### **BOOTS ON THE GROUND**

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



Dear Neighbor,

Happy August! House Democrats are standing strong for everyday Ohioans—and we're not backing down. In July, we unanimously voted NO on Republicans' attempt to override the Governor's veto of a harmful provision that would have eliminated key school, library, and local government levies. This would have stripped voters of the power to support their own communities—while also hurting critical safety forces like police, fire, and EMS—all without delivering real property tax relief.

I am committed in fighting for transparency, accountability, and the right of Ohioans to decide what's best for their neighborhoods. The people—not political games—should have the final say.

The focus from the Ohio GOP is to push property tax proposals that benefit the wealthiest Ohioans and hand out millions to billionaires for sports stadiums, while forcing schools and local communities to pay the price for wasteful state spending.

It doesn't have to be this way.

During this General Assembly, House Democrats have introduced bipartisan, commonsense legislation to help Ohioans lower their property taxes—but the Republican supermajority refuses to act. Instead cuts to local food programs and transportation to and from school.

I remain committed to fighting for our democracy, protecting your voice, and standing united with our local communities for the future of Ohio. Because our kids, our community, and our future matters. District 41 strong!

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep41@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-1731. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns. Please check out the last page about our summer session for unclaimed funds.

In Unity, Erika White

## WORKING FOR YOU

### In Columbus:

This month I voted "NO" at the special session held to override the Governor's line item veto (Item number 66). I also attended the Ohio Public Leadership Academy for Elected Officials. Attending conferences like this provide me with the tools to better serve you as a Representative. I also attended the Ohio State Fair and competed in the Battle for the Bacon. Thank you to my trainer, Ava!





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:**

Ohio State Trooper Ride Along
I was able to ride along with a state trooper for a day. This experience made me even more appreciative of the work our first responders do. Thank you to Trooper Metzger!



### **Serenity Realty Ribbon Cutting**

I had the honor of attending the Serenity Realty ribbon cutting and recognizing the new local business to our community. Congratulations to Serenity Realty!



Please reach out to the Maumee Chamber of Commerce or our office if you are opening a new business or organization in District 41.

## SUMMER SESSION: UNCLAIMED FUNDS

**Where:** Heatherdowns Branch Library 3265 Glanzman Rd, Toledo, OH 43614

**When:** August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7:15p September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7:15p.

The House version of the budget has passed with a provision that allows for unclaimed funds to be used to fund the new Browns stadium.

As your state Representative, I want you to know these funds belong to you - not the state. I want to work with you on reclaiming your funds.

I will be hosting two sessions with **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE**) to guide you through the process of reclaiming your funds.

Please scan the respective QR codes to register for the event of your choosing. If you have any questions or concerns, contact my office at (614) 466-1731 or rep41@ohiohouse.gov. Registration closes 2 days prior to the date of the event.



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## ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Sales Tax Holiday**

Get ready for the upcoming school year with Ohio's 2025 Expanded Sales Tax Holiday! It will be held from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 until 11:59p. on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Almost all tangible personal property priced \$500 or less is tax free.

Examples of tax-exempt items include:

- · Electronics: Computers, televisions, and other gadgets
- · Clothing: Any apparel items
- · Books: All types, including novels and textbooks
- · Home Goods: Furniture, kitchenware, and home décor
- · Plant: Indoor and outdoor plants
- · Sporting Goods: Equipment and apparel for sports
- · Food and Beverages: Dine-in food, dietary supplements, and soft drinks.

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

4-8p.

Where: 400 Conant St.

Maumee, OH 43537

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