



Dear Neighbor,

As June begins, I'd like to provide you with an update about the work that I'm doing for the 39th district in Columbus.

This past month HB 137, the bill designating March 29th as Ohio Tuskegee Airmen Day, passed in the House. My joint sponsor and I have presented testimony on this bill as it moves through the Senate committee. I have also recently introduced the following two bills:

- I am joint sponsoring **H.B. 331** with Rep. Kent Smith (D- Euclid) H.B. 331 requires certain law enforcement officers to wear visible badges.
- I am also joint sponsoring **H.B. 340** with Rep. Adam Bird (R-New Richmond). H.B. 340 designates September as "International Underground Railroad Month".

Most importantly, HB 294 was introduced recently in the legislature. As many already know, HB 294 threatens to make voting more challenging for Ohioans across the state. Please click the link [here](#) for more information about opportunities to challenge the passage of HB 294.

This is the people's house, and I would like to remind not to hesitate to reach out to our office with any of your questions or concerns. Please contact me at [Rep39@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep39@ohiohouse.gov) or 614.466.1607. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Willis E. Blackshear Jr.".

Representative Willis E. Blackshear Jr.



Rep. Blackshear getting his first COVID-19 vaccination



Rep. Blackshear giving sponsor testimony on the Ohio House floor for HB 137



Rep. Blackshear at the 2021 Distinguished Black Males of Color awards ceremony