

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

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



Friends and Neighbors,

Our votes are our voice and our power. Elections decide the funding for our schools and our libraries to the price of food to the care seniors and kids receive. The choices we make this November will affect every household in our *commUNITY*. Let's make a plan so nothing gets in the way of your ballot this November. Pick your method:

Early In-Person Voting:

Early in person voting is 8:00a - 5:00p Monday-Friday and the Saturday and Sunday before election day.

Vote by Mail:

If you applied to vote absentee before the Oct. 28th deadline, your absentee ballot must be postmarked by November 3rd.

Election Day:

Polls are open from 6:30a - 7:30p. You can find polling location information at <https://www.lucascountyoohiovotes.gov/>

Things to Remember:

- Review candidates & issues here: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/sample-ballot/>
- Bring acceptable photo ID. Name and address should match registration.
- Reminder: If you have moved, update your address here: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/>
- Help get people to the polls. Share this with 3 friends or family members.

This isn't just about politics—it's about people. Recent state and federal budget decisions will **cut funding beginning November 1, 2025 for food programs (SNAP), community mental health services, child nutrition, and disability supports**. These are programs that help working families stay afloat and make ends meet; support seniors and veterans to live independently, ensure children start their day being hungry but ready to learn, and provide critical access for people living with disabilities or who are disabled.

EVERY CUT has a consequence. When we vote, we're saying "no" to policies that hurt our most vulnerable—or "yes" to a state that invest in compassion, stability, and shared prosperity. By voting, we affirm that every person in District 41 deserves dignity, opportunity, and support. Let's protect our schools and our libraries, our senior and veteran programs, families and children who make our community strong, and protect those with disabilities or are disabled.

If you or someone you know is struggling to access food, healthcare, or housing due to recent cuts, contact my office. We can connect you with local food banks, senior services, mental health resources, and legal aid partners who can help. **Please contact Governor Mike DeWine's office** urging him to take immediate action to protect SNAP benefits. You can call his office at (614) 644-4357 or visit governor.ohio.gov/contact.

Thank you for always showing up and standing up and believing in the power of community.

*In Unity,
Erika White*



#ThePeoplesDistrict
#Neighbor2Neighbor
#D41

SNAP BENEFITS

Supporting you as we navigate the decision to pause SNAP and other social services during the shutdown.

[South Side Life Station Toledo](#)

The South Side Life Station is located at **402 South Ave. Toledo, OH.**

They can be reached at (419) 242-3340.

[Islamic Food Bank of Toledo](#)

The Islamic Food Bank is located at **1804 Monroe St. Toledo, OH.**

They can be reached at (419) 487-4277.

If you are able, please consider donating to one of these organizations or volunteering.

[Toledo SeaGate Food Bank](#)

The Toledo SeaGate Food Bank is located at **526 High St. Toledo, OH.**

They can be reached at (419) 244-6996.

[Under One Roof Food Pantry](#)

Under One Roof Food Pantry is located at **310 Elizabeth St. Maumee, OH**

They can be reached at (419) 794-0111.



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Greater Grace Food Pantry

The Greater Grace Food Pantry is located at
3342 Monroe St. Toledo, OH

They can be contacted at (419) 214-6900.

Friendship New Vision

Friendship New Vision Inc is located at
5301 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH.

They can be contacted at 419-534-5437.

If you are able, please consider donating to one of these organizations or volunteering.

Olivet Lutheran Church

The Olivet Lutheran Church is located at
5840 Monroe St. Sylvania, OH.

They can be contacted at 419-867-2077.

Church Women United Thrift Shop

Church Women United Thrift Shop is located at
631 S. Crissey Rd. Holland, OH.

They can be contacted at 419-865-2300.



WORKING FOR YOU

At Home:

This month was full of building connections with my constituents. I attended a ribbon cutting for the Halim Free Health and Dental Clinic and was able to recognize their staff for their incredible dedication and hard work.



I also was invited to speak at the Lucas County Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Everyone Ohioan deserves the right to live fully - to be seen, supported and valued. I will continue to speak up on every committee I serve to restore and protect funding for these essential services.



It is important that our young people understand how valuable their voices are. I loved being able to speak at a “my voice Matters Event” to talk about the importance of civic engagement.



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

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In Columbus:

Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 311

Providing sponsor testimony with my joint sponsor, Rep. Jim Hoops on HB 311 in the House Public Safety Committee. This bill is intended to **recognize the third full week of May as EMS week in the state of Ohio.**



Sponsor Testimony on HB 475

Providing sponsor testimony with my joint sponsor Rep. Ismail Mohamed. This bill creates legislation that allows for municipalities to partner with Ohio based cybersecurity firms, in addition to creating a toll-free line to **provide assistance for those municipalities in the event of an attack.**



In Columbus:

Rep. White Signs Letter Urging Governor DeWine to Take Action as the Federal Shutdown Threatens SNAP benefits

The Ohio House Democratic Caucus sent a letter to Governor DeWine urging him to take action to preserve SNAP benefits for 1.4M Ohioans at risk of going hungry beginning November first.

“Governor, we are asking that - by Wednesday- you declare a state of emergency, provide state funds to foodbanks to meet the needs of hungry Ohioans, and mobilize the national guard to distribute food on an as needed basis in coordination with the foodbanks. Ohio families will go hungry without SNAP benefits, including over a half million children, over 250,000 seniors, and an estimated 45,000 veterans. Time is of the essence, and we need to act before Saturday’s deadline,” said House Democrats in their letter to the governor. “It does not matter where we stand on the respective sides of the battle over healthcare premiums in D.C., the reality is that the most vulnerable people across our state are going to go hungry if we do not act. We are urging leadership in the face of this crisis.”

Specifically, House Democrats requested the governor:

- Use his executive authority to immediately declare a state of emergency; and
- Work with the legislature to unlock up to \$100M to ensure that foodbanks can feed those in need citing various funding sources that could be made available and noting Controlling Board’s emergency fund as the most immediate option.

Ohio families should not have to choose between buying food or medicine or keeping the heat on because of the state’s failure to respond to this urgent crisis. You can find the full press release and attached letter by scanning the QR code.



THE WORKLINE

Connecting Bills at Work inside the Statehouse to Your House

H.B. 502

Introduced by Rep. Latyna Humphrey

Makes an appropriation for the use of the State's Rainy Day Fund to continue funding for SNAP, TANF, WIC and other social assistance programs. This legislation is incredibly necessary as SNAP benefits are not being released due to the Government shutdown. The bill currently sits in the House Agriculture Committee. The Chair of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Roy Klopfenstein can be reached at 614-644-5091.

H.B. 150

Introduced by Rep. McNally and Myself

This bill is currently sitting in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. The bill was introduced in response to SB 50 and SCR 3 to reduce protections on child labor. HB 150, or the Clock Out Kids Act requires school employees to report child labor law violations, and increases the penalties for certain child labor violations. It also creates the Minor Labor Law Enforcement Fund.

H.B. 473

Introduced by Rep. Dave Thomas

This bill prohibits a public employer from paying employee contribution on an employee's behalf to a state retirement system. Makes the payment of employee contributions by a public employer on an employee's behalf to a state retirement system not an appropriate subject for collective bargaining agreements. As ranking member of Public Insurance and Pensions, I have expressed recruitment and retention concerns over this bill.