

A legislative update from

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Dear Neighbor-

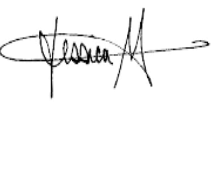
Happy March! We began last month by passing [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), appropriating \$2B of state funds for economic development and community investments that will help drive economic growth and generate opportunities across Ohio. **HB 2** includes half of the \$700M from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF), funding that was set aside in the most recent state operating budget. The bill now awaits further consideration in the Senate.

House Democrats also unveiled their Cost of Corruption campaign that better protects taxpayers from future public corruption scandals. Despite a \$1.3B dollar bailout, \$60M in bribes, and unaccountable damage to the people’s trust in government, zero laws have been passed following Larry Householder and FirstEnergy crimes. Ohio’s most valuable resource is our people, which is why Ohio’s House Democrats are focused on putting people over politics by introducing legislation that will restore democracy and return dignity to our state government.

March is Women’s History Month! We celebrate and honor the women who fight for equality. From Susan B. Anthony to Harriet Tubman, American history is full of inspiring women who fought to create a more equitable America. Today, we continue to fight for Women’s rights by protecting reproductive freedoms and closing the gender wage gap.

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

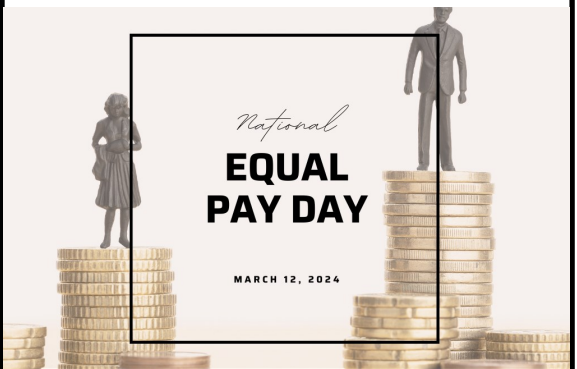
Sincerely,



**Jessica E. Miranda**  
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Happy #SocialWorkMonth! Did you know that by 2030 there will be more than 782K social workers in the United States? This month we celebrate all social workers who have led the way in serving those in need. Thank you for all you do! #SWMonth2024 #EmpoweringSocialWorkers



March 12 is Equal Pay Day, a symbolic date representing how long a woman would have to work into 2024 to equal what a man was paid in 2023. This lack of equity is why I have introduced the Ohio Equal Pay Act and a bill that bans the use of salary histories. These are important bills that help all women, and will especially help women of color. All Ohioans should receive equal pay for equal work. I am committed to creating a state that welcomes and supports everyone.



Despite a \$1.3B bailout, \$60M in bribes, multiple arrests, and unmeasurable damage to people’s trust in our state’s government, not one bill has been passed that would prevent another HB 6 scandal from happening again. It’s important to fight for real solutions to prevent corruption and undo the economic damage to Ohioans.

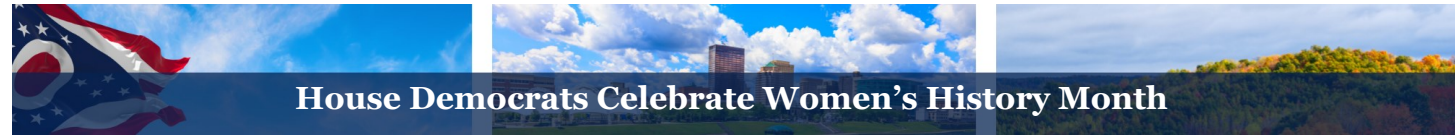
House Democrats have introduced several pieces of legislation aimed at weeding out corruption, strengthening ethics, and correcting wrongs created by the largest public corruption scandal in Ohio’s history.

- The [Ohio Anti-Corruption Act](#) (House Bill 112, Miranda/Sweeney) would require dark money groups to identify their contributors and disclose their spending.
- The [HB 6 Repeal and Repay Act](#) (House Bill 120, Weinstein/Brennan) would fully repeal and refund subsidies established in HB 6 during the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly that are still being paid by Ohioans to bail out two Ohio Valley Electric Corp. (OVEC) coal-fired power plants—one of which is located in Indiana.
- The [PUCO Nomination Reform Act](#) (House Bill 363, Troy) would adjust the broken nomination process involving the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), preventing individuals like Sam

Randazzo, the former chair of the PUCO, who was indicted for taking \$4.3 million in bribes in exchange for helping FirstEnergy conduct nefarious activities.

- The [PUCO Utility Charge Refund Act](#) (House Bill 393, Baker) would require the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to order refunds to consumers if a utility charge is deemed to be unlawful by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Many of us work hard to make a living and pay our utility rates. It’s time we finally close this dark chapter in Ohio’s history, undo the economic damage of corruption to Ohioans, and ensure corruption is never commonplace in our state government— no matter who is in charge.



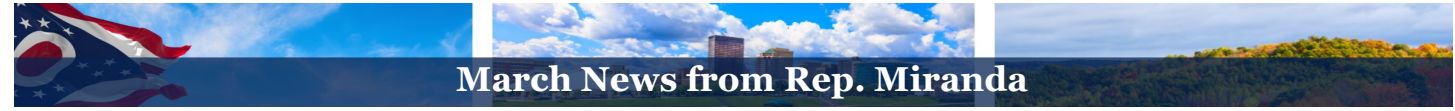
Happy Women’s History Month! This month we honor and support the amazing women who have shaped our state and country.

I am proud of my career in public service and of serving in the Statehouse with many female trailblazers. I have been a trailblazer in my own way. I was the youngest person ever elected to the Winton Woods School Board; later I was the youngest person to be elected as Vice President, and then President.

While at the Statehouse, I made the personal decision to become the only woman lawmaker to share my survivor story. I have used my story to share the importance of [HB 35](#), [HB 124](#), and [HB 161](#), which all deal with sexual violence reform.

Ohio House Democrats are committed to advancing women’s rights and creating a more equal state. Equal pay, reproductive rights, and quality maternal health are at the forefront of our

priorities. We are working hard to ensure that our state is equitable and welcoming to everyone.



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