

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

A Legislative Update from the Office of State Rep. Erika White



Dear Neighbor,

Happy June, summer is almost here! As graduates and their families mark a significant accomplishment this spring, they deserve recognition! From kindergarten to high school, through college, every achievement underscores the importance of diligence and perseverance. These skills set the stage for a future success.

This spring, House Democrats unanimously voted “NO” on the state operating budget (HB 96). The GOP state operating budget is a broken promise to our district. From schools to seniors, this budget does not meet the needs of District 41. House Democrats believe you deserve a budget that fully funds our schools, gives access to healthcare, and allows working families to have the services they need. After the House voted “no” on this budget, the bill moved to the Senate. It is expected that the Senate will vote on the bill in the next week. Once the bill has been voted on, it will most likely be referred to conference committee. Please tune into the [Ohio Channel](#) to watch committees, watch session, and to stay up to date on state government. Scan the QR code to be re-directed to the Ohio Channel. You can also call Senate Finance Chairman Jerry Cirino at 614-466-7718 or Senate President McColley at 614-466-8150.



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.

In Unity,

Erika White



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UNDERSTANDING THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS

The House went through and made changes to the Governor's proposed budget. A vote was taken on the House floor and the proposed budget (HB96) was then sent to the Senate.

Since the Senate received the House budget, they have made changes (amendments). The Senate is expected to vote on their version on the budget within the week.

Once the Senate's version of the budget is voted on, the House will receive their version of the budget to vote on. If the House does not pass the Senate version of the budget, conference committees will take place. If the budget DOES pass the House, it will be sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

After the conference committees occur, if both the House and Senate agree to the conference committee report, the act is enrolled.

To learn more about the state budget process, scan the QR code provided or click [here](#).



WORKING FOR YOU

In Columbus:

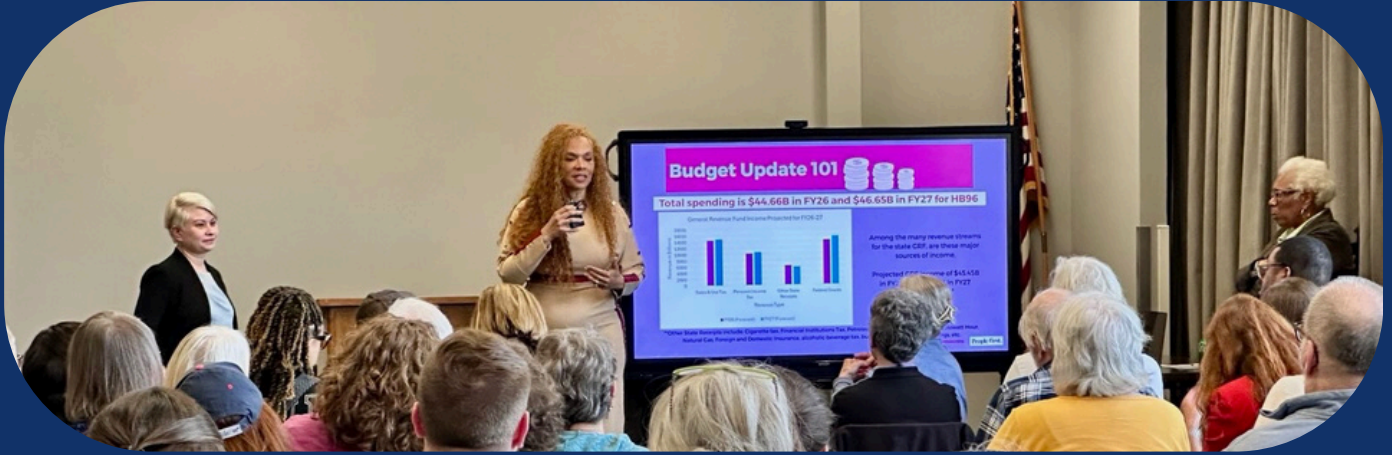
In May, my first bill, House Bill 204, passed unanimously on the House floor. The bill will designate March 9th as 6888th Central Postal Battalion Day in the state of Ohio. The bill now moves to the Senate for further consideration.



Scan this QR code to contact my office, or call us at **614-466-1731**, or email us at **rep41@ohiohouse.gov**

WORKING FOR YOU

At Home:



Leading Ladies Listening Tour

Representative Michele Grim, Senator Hicks Hudson and I hosted a listening town hall. We focused on the state budget, and listened to constituent concerns.



Muffins with Moms

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of speaking at Harvard Elementary school about the importance of family, and how my family has impacted my own career.

Toledo Air Show

I attended the Toledo Air Show with other elected officials. It was amazing to see people come out and support such an exciting event!



RESOURCES FOR YOU: Supporting Small Businesses

JobsOhio Small Business Grant:

The grant offers up to \$50,000 in financial assistance to eligible small businesses that are looking to grow their partnerships.

What can the grant be used for?

- Facilities - acquisitions/improvements
- Equipment
- Rolling stock
- Industry-specific software
- Trainings

Who is eligible?

- Have annual revenues of \$100,000 and \$25 million
- Operate within one of JobsOhio's 10 target industries with revenues from B2B sales.
- Have at least one year of operating history.



Scan the QR code to learn more information.

RESOURCES FOR YOU

Equality Toledo

June is pride month! Equality Toledo provides resources for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. For more information call 419-540-8424.

Area Office on Aging

Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th. Please reach out to the Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio for support at 800-472-7277.

Toledo-Lucas Co. Health Department

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. Contact Lucas County Health Department at 419-213-4100.

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

Toledo Museum of Art Juneteenth Celebration

Where: Toledo Art Museum

2445 Monroe St. Toledo, OH 43620

When: Thursday, June 19th from 11a - 5p.

Welcome Toledo-Lucas Co. Assistance Sessions:

Newcomer support for immigrants and refugees. The library TLC specialist can assist with English language learning, immigration legal assistance, citizenship and naturalization, finding health care, and more.

When: Friday, June 13 from 10a -3p.

Where: Toledo Lucas County Public Library South Branch

1736 Broadway St.

Toledo, OH 43609

Uptown Maumee Farmer's Market:

Where: 400 Conant St.

Maumee, OH 43537

When: Every Wednesday (May 28th - Oct. 15th)
4-8p.

Maumee Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom Event

Where: Maumee Indoor Theater

601 Conant St.

Maumee, OH 43537

When: Wednesday June 18th at 6:30p.

Holland Strawberry Festival

Where: Homecoming Park

7807 Angola Rd.

Holland, OH 43528

When: June 11th - 15th

Parade is on the 15th from 10a - noon. The route is from Clarion to Front to Clark and on to Angola Rd.