

# BOOTS ON THE GROUND

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



*Dear Neighbor,*

This summer, it's time to demand better from lawmakers. In June, House Democrats stood strong against the state operating budget, HB 96, which makes drastic cuts to essential funding areas without benefiting everyday Ohioans. This budget, pushed by House Republicans, abolishes the bipartisan fair school funding formula, neglects to provide real property tax relief, and gives \$600 million to billionaires for a new Browns stadium, despite local opposition.

This July, we celebrated Independence Day, a holiday symbolizing our nation's first steps in democracy & freedom! Some celebrated with loved ones or friends; for others it was a workday celebrated with co-workers; some celebrated alone or with strangers; and some chose not to celebrate unsure of the future or freedom for our country. Lets be reminded, this nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice, values that we must continue to embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is special and why it is worth fighting for. No matter how you chose to celebrate—or not, we must remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality and freedom.

House Democrats have also elected a new leadership team for the remainder of the 136th General Assembly

- Minority Leader Dani Isaacsohn (D-Cincinnati)
- Assistant Minority Leader Phillip Robinson, Jr. (D-Solon)
- Minority Whip Beryl Brown Piccolantonio (D-Gahanna)
- Assistant Minority Whip Desiree Tims (D-Dayton)

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at [Rep41@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep41@ohiohouse.gov) or by phone at (614)466-1731. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

*In Unity,  
Erika White*



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# WORKING FOR YOU

## *In Columbus:*

This month I had the pleasure of hosting a student from the University of Toledo to shadow me and learn more about the legislative process. I also joined the Ohio Black Legislative Caucus in a press conference to commemorate Juneteenth. I also joined my colleagues in urging Governor DeWine to veto several provisions of the state budget.



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## At Home:

### Standing with our Libraries

I attended the groundbreaking for the Toledo Lucas County Washington Branch library groundbreaking.



### Celebrating Juneteenth

I had the honor of attend some district Juneteenth celebrations this year.



# RESOURCES FOR YOU

## Human Trafficking Hotline

July 30<sup>th</sup> is World Day Against Human Trafficking. Ohio ranks 7<sup>th</sup> for human trafficking incidents in the United States in 2025. If you or someone you love are experiencing human trafficking, please reach out to 888-373-7999 or text “help” to 233-733.

## Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to the importance of mental health access for Black and brown Ohioans. There are often barriers and stigmas that accompany minority mental health, and we must work to dismantle these and make healthcare more accessible for all.

Visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#) to learn more.



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# ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

## **UToledo Health Mobile Unit**

**Where:** Toledo Lucas County Library Main Branch  
325 Michigan St.  
Toledo, OH 43604

**When:** Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10a - 2p.

The mobile health unit provides health screenings, education, social services, and referrals to specialized care. ID and insurance will be collected if you have it, but it is not required. All services are free of charge with no co-pays. No appointment needed, first come, first served.

## **Uptown Maumee Farmer's Market:**

**Where:** 400 Conant St.  
Maumee, OH 43537

**When:** Every Wednesday (May 28<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>)  
4-8p.

## **Wicked Wheels Car Show**

**Where:** Community Homecoming Park  
7807 Angola Rd.  
Holland, OH 43528  
601 Conant St.

**When:** August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7p.

## **Party in the Park**

**Where:** Promenade Park

**When:** Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9p.  
and every Friday until August 29<sup>th</sup>.

No ticket needed. Event is free. Food and drink available for purchase.

## **District 41: Summer Mobilizers - P.L.A.N. Townhall**

**Where:** Toledo Heights Library  
423 Shasta Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43609

**When:** July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30p.