

A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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Michele Grim is a strong voice for northwest Ohio, representing the 43rd District (encompassing part of the City of Toledo and the Village of Ottawa Hills) in the Ohio House.

"I'm voting *Yes on Issue 1 and Yes on Issue 2.*"

Between now and November 7th, Ohioans have the opportunity to make their voices heard on both reproductive rights and marijuana legalization. Because the majority in the Ohio General Assembly is out of touch with the people on these issues, it is up to voters to assert their will at the ballot box.

I'm voting Yes on Issue 1 to enshrine reproductive rights in the Ohio constitution because private medical decisions should be made by patients with their doctors, not by extreme politicians. Ohio politicians have already passed a six-week abortion ban with no exceptions for rape or incest. Issue 1 will stop extreme abortion bans and also establish our right to make our own decisions about contraception and fertility treatment.

Adult use of marijuana should be legal, regulated, and taxed in Ohio. That's why I'm a co-sponsor of the bipartisan Ohio Adult Use Act (H.B. 168) and why I'm voting Yes on Issue 2. A recent study by the Ohio State University Drug Enforcement and Policy Center estimates potential annual tax revenue from legalizing marijuana at between \$276 million and \$403 million in year five. That's revenue Ohio can use to strengthen public safety and invest in infrastructure and essential services. Adult use of marijuana is already legal for a majority of Americans and the sky has not fallen. It's time for Ohio to take this step.

Exercise your right to vote on or before November 7th!

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"Healthcare is a right - not a privilege."



Ohio Healthcare Plan Act would lower costs, cover everyone

On September 20, Rep. Mike Skindell and Rep. Michele Grim presented sponsor testimony for H.B. 174 The Ohio Healthcare Plan Act. The bill would create a Medicare For All-style single-payer health plan to cover everyone. Advocates of the plan include Single-Payer Action Network (SPAN) Ohio and The Ability Center.

Ohio Funds Free Period Products in Public Schools in New State Budget

Ohio's new budget requires schools to make period products available to students in grades 6-12 and delivers \$5 million in funding. Rep. Michele Grim advocated for this as a member of the House Finance Committee and was recently recognized by PERIOD and Period Law with a Menstrual Equity Champion award.

Contact us!

Residents of the 43rd House District can contact us 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
- Issuing Ohio House of Representatives commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Hearing opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

We look forward to hearing from you!



Medical debt relief begins in Lucas County with Mercy Health

Help is on the way for thousands in our community struggling with medical debt. Mercy Health became the first local healthcare system to sign an initial agreement with RIP Medical Debt, which cancels \$7.22 million in debts for 4,917 local patients.

Striking UAW Workers: "No justice, no Jeeps!"



"The UAW strike is about a fair contract for auto workers, but it's also about standing up to corporate greed and demanding respect for the working class," says Rep. Michele Grim.

National labor leaders, union workers from across the state, and members of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus have all joined striking Local 12 workers on the picket line in Toledo. Rep. Grim has visited the picket line frequently and stands in solidarity with workers standing up for the compensation and profit participation they deserve.