



A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

Happy April! This month, we turn our attention to the 2024 State of the State address. We will be hard at work to guarantee that Ohioans are supported and have the ability to thrive here in Ohio. House Democrats are committed to working together to ensure all Ohioans—no matter your race, gender or economic status—have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.

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.

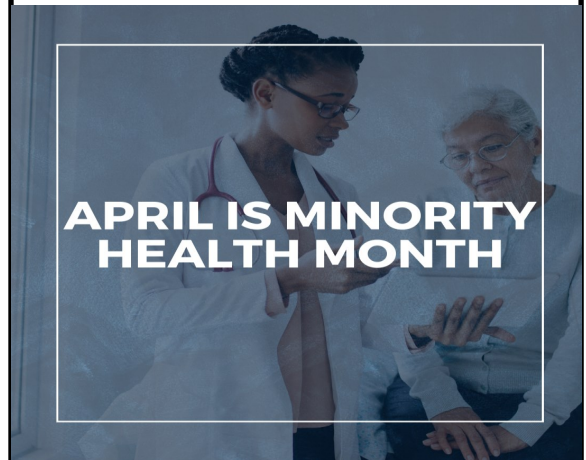
Also in April, taxes are due by April 15th! Make sure you file your taxes and take advantage of any returns you may be offered. If you cannot file your taxes by April 15th, make sure to request an extension which will give you until October 15th to file your tax return.

Sincerely,

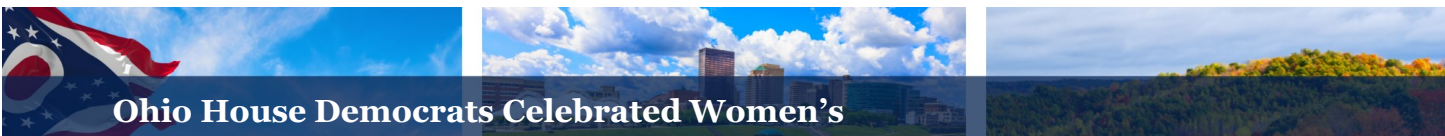
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Today's the day! A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blocking all or part of the sun's light. Step outside and witness this once in a lifetime phenomenon! #SolarEclipse



National Minority Health Month is observed in April and focuses on the health disparities minority communities experience in the United States. Black men are more likely to die from cancer than Caucasian men and Black women are more likely to die from breast cancer than white women. We must provide more linguistically and culturally appropriate health education as well as remove barriers to receiving healthcare.



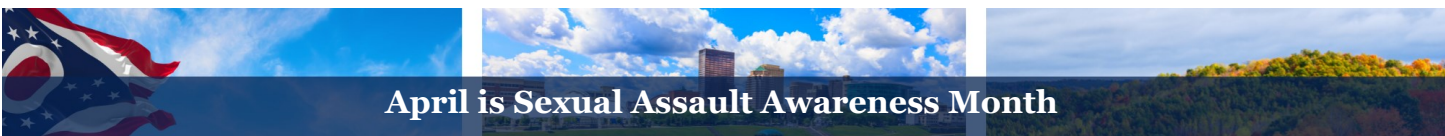
Last month, House Democrats hosted the Women's History Month Legislative News Conference where members highlighted legislative priorities Democrats are fighting for that empower and support women across Ohio.

Ohioans, regardless of race, gender, income, and zip code.

House Democrats spoke on several pieces of legislation, including:

- [Reproductive Care Act](#) (Somani, Liston)
- [Ohio Equal Pay Act](#) (Miranda, Brent)
- [Ohio Safe Homes Act](#) (Grim)
- [Keeping Our Survivors Act](#) (Grim, Munira)
- [C.R.O.W.N Act](#) (Brent)

House Republicans have not taken any serious measures to advance these proposed pieces of legislation. House Democrats are committed to creating a state that works for and supports all

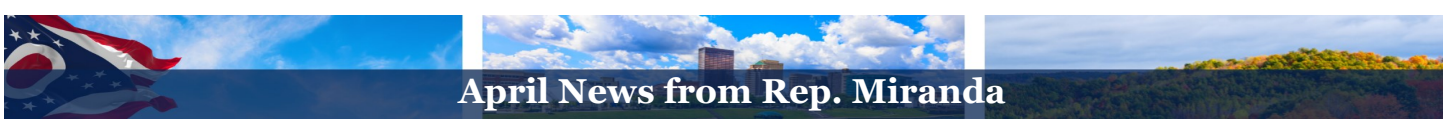


Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. April is designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is meant to raise awareness regarding the prevalence of sexual assault, educating people on how to minimize the risk of sexual assault as well as how to help survivors.

violence. Past winners include activists like Tarana Burke, the founder of the #MeToo movement.

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>

This April, I will receive the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's Visionary Voice Award. I am honored to have been nominated by the OAESV. This award recognizes the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual



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