Public Leadership Academy, an intensive, one-week, bipartisan academy for Ohio’s state and local elected leaders. The academy was hosted by The Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet with elected officials across the state and reflect on our service to our respective communities. It was insightful to experience different leadership styles among my colleagues, and I will take what I learned to serve Ohio’s 43rd House District to the best of my abilities.

I was a member of the fourth class to graduate from the academy, which consisted of 22 local and state elected officials.




## Fighting Against Anti-LGBTQ+ Bills

So far in 2023, there have been almost [500](#) anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced in states across the US. Ohio is no stranger to this frightening trend. Extremists in this General Assembly have introduced several bills targeting the LGBTQ+ in community’s freedoms at schools and universities, in sports, at the doctor’s office and beyond. Some of which, shamelessly in the middle of Pride Month, were passed through the Ohio House.

House Democrats continue to put people first and stand with the LGBTQ+ community, fighting for legislation such as the **Ohio Fairness Act**, the **Anti-Bullying Act (HB 216)**, and the **Anti-Therapy Act (HB 220)** which protects civil rights and recognizes LGBTQ+ individuals as vital members of our communities.



## Contact Us!

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

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