



Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! Earlier this spring, I voted "NO" on the state operating budget (HB 96). This partisan state operating budget is a coverup of years of irresponsibility and reckless spending that gives away money to special interests. Ohioans deserve legislation that lowers their cost of living-not one that gives more state money to the wealthiest Ohioans. Life is too expensive.

You deserve a budget that fully funds our schools, gives access to healthcare, and allows working families to have the services they need.

One of the many updates proposed in the Senate is using unclaimed funds to finance a new stadium in a new location for the Browns. It is unconscionable to use this money to support one professional sports team in one corner of the state, especially while the budget makes cuts in so many other areas including nutrition programs, college scholarships, and Medicaid. Unclaimed funds could include money from an old bank account, rent or utility deposits, uncashed checks, undelivered stock certificates, or an uncashed insurance policy. This could be money that is rightfully yours! Check if you have unclaimed funds that are due to you as soon as possible by visiting <https://unclaimedfunds.ohio.gov/>.

House Bill 96 is in the Ohio Senate, nearing the end of the committee process. The Ohio Senate may be voting on the bill as soon as June 11th. We are then expecting there to be a conference committee, concluding in time for the June 30 budget deadline.

Its not too late to make your voice heard! Contact Senate President Rob McColley at (614) 466-8150 or mccolley@ohiosenate.gov and Finance Chairman Jerry Cirino at (614) 644-7718 or cirino@ohiosenate.gov and tell them that this budget does NOT support Ohioans.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beryl Brown Piccolantonio".

Beryl Brown Piccolantonio
State Representative
Ohio House District 4

To unsubscribe please email rep04@ohiohouse.gov

District 4 Office Hours

Please join me for my next District 4 Office Hours

Saturday, June 21

2:00-3:00

New Albany Library, Meeting Room 2
200 Market St, New Albany, OH 43054

Please contact my office if you would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, or if you would like to meet at a different time or location that is more convenient for you.

Legislative Update

I recently had the opportunity to deliver sponsor testimony on [HB 244](#), [HCR 10](#), and [HB 197](#).

House Bill (HB) 244 would officially designate Women's History Month in the State of Ohio. While this designation already exists at the federal level, establishing Women's History Month in Ohio law would create a stronger framework for celebrating and honoring the extraordinary contributions of women throughout our state's history. Ohio has been home to many trailblazing women who have made significant strides in fields such as politics, education, civil rights, the arts, and science. By dedicating a month to celebrate these achievements, we can raise awareness of their contributions and ensure their stories become an integral part of Ohio's broader historical narrative.

This bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Michele Grim (D-Toledo) has now unanimously passed the House General Government Committee.

House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 10 would urge Congress to make daylight saving time the permanent time. Currently, states are restricted from implementing permanent daylight-saving time due to federal law, which mandates uniform application of time changes across all time zones. As part of this resolution, we strongly urge Congress to pass legislation such as the Sunshine Protection Act of 2025 (S. 29 and H.R. 139), which would allow permanent daylight saving time to be adopted nationwide.

This change would eliminate the need to set our clocks forward every spring and then behind each fall. Since March, we have been on eastern daylight time. An update to this policy would mean that we would remain on this time year-round.

This resolution, co-sponsored by Rep. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) has now had two hearings in the House Government Oversight Committee.



House Bill (HB) 197 would establish a consistent date – the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May – for all primary elections in Ohio. This would bring predictability to Ohio's election calendar by aligning with the primary date in presidential and nonpresidential election years. Standardizing the election date would benefit our state's voters, election administrators, and candidates. This bill, cosponsored by Rep. Daniel Troy (D-Willowick) awaits additional hearings in the House General Government Committee.

Ohio House passes Long Overdue Energy Bill, Which Finally Ends HB 6 OVEC Handout

House Bill (HB 15) is a new energy bill that, amongst other provisions, will repeal OVEC fees established in the infamous HB 6 scandal, further the reliability of our electrical grids and support green energy.

HB 15 passed the House 94-2 and has been signed into law. It will go into effect August 14, 2025.

Ohio REAL IDs Now Required for Air Travel

As of May 7, federal law requires individuals to have a federally compliant REAL ID for air travel beginning on May 7th. Anyone trying to board domestic flights after May 7th will need a REAL ID or a U.S. passport.

However, Ohio's Registrar of Motor Vehicles has reported that about 56% of Ohio's driver licenses are REAL IDs already. If you want to get a REAL ID, the BMV suggests planning ahead with any documentation you may need.

Find more information about REAL ID on the BMV's website by clicking [here](#).

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month

Gun violence is an issue that plagues communities all across the state. Ohioans want bills that focus on gun safety. That's why I am supporting a number of common sense gun safety bills in order to ensure the safety of our communities, families, and children including:

- [HB 45](#) - Requires a 10-day period for firearm purchases
- [HB 46](#) - Enact Extreme Risk Protection Order
- [HB 235](#) - Enact the Keep Every Home Safe Act

I am here to listen to the people and keep our communities safe.

Pride Month

June is Pride Month, a time for LGBTQ+ communities to celebrate their identities and experiences.

Pride honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, where brave individuals, specifically people of color, protested against the police for their right to exist.

In June 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that LGBTQ+ workers are protected from workplace discrimination under federal law. However, it is still legal in Ohio for members of the LGBTQ+ community to lose their job, be denied housing or be denied healthcare because of who they are or whom they love.

To show Ohio is open for business to the nation, we must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Recent Events

Hosting the Ohio Jewish Caucus Annual Seder at the Statehouse



Columbus City Schools: School Funding Town Hall



Westerville Women Amplifying Voices for Everyone panel



Speaking with students from Civic Leaders of America



Meeting with Ohio University Student Government Leaders



Office Hours at the Westerville Library



Governors Annual Holocaust Memorial



Meeting with Perinatal Mental Health Advocates



Gahanna Lincoln High School Student Musical



CAPA: A Beautiful Noise



May 2025 Dates of Note

International Firefighters Day (May 4th)

On May 4, we recognize our firefighters, who bravely and selflessly, put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Thank you for all that you do to ensure that our communities are protected. I appreciate and remember your courage and sacrifices.

African World Heritage Day (May 5th)

May 5th is African World Heritage Day, a day for us to celebrate the continent's unique cultural and natural heritage. We celebrate African culture and achievements which have made Ohio, and America, a better place for us all. I am dedicated to ensuring all in Ohio are welcomed and supported, so we can all thrive.

Cinco De Mayo (May 5th)

Cinco De Mayo is the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, a military victory over the French forces of Napoleon III in 1862.

National Foster Care Day (May 6th)

May 6th is National Foster Care Day. Nearly 16,000 children are in the custody of a child welfare agency in Ohio. These children are often escaping abuse, addiction, or neglect. National Foster Care Day recognizes the important role that members from all parts of child welfare play in supporting children, youth, and families. I will continue to advocate for children in foster care and their success.

National Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 9th)

May 9 honors and celebrate our military spouses who do so much to support the men and women of our armed forces. Whether at home or abroad, the members of the United States military rely on their spouses for love and commitment. We honor our men and women in uniform and thank their spouses for their selfless sacrifice to their families.

Mother's Day (May 11th)

I hope you had a happy Mother's Day!

Ohio Tourism Day (May 13th)

Visit Ohio! May 13th is Ohio Tourism Day. There are so many amazing things to do, see, and eat here in Ohio. From Cedar Point to Hocking Hills, our great state has something to offer everyone and every family. I will continue to ensure that Ohio is a great place for families to visit.

World Day for Cultural Diversity (May 21st)

On May 21st, we celebrate the vast array of cultural diversity displayed across our planet. The things that make us different are what make us special. Ohio is lucky to have so many amazing communities from around the world. From the Somali community to the Ukrainian community to our many different Latin American communities, Ohio is a better place because of our diversity.

Memorial Day (May 26th)

On Memorial Day, I honor the courage and bravery of the Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we are the land of freedom, dignity, and opportunity.

Nurses Week (May 6-12)

From higher wages to safe staffing, I will always fight for Ohio's over 200,000 nurses. Ohio's nurses make less than the national average, which hurts our state's ability to hire and retain quality healthcare professionals. Our nurses deserve support and quality resources to do their jobs to their best ability.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9)

We all know that preparing for the future starts in our classrooms. Our teachers work hard every day to ensure a bright future for Ohio and its children. During the week of May 5-9th, I want to reflect and focus on the amazing work our teachers do every day preparing our state for future success.

Mental Health Awareness Month (May)

Over 2.1M Ohioans experienced a mental illness in 2023. During Mental Health Awareness Month, it's important to recognize the role mental health plays in our lives. We must discuss investing in our mental well-being and breaking the stigma that goes with receiving mental health care by investing millions of dollars for services, research, and workforce development. For more resources, visit mha.ohio.gov.

National Military Appreciation Month (May)

May is National Military Appreciation Month, a time to recognize and pay tribute to all members of the military. Congress designated May as National Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure that we appreciate the men and women of our armed services that keep us safe. I will continue to advocate for active military and veterans so that they receive the resources and support they deserve.

Jewish American Heritage Month (May)

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to recognize the contributions of Jewish Americans who have made a tremendous impact on our state and country. From Rabbi Sally Pries, the first female to be ordained as a rabbi in the U.S, to Jerome Schottenstein, a Columbus businessman and philanthropist, generations of Jewish Americans have helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)

During May, we celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history. From science and technology, art and literature, to activism and innovation, we honor the rich culture, traditions, and contributions of our AAPI communities. I remain committed to ensuring that all Ohioans, no matter who you are or where you come from, are supported.

#AAPIHeritageMonth

June 2025 Dates of Note

World Environment Day (June 5)

From Hocking Hills to Lake Erie, Ohio is full of natural beauty. World Environment Day is an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of nature and all the benefits it provides us. Ohioans must protect our environment to ensure that future generations get to enjoy all Ohio has to offer.

D-Day, WWII (June 6)

On this day 81 years ago, Allied forces landed in Normandy, beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Thousands of American, British, and Canadian soldiers gave their lives for a free Europe. We must remember and honor the sacrifice of these brave soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice to liberate Europe from fascism.

Eid al-Adha (evening of June 6)

Happy Eid al-Adha!

National Children's Day (June 8)

Our children are our future. On National Children's Day, we reflect on the challenges many children around our state and country face. We need to ensure our children have access to a quality public education, food on the table, and a future to be hopeful about.

Women's Veterans Day (June 12)

June 12th marks Women's Veterans Day. Today, we honor the sacrifice and service of America's servicewomen. Over 200K women are active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces with another 170K in the reserves/national guard. I am proud to celebrate the amazing women of our armed forces.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15)

On June 15th, we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is important to learn the signs of abuse such as: an individual stops taking part in activities they enjoy, has unexplained bruises, burns, cuts, or scars, or displays signs of insufficient care or unpaid bills despite adequate financial resources. Learn more at the National Institute of Health's website [here](#).

Father's Day (June 15)

Happy Father's Day!

Juneteenth (June 19)

On Juneteenth, we celebrate the official end of slavery in the United States. Today we reflect on the history of slavery, the impact of which is still felt today. We also celebrate the sacrifices made by so many on the journey towards freedom and equality.

Summer Solstice (June 20)

Today marks the longest day of the year and the official start to the summer! Happy Summer Solstice!

World Refugee Day (June 20)

I stand in solidarity with refugees worldwide and honor their strength, courage, and resilience. Everyone, no matter who you are or where you come from, deserve to have a chance to thrive.

Overturn of Roe V Wade (June 24)

It's been three years since Roe v. Wade was overturned and more than half of Americans on both sides of the aisle continue to express support for abortion care. I will always fight to protect access to healthcare Ohioans need.

National Nursing Assistants Week (June 12-18)

During National Nursing Assistants week, I celebrate the incredible compassion and hard work of all Nursing Assistants who play a vital role in healthcare. Your time and dedication continue to impact patients' lives every day. Thank you!

Pollinator Week (Last full week of June)

"Pollinator Week" promotes pollinator health and recognizes the importance of pollinators to ecosystems and to the economy.

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (June)

June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. It is important to acknowledge the ongoing fight against Alzheimer's, express gratitude for the health care heroes who treat those afflicted and remember the loved ones who have passed away due to the disease. I am committed to ensuring mental health programs are funded and supported.

Men's Health Month (June)

June is Men's Health Month, a time dedicated to raise awareness about men's health issues and encouraging proactive health behaviors. The month aims to encourage men to take charge of their health and well-being, emphasizing the importance of regular checkups, screenings, and adopting health lifestyle choices.