

A legislative update from

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From the desk of Rep. Miranda

Dear Neighbor,

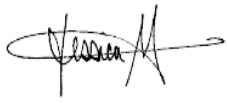
March was a busy month at the Statehouse! The House and Senate passed Ohio’s \$13.5 billion Transportation Budget, which includes railroad safety improvements, infrastructure investment projects and job creation programs. This bipartisan budget puts people over politics and improves the lives of all Ohioans. That is why I was honored to join all of my Democratic colleagues in voting for this budget.

April is National Minority Health Month, a time to focus on the health disparities in minority communities across the state and country. Latina and Black women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than white women. In addition, infant mortality rates among Black Americans and Native groups are higher than other racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Improving healthcare in minority communities is one of the most important issues facing our state. Democrats will continue to support quality, equitable healthcare so that everyone, no matter their zip code, can thrive here in Ohio.

Also in April, we turn our attention to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. We will be hard at work ensuring Ohio’s budget puts people first by supporting working families, small businesses, and our children.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,



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WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 28, 2022


from the Ohio House Democrats

April 28 commemorates the day when the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act was enacted. This landmark legislation created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), greatly improving Ohioans safety in the workplace. Workers Memorial Day remembers workers who have been killed, injured, or made sick on the job. Ohio’s workers keep our state competitive and are the reason Ohio is an economic leader in America. House Democrats are committed to fighting for workers’ rights to ensure we all have safe workplaces, proper training and fair pay.

Black Maternal Health Week

April 11-17, 2023

Please join Ohio's BMHC




More info: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioBMHC/>

The week of April 11-17 is Black Maternal Health Week. Black mothers are 3 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications compared to white women. We must address this injustice by supporting Doula services, the Strong Foundations Act and removing barriers many Black mothers face to receiving quality healthcare.

Reminders

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. April is designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is meant to raise awareness regarding the prevalence of sexual assault, educating people on how to minimize the risk of sexual assault as well as how to help survivors. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault you can call 800-656-4673 to be connected to a local sexual assault service provider. More information here: <https://www.rainn.org/get-help>

Passed the House: Scout’s Honor Law

This month, I am happy to announce House Bill (HB) 35, the “Scout’s Honor Law”, being passed out of the House.

HB 35 will enable Ohio-based claimants against the bankruptcy estate of the Boy Scout’s of America to recover 100% of their settlement, as opposed to the 30 to 45% share that they are slated to get if the Ohio statue of limitations on civil claims for such damages is not extended.

“As a survivor myself, I am thrilled that the legislature has prioritized this critical legislation in the beginning months of this General Assembly,” said Rep. Miranda. “The ‘Scout’s Honor Law’ ensures that Ohioans receive the compensation and justice they deserve from the national bankruptcy settlement. This is a necessary and timely win for these survivors, but more work needs to be done. All sexual violence survivors, no matter the case, or how much time has passed, deserve justice.”


HB 35 was initially introduced as HB 709 during the last General Assembly, but later died in the Senate. This bill will abolish the civil statute of limitations for damages for victims of child sexual abuse in the event of bankruptcy settlements.

The “Scout’s Honor Law” is joint-sponsored by Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and heads to the Senate.

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Early Voting Starts Tuesday, April 4th

May 2nd Primary/Special Election



 For more information please visit: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/too/kit/early-voting/>

Update on FY 24-25 Operating Budget

The 2024-2025 Operating Budget will be the primary focus of the House during April. The budget is expected to pass the House at the end of April before going to the Ohio Senate. Much like the Transportation Budget, House Democrats look forward to creating a bipartisan budget that will put people over politics. While we are willing to work with Republicans, we will not support extremist ideas that seek to divide and distract us from the issues that matter. Our priorities for the budget include investments in families, children, workers and communities. Democrats are working to ensure our public schools are fully and fairly funded, that Ohioans have access to affordable housing, and we invest in maternal/infant care. These priorities will drive Ohio forward, making us more competitive and guarantee Ohio is the best place to work, live, and raise a family.

FY24 -25 OPERATING BUDGET

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April News from Rep. Miranda

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