

# 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,*

This month marks 25 years of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual violence and assault can affect any community. 81% of women and 42% of men in the US have reported some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime. (<https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics/>).

It is essential that we continue to advocate for legislation that empowers survivors and affirms that, regardless of the trauma they have endured, a full, powerful, and safe life is possible.

As your state legislator I am working to introduce the **Ohio Safe Homes Act**, which will allow victims of violence to terminate a lease early, or request a lock change, without financial consequence. Over forty states have some level of safeguards in place for tenants who may find themselves in a domestic violence situation, leaving Ohio as just one of eight states with no protections in code. It is time to change that.

I will be including additional resources regarding sexual assault awareness below.

*Michele*

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month Spotlight

I was honored to receive the Voice for Change award from the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence. This organization and their tireless advocacy on behalf of survivors. I look forward to continuing to advocate for survivors of sexual violence.

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence is Ohio's rape crisis and prevention coalition. The organization serves as the main training and technical assistant resource for rape crisis centers around Ohio. The center works to connect Ohioans with resources while also advocating for survivor rights.



## Resources

There are numerous resources available to survivors of sexual violence.

Ohio Sexual Violence Helpline:  
844-OHIO-HELP

A local rape crisis center is the YWCA of Northwest Ohio which can be reached at  
419-241-7273

Ohio Domestic Violence Network:  
1-800-934-9840

# District Spotlight

I had the privilege to visit Anne Grady Services at their trades facility. I am incredibly grateful for their mission to create meaningful pathways to independence and employment for individuals with disabilities. They provide vocational training in an array of areas including janitorial services, ceramics, and assembly work.



# Statehouse Activity

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to join the Ohio Aviation Association for a legislation panel discussion on Ohio's airports.

As Ranking Member of the House Transportation Committee I remain committed to strengthening our state's airports.

