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Dear Neighbor,

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The First Quarter of the 134th General Assembly is over. The House and Senate passed the Transportation Budget, which creates jobs and includes a provision to help protect public transportation in Toledo. Next up is the Operating Budget, which will provide funding for our schools, public assistance, and other government services. The deadline in Ohio Law to pass the Operating Budget is July 1st, so stayed tuned.

I have continued to advocate for my constituents who are struggling with their Unemployment Benefits. If you need assistance, be sure to contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017.

You public servant,

The Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council will have testimony for Ohioans who have struggled to receive their Unemployment benefits.

Dates: **April 22 and April 29th @ 2 PM (Subject to Change)**
The Ohio Statehouse – Senate Finance Room

If you are interested in providing testimony, contact my office for more information at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION UPDATE

Ohioans 16 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Each vaccinated person is one step closer to herd immunity. Just like Polio, with herd immunity we can defeat COVID-19.

To Register: lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine

If you don't not have internet access, a disability, or difficulty completing the form, call the Northwest Ohio United Way: 2-1-1

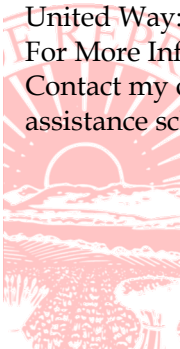
For More Information, call the Lucas County Health Department (419) 213-4100

Contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017 if you have questions about your eligibility or need assistance scheduling your vaccine.

Unemployment / PUA – Important Tax & Fraud Update

If You think someone has filed a Unemployment Claim in your name fraudulently, or if you received a request to verify information for a employee you believe is fraud related, contact ODJFS @ unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/IdentityTheft.

If you and need assistance contacting ODJFS, reach out to my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov at (614) 644-6017



In Mid March, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan which will help our country build back better after the COVID-19 pandemic devastation. The damage was broad and widespread so the \$1.9 trillion package touched on many aspects of America to ensure everyone receives the help they deserve. Here at the Statehouse, the Legislature passed Amended Sub. Senate Bill 18, which incorporated changes from the Federal Tax Code included in the American Rescue Plan to help Ohioans. As Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I had the privilege of working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to push for changes to help Ohio. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, Ohioans who received Unemployment Benefits last year received tax relief on the first \$10,200 in UI/PUA benefits. The American Rescue Plan also expanded the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credits. These tax credits help our middle and working class. The law provides relief for teachers who purchased Personal Protection Equipment to protect themselves and their students, as well as help for small businesses.

This is just a small selection of the American Rescue Plan. To learn more about the American Rescue Plan and how it helps Ohioans and the country recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, [visit whitehouse.gov/American-rescue-plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan).



Women's Lobby Day: MAY 10th 11 – 1 pm

This Year's Women's Lobby Day will be held virtually. To Pre-Register and reserve your spot, contact my office at rep45@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 644-6017

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

If you had a loved one who passed away because of COVID-19, you might be eligible for assistance with funeral expenses. To Apply Call:

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number
844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

For More Information: [fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq#apply](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq#apply)

Five Things You Can Do To Help Stop The Spread of COVID-19

1. Wash Your Hands Consistently Throughout The Day
2. Avoid Unnecessary Person to Person Physical Contact, i.e. Handshakes, Hugs
3. Cough Into Your Elbow
4. Avoid Attending Large Group Events, like Sports Games or Social Gatherings
5. Stand 6 Feet or More Apart from Other People When in Public

For Up To Date COVID-19 Info:
coronavirus.ohio.gov
1-833-4-ASK-ODH
(1-833-427-5634)

Rep. Sobecki in the Press: Here Are Some of Rep. Sobecki's Press Releases from March and April

- Mar 24, 2021: American Rescue Plan Helps Ohio
- Mar 24, 2021: GOP Veto Override Dangerous
- Apr 7, 2021: Repeal "Shoot First" Law

All Press Releases can be accessed at ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/news.

Rep. Sobecki Bill Highlights: During this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Rep. Sobecki introduced HB 256 to protect survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by allowing them to break their lease agreement and move to a safer space. A Full List of Rep. Sobecki's bills can be found at ohiohouse.gov/members/lisa-a-sobecki/legislation

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