

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

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



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

December is a season of celebration, reflection, and meaningful time spent with family, friends and community. As we look back on the year behind us and ahead to the opportunities before us, my staff and I wish you a warm, safe, and joyful holiday season

This year at the Statehouse, **I am incredibly proud of what our District has accomplished together!** From becoming the *Ranking Member of the House Public Insurance & Pensions Committee*, to celebrating two bipartisan bills passing unanimously on the House floor, to connecting directly with families and leaders across District 41 – I am truly grateful for the trust you place in me to bring your voice to Columbus.

The attacks on the will of the people – and on our *freedoms* – have been extensive and exhausting, yet there is no weariness in our fight. I've stood strong against attempts to roll back Ohioans' *freedom* to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions after voters passed Issue 1 to protect this very right; against efforts to divert resources from public schools, limiting our children's *freedom* to learn; against proposals to censor information and limit access to knowledge in our local libraries; and against attempts to rewrite or weaken Issue 2 --respecting the *freedom* Ohioans voters demanded to legalize adult-use marijuana.

I will always defend the people's voice – and the freedoms that voice secured.

And while families are working harder than ever, there are Republicans in the Statehouse and Senate pushing legislation like SB 50, which rolls back child labor protections by allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to work later on school nights – jeopardizing their education, rest, safety, and long-term opportunities. **That is simply not what a stronger Ohio looks like.**

This is not just an urban issue – and it is not just a rural issue. **No matter where they live, our children deserve time to learn, time to grow, and freedom**

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to pursue their dreams – not to be shifted from the classroom to the clock.

This year, I have been proud to joint-sponsor HB 150 – *the Clock Out Kids Act* – legislation with Rep McNally that strengthens enforcement of Ohio’s minor labor protections. Ohio’s economy relies on workers, and our agricultural heritage relies on healthy farm families. Protecting kids at work protects the future harvest – the next generation of workers, leaders, innovators, and farmers who will build Ohio’s tomorrow.

HB 150 is a pro-child, pro-worker, pro-family, pro-future bill.

Freedom means nothing if it cannot be lived. When worker protections are weakened or children are pushed into longer hours, that freedom disappears. I will continue fighting for the everyday *freedoms* that workers and families – both urban and rural – rely on, and for legislation like HB 150 that keeps kids safe, supported, and on a path to success.

Looking ahead to the new year, I am committed to working and fighting for you and your family every day in the halls of the Statehouse and throughout our community. **My staff and I look forward to continuing serving you in 2026!**

Oh, and while you’re making your list and checking it twice, **take a moment to see if the State of Ohio is holding any unclaimed money that belong to you or your loved ones.** It’s quick, easy, and could help you start the new year with money back in your pocket: www.unclaimedfunds.ohio.gov.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your State Representative. My door – and my heart – remain open to you. Please reach out anytime with questions, ideas, or concerns:

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*In Unity,
Erika White*



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At Home:

This month was full of building connections with my constituents. I am proud to attend ribbon cuttings in my district and celebrate all of District 41's success. Contact my office if you are opening a business or celebrating a milestone in District 41 (*Holland, Maumee, Springfield TWP, & South & SW Toledo*)

Libby, my legislative aide, and I attended the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters Fire OPPS 101 Training.

We walked in someone else's shoes for the day and experienced what it is like to be a first responder in training. This was not simply an observation, it was immersion.

I will continue to champion for our firefighters to have the support they deserve and proud be the primary sponsor of HB 311 with Rep Hoops that passed the House with unanimous support.

I rode along with a Lucas County Children Services provider for a day. This immersive experience was deeply touching. Getting involved in the community is the best way for legislators to craft meaningful legislation.



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In Columbus:

Speaking Out Against S.C.R. 3

Earlier this month I spoke on the House floor *against* Senate Concurrent Resolution 3. This Resolution attempts to weaken child labor laws at a federal level. It calls on the Congressional delegation to increase the curfew for 14-15 year olds working.



PROVIDING SPONSOR TESTIMONY ON HB 150

This month I also provided sponsor testimony on HB 150 - The Clock Out Kids Act.

This bill would strengthen child labor protections in the state and create a reporting system for employers suspected of breaking these new guidelines.



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In Columbus:

Rep. White Celebrates Passage of HB 311: Designating the Third Full Week of May as EMS Week in Ohio



On November 12, I proudly spoke on the House floor in support of HB 311 — celebrating our EMS heroes and sheros by designating the third full week of May as EMS Week in Ohio! Standing up for those who show up when seconds matter. This recognition comes at no cost to taxpayers — and all respect to Ohio's heroes & sheros. Honored to joint-sponsor this legislation with Rep. Hoops!

This Bill now **heads to the Senate**.

Rep. White Celebrates Passage of SB17: Partner legislation to HB 204: Designating March 9th as 6888th Central Postal Battalion Day

On November 19th, I respectfully spoke on the House floor in support of SB 17 — celebrating the trailblazing women of the 6888th! The only all-Black, all-female WAC unit deployed overseas during WWII — led by Ohio's own Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley. Their legacy reminds us that courage changes history. Their courage is Ohio history. Proud to joint-sponsor this legislation with Rep Melanie Miller.



This Bill now **heads to the Governor**.

THE WORKLINE

Connecting What's NEW from the State House to Your House

H.B. 475

INTRODUCED BY REP WHITE & REP MOHAMMED

Strengthening Local Cybersecurity

Requires the assessment of municipal corporation cybersecurity infrastructure.

Allows the Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor to certify & contract with private security firms.

Establishes a toll-free secure line for municipalities to call for assistance if faced with a cyber attack.

Awaiting a second hearing in the House Technology Committee

S.B. 293

Introduced by Senators Gavarone and Brenner

This Bill was passed rapidly, with very limited public hearings or expert testimony — raising concerns about the haste and lack of transparency in changing fundamental election rules.

Requires all absentee (mail-in) ballots to be received by poll closing on Election Day — no more “grace period” for late arrivals.

Eliminates the four-day mail-in ballot cushion previously allowed for ballots post-marked by Election Day.

Headed to the Governors Desk

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THE WORKLINE

HOUSE BILLS REP WHITE HAS JOINT SPONSORED

Bills That Passed the House

HB 311

Designate EMS week in Ohio



On The Way to the Governor:

SB 17 (HB 204)

Designate 6888th
Central Postal
Directory
Battalion Day



Bills Awaiting a Hearing in Committee:

HB 334

Designate Keith G Earley
Memorial Interchange

HB 418

Correct the Latin name of the
Buckeye, state tree

Bills That Have Had At Least One Hearing in Committee:



HB 150

Clock Out Kids Act

HB 284

Require US-produced iron, steel be used
on state-funded projects

HB 475

Regards municipal cybersecurity,
private cybersecurity contracts

HB 534

Provide for the licensure of debt service
providers