

# A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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**Michele Grim** is a strong voice for Lucas County, representing the 43rd District in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Dear Neighbor,

It's been just over a year since I was sworn in as your State Representative - and what a year it has been! Representing our communities is a responsibility I take very seriously and I'm so proud of what we've been able to accomplish. From delivering on local jobs and infrastructure priorities to taking on high healthcare costs to increasing funding for our local public schools to improving worker safety to standing up for survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence, I've been proud to work with members of both parties to meet tough challenges and get things done.

At the same time, it has too often been necessary to stand up to extremism in the Statehouse and fight for our citizens' fundamental rights. When the majority tried to change Ohio's constitution to make it easier for special interests to rewrite the rules, we fought them at the ballot box - and won. In 2023, Ohioans protected our democracy, enshrined reproductive rights into our state constitution, and finally ended the criminalization of adult use of marijuana.

Government should be a force for legitimate good in people's lives - not an instrument for bullying already vulnerable communities. While the majority's assault on LGBT Ohioans and efforts to dismantle life-saving healthcare for transgender youth are deeply troubling, please rest assured that the fight continues and that I will always stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who believe in medicine and who care more about children than short-term political advantage.

In spite of the obstacles we face, I'm optimistic about Ohio's future and honored to serve you. With the 2025-2026 Capital Budget process now underway, I am intensely focused on bringing new investment to our communities and look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

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## Rep. Grim elected to House Democratic Leadership

On Tuesday, January 23, Rep. Michele Grim was elected by her colleagues in the Ohio House Democratic Caucus to serve as Assistant Minority Whip for the 135th General Assembly.

"A strong advocate for the people of Ohio's 43rd House District, Rep. Grim has been a champion on issues such as workers' rights, free feminine hygiene products in schools, expanding access to healthcare, and protecting public education," Minority Leader Allison Russo (D., Upper Arlington) said. "I am confident that she will be a valuable asset to our leadership team, the Ohio House Democratic Caucus, and to the State of Ohio."

Rep. Grim succeeds former Rep. Tavia Galonsk (D-Akron), who is now serving as Summit County Clerk of Courts.

## Bipartisan rail safety efforts continue with "Stop, Look, Listen"

Rep. Michele Grim recently introduced **H.B. 372 "Stop, Look, Listen"** with Rep. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon). This commonsense bill will encourage drivers to exercise caution at railroad crossings for on-track equipment. This legislation is the latest development in a bipartisan push led by Rep. Grim to strengthen rail safety in Ohio following the Norfolk Southern derailment in East Palestine on February 3, 2022.

## 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!



## Kid Influencer Protection Act would establish new safeguards

Joined by former child star, advocate, and Toledo native Alyson Stoner, Rep. Michele Grim and Rep. Lauren McNally (D-Youngstown) introduced **H.B. 376 The Kid Influencer Protection Act** on January 9th.

The bill requires adult vloggers featuring children to set aside a minimum contribution of their profit in a trust for when that child turns 18 and empowers former child performers to request the removal of their image from social media platforms once they've turned 18.

## Rep. Grim to Address Gun Violence Prevention Summit

House Democrats are proud to announce a **Gun Violence Prevention Summit** on **February 15, 2024 at the Ohio Statehouse from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**.

The event will consist of three panels featuring elected officials, law enforcement officers and gun safety advocates to address solutions, legislation and real-world stories that put us closer to stopping the tide of gun violence in Ohio. Rep. Michele Grim will participate as a panelist.

Additionally, there will be a resource fair during the event that showcases outside groups and initiatives that align with our commitment to address gun violence.