

# A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM STATE REP. MICHELE GRIM

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**Michele Grim** is a strong voice for Lucas County, representing the 43rd District in the Ohio House of Representatives.



## STOP GREEDFLATION: Rep. Grim fights to end hidden junk fees

With Ohio families struggling with rising costs, Rep. Michele Grim and Rep. Munira Abdullahi (D-Columbus) recently introduced **H.B. 537 The Junk Fee Elimination Act** to crack down on deceptive pricing and protect consumers.

The Junk Fee Elimination Act will require businesses to display the total price of products and services, including mandatory fees, in a clear manner. The bill aims to end the practice of charging consumers phony charges that may be called “convenience fees” or “service fees” that serve no purpose other than padding corporate profits.

Junk fees are piled on to all sorts of transactions and cost American consumers an estimated \$90 billion every year.

HIDDEN  
FEES



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NO



# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS & THE DISABLED:

## Rep. Grim interviews Rep. Dan Troy about expanding eligibility for Ohio's homestead exemption

Rep. Michele Grim is hosting **In Session**, a new series of discussions about the pivotal challenges facing Ohio with the leaders who are stepping up to meet them. In the first episode released this month, Rep. Grim speaks with Rep. Daniel P. Troy (D-Willowick) about his bill H.B. 60, which would raise the income eligibility threshold for Ohio's homestead exemption from \$30,000 to \$45,000 with adjustment for inflation.

With Ohioans facing higher property taxes due to rising home valuations, Rep. Troy has introduced this legislation to help Ohio seniors and people with disabilities to remain independent in their homes.



Watch Rep. Grim's full discussion with Rep. Troy at:

<https://ohiohouse.gov/members/michele-grim/video>

## TOLEDO ON TRACK:

### Rep. Grim advocates passenger rail expansion at Train Day 2024

On May 10th, community members rallied in downtown Toledo for Train Day 2024, showing their support for accessible rail services in Toledo and beyond. The event was presented by The Ability Center of Greater Toledo, DARC, and All Aboard Ohio.

Rep. Grim spoke about Amtrak expansion and specifically the proposed new route that would connect Toledo with Cleveland and Detroit, with an extension to the Detroit Metro Airport. Rep. Grim helped to pass authorization to explore expanded passenger rail service in Ohio in the bipartisan state transportation budget.

A leading voice on rail transportation issues in Ohio, Rep. Grim serves as ranking member on the House Transportation Committee, on the Finance Transportation Subcommittee, and on the Ohio Rail Development Commission.





# STANDING UP FOR SURVIVORS

## Rep. Grim advocates Ohio Safe Homes Act to strengthen rights of survivors of sexual violence and domestic violence



On April 30th, Rep. Michele Grim addressed the annual Advocacy Day of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OASEV) to discuss efforts to strengthen the rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Rep. Grim has introduced **H.B. 143 The Ohio Safe Homes Act**, which would allow survivors to terminate a lease early or change their locks.

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Ohio's rape crisis and prevention coalition, advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and to empower communities to prevent sexual violence.

## YWCA begins crucial facility and shelter improvements



On April 26th, the YWCA of Northwest Ohio held a "Sledgehammer Ceremony" to kick off the first phase of renovations to the organization's building in downtown Toledo. President and CEO Lisa McDuffie expressed appreciation for the community's support of the YWCA's capital campaign.

Rep. Michele Grim, who attended the ceremony, is standing up for state funding for the YWCA's domestic violence shelter expansion and worked to secure \$1 million for the shelter from Ohio's One-Time Strategic Fund in H.B. 2, which was passed by the House in February and awaits action by the Ohio Senate.

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- 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!