

# A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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**Michele Grim** is a strong voice for northwest Ohio, representing the 43rd District (encompassing part of Lucas County) in the Ohio House.

*Dear Neighbor,*

In the May newsletter I shared that I had recently introduced **House Bill 257, the Ohio Medical Debt Fairness Act with Representative Jean Schmidt (R-Loveland)**. I am excited to share today that HB 257 continues to make progress through the House Health Committee, and positive and productive debate is ongoing.

I am proud to sponsor legislation that will make a meaningful impact in Ohioan's lives. **No one asks to be diagnosed with cancer or be in a catastrophic car accident.** Ohioans deserve a fighting change when they've accumulated medical debt and a viable path to paying that debt back, without total decimation of their finances. The Ohio Medical Debt Act provides commonsense protections in the following ways:

- Caps the maximum interest rate for medical debt to 3% per year
- Prohibits hospitals, providers, and collectors from reporting medical debt to credit agencies
- Prohibits wage garnishment for medical debt collections

I will continue to advocate for the passage of the Ohio Medical Debt Fairness Act to stop medical debt from ruining lives.

*Michele*



# District Spotlight

## NCSL Health Policy Seminar



Tour of Riker Products - a local family owned business for nearly a century.

Tour of the Inspiration Kitchen and Lott Urban to learn more about the exciting work these Lott Industries programs are doing!



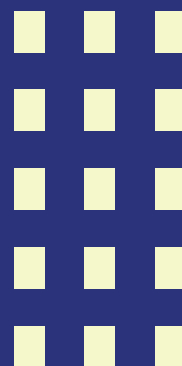
Last round of cookie deliveries to public school teachers and staff at Sylvania Local Schools!



Honored to recognize Hunger Action Day earlier this month.



Last month I had the privilege of attending NCSL's Health Policy Seminar in Denver, Colorado. At this seminar I learned about health policies and solutions being implemented across the nation



## Contact the Office!

Residents of the 43rd House District can contact us at any time by calling **614-644-6017** or emailing **Rep43@ohiohouse.gov**.

Here are some ways our office can assist:

- Resolving disputes with government agencies
- Issuing Ohio House of Representatives commendations, condolences, and congratulatory letters
- Hearing opinions or concerns with bills moving through the legislature
- Connecting you or your business to state programs or services

We look forward to hearing from you!