

# TRACY M. RICHARDSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## A LETTER FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE

**D**ear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a busy summer and as we enter into the fall season, I want to share a quick update with you.

The biggest news is that I welcomed my new legislative aide, Catie Cleveland, to my office. She is a recent graduate of OSU and a huge Buckeye fan! While at Ohio State, Catie studied public health and developed a passion for the behavioral health field. Originally from a rural community in Indiana, she is excited to get to know the 86th House District. I think you will find she is responsive and very helpful so please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Since my last letter, I have also had the honor of finalizing the dedication of a road in memory of two fallen law enforcement officers on Route 309 in Marion. This effort has been years in the making and it was exciting to see the family of the fallen gathered for the ceremony. I've also been part of the opening of the new OSU Medical Center in Dublin and much more. To learn about my many other activities, please see my official website [HERE](#).



Most importantly, I've had the pleasure of continuing my In-District Meetings in both Marysville as well as Marion. My goal is as always to listen to you and to do what I can to serve your needs and concerns. The meetings are normally conducted on the first Monday and Friday of each month so please do not hesitate to call my office to schedule an appointment.

I am as committed as ever to serving you and hope the months ahead find you enjoying back to school, fall foliage and football!

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
Tracy Richardson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy M. Richardson".

# RECENT EVENTS



## BENDER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY NAMING

Richardson spoke at the dedication ceremony for the Deputy Sheriff Bill Bender and Trooper Randy Bender Memorial Highway. This highway stretches along State Route 309 between Marion-Williamsport Road and Holland Road. Richardson was honored to join the Bender family, as they reflected on the sacrifices of their loved ones and celebrated their dedication to the community.



## FAIRS, FESTIVALS AND SUMMER FUN

What is better than spending a warm summer night in the 86th District? Richardson had the privilege to Grand Marshall the Union County Fair's Route 4 parade, meet Richwood Independent Fair royalty, and connect with the agricultural community at the many 86th District fairs and festivals this summer.



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## PACE EXPANSION ROUND TABLE

Richardson attended a roundtable meeting with other state legislators to learn about PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). A Medicare/Medicaid program that focuses on providing a continuum of care and meeting health care needs in the community. Richardson is extremely passionate about ensuring elderly Ohioans have a high quality of life, and receiving quality health care is pertinent to this.

## IN-DISTRICT MEETINGS

The first week of each month is always something to look forward to, as Richardson sits down and speaks with constituents to learn about issues impacting the 86th District. In one of her Marion visits, Richardson learned about on-going housing projects across the state while meeting with local Habitat for Humanity representatives.



## OSHP PROMOTION CEREMONY

Richardson joined Representative McClain, Marion Chief of Police Jay McDonald and Marion Sheriff Matt Bayles as the new OSHP Superintendent Colonel Jones was sworn-in. Jones has dedicated his life to serving Ohio, and spent many years serving the Marion OSHP Post. Richardson was honored to recognize his years serving the 86th District.





# LEGISLATION TRACKER

## H.B. 319 ENACT EXPANDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING JUSTICE ACT

Richardson introduced H.B. 319 which received its first hearing in the House Criminal Justice Committee. This bill would provide any human trafficking victim the opportunity to expunge certain criminal records after serving their sentence. H.B. 319 would give human trafficking victims a greater opportunity to fully integrate back into society. We hope to have proponent testimony once Session returns.

## H.B. 561 DESIGNATE JANUARY 11TH AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

Richardson introduced H.B. 561 with colleague Representative Jarrells, to designate January 11th as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. It is critical we draw attention to human trafficking prevention. The date, January 11th, is the same date as the federally designated Human Trafficking Awareness Day. We hope to provide sponsor testimony in the House State and Local Committee.

## H.B. 291 LEGISLATION NAMING BENDER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY PASSES

This bill is now law. It created a memorial highway on State Route 309 between Marion-Williamsport Road and Holland Road to honor Deputy Sheriff Bill Bender and Trooper Randy Bender. Both officers were tragically struck in the line of duty on State Route 309 and I was honored to sponsor this bill.

## H.B. 686 REGARDS AMERICAN LEGION LICENSE PLATES, RELATED DONATIONS

This bill will create an American Legion License Plate. The American Legion is a wonderful organization that supports our veteran community and their families. I look forward to providing sponsor testimony in the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee with my colleague Representative Lanese.

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## H.B. 600 EXPAND MEDICAID PACE COMPONENT

H.B. 600 requires the Department of Aging to expand an existing Medicaid component known as the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). This expansion comes at no local cost and will provide participants with needed health care, medical care, and ancillary services in acute, sub-acute, institutional, and community settings.

## H.B. 529 REQUIRES ONLINE POSTING OF SCHOOL CURRICULA

Now, more than ever, parents desire to be involved and informed with the education of their children. This legislation would require Ohio's public and private k-12 schools and Ohio's public colleges to post curriculum online where teacher plans/syllabus and materials, are readily available to view.

## H.B. 687 INTEND TO ENACT LEGISLATION MAKING CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. 687, or the Capital Budget, provided funding for capital needs across the state. Not only does this fund community needs, but also an extensive list of brick and mortar projects. Representative Richardson collaborated with local organizations and leaders, resulting in \$1.785 million being allocated to the 86th House District for community improvements.

## S.B. 287 ALLOW COUNTY CREDIT CARD CHARGES FOR VETERAN ASSISTANCE

S.B. 287 expands authorized uses to include temporary and necessary assistance care provided by a county veterans service office. Previous law mandated that debt incurred from a county credit card must be paid from money specifically appropriated from line items.

## UPCOMING LEGISLATION: FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Richardson is dedicated to finding a permanent funding solution that will ensure professional training for peace officers and troopers in Ohio. She is working with colleagues towards a permanent source, to keep our communities and law enforcement safe.

# SERVING YOU

## PROUDLY SERVING THE 86TH DISTRICT

As I continue my work in the state legislature, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you need assistance with a state issue or would like to share your thoughts with me. I also encourage you to follow my social media for updates on what's happening in Columbus and our community.



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