

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,

As your State Representative and longtime public health professional I would like to take this time to mention the importance of **American Heart Month**.

As the leading cause of death in the United States, heart diseases impact millions of lives each year. This designated month is an opportunity to educate the public about risk factors, healthy lifestyle choices, and early detection of heart-related issues.

While it can feel overwhelming, it is important to take the steps needed to monitor your health, and make the best choices for you. Make sure you speak to your doctor about testing for heart related conditions, and discuss ways to live a heart healthy life.

I remain committed to ensuring all Ohioans, regardless of their background, have access to the resources they need to live healthy and happy lives.

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District Spotlight



I was pleased to meet with The Ability Center to hear their update on creating a new community space for people with disabilities. I am proud to have worked to secure state funding for this endeavor in our last state capital budget.

This month I had the honor to visit Toledo Public Schools' magnet schools on a bus tour. I am grateful for the opportunity to continuously fight to ensure our schools receive the resources they deserve.



Statehouse Activity

In February I was honored to provide testimony alongside Rep. Sharon Ray in the Ohio Senate Ways & Means Committee on my bipartisan bill, **House Bill 148**, to create the Ohio Pet Fund tax check-off.

This bill enables Ohioans to donate part of their tax refund to help fund spay and neuter services for pets. This will work to prevent overcrowding in shelters, reducing euthanasia, and increasing the affordability of pet care for working families.



This month I had the opportunity to engage with tireless advocates from the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. We spoke about real, concrete ways we can strengthen protections for survivors and stop domestic gun violence, including my legislation, the **Keeping Our Survivors Safe Act (HB 354)**

House Bill 354 would prohibit anyone who has been convicted of a first-degree misdemeanor domestic violence charge from possessing a firearm.

