



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Blackshear

Dear Neighbor,

March was a busy month at the Statehouse! The House and Senate passed Ohio's \$13.5 billion Transportation Budget, which includes railroad safety improvements, infrastructure investment projects and job creation programs. This bipartisan budget puts people over politics and improves the lives of all Ohioans. That is why I was honored to join all of my Democratic colleagues in voting for this budget.

April is National Minority Health Month, a time to focus on the health disparities in minority communities across the state and country. Latina and Black women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than white women. In addition, infant mortality rates among Black Americans and Native groups are higher than other racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Improving healthcare in minority communities is one of the most important issues facing our state. Democrats will continue to support quality, equitable healthcare so that everyone, no matter their zip code, can thrive here in Ohio.

Also in April, we turn our attention to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. We will be hard at work ensuring Ohio's budget puts people first by supporting working families, small businesses, and our children.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Willis E. Blackshear Jr.



Rep. Blackshear recently spoke to students at Meadowdale High School about our state government.



Rep. Blackshear presents a Commendation to Ms. Cornelia Schwendeman for her 100th birthday!



Minority Health Month

National Minority Health Month is observed in April and focuses on the health disparities minority communities experience in the United States. Black men are more likely to die from cancer than Caucasian men and Black women are more likely to die from breast cancer than white women. We must provide more linguistically and culturally appropriate health education as well as remove barriers to receiving healthcare. House Democrats will continue to support quality, equitable healthcare so that everyone, no matter their zip code, can succeed.



Commendations!

One of Rep. Blackshear's favorite things to do is honor constituents and their accomplishments by presenting Commendations. Commendations (sometimes called Proclamations) are fancy pieces of paper that commend individuals and organizations for their accomplishments.

Reasons for Commendations can include opening a new business, winning an award, milestone anniversaries, and more. If you know someone who may qualify for a House commendation please don't hesitate to reach out to our office!

