



Dear Neighbor,

We are off to a great start to the 133rd Ohio General Assembly. It is my pleasure to serve as your voice in the Ohio Senate at the statehouse.

Providing high-quality, timely constituent services is my number one priority as your Senator. You'll find more information at the bottom of this email about the constituent services my office provides.

I hope this e-newsletter provides a helpful update for you about my work in the legislature on your behalf. I welcome your feedback on the legislation we are currently considering. Your emails, letters and phone calls are very important to me, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Kunze". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Kunze
State Senator
16th District

The State's Operating Budget: Investing in Ohio

No legislation is more important to the operation of state government than the state's Biennial Operating Budget.

By the end of June, the Ohio General Assembly will pass a budget that is balanced, fiscally responsible and invests in the key policy priorities of our state to allow Ohio to continue moving forward.



The Senate Finance committee is always streamed live on our website, or can be found in the archives, so you can be part of the review and discussion of how your tax dollars are spent.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, I welcome your thoughts on what priorities Ohio should invest in.

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Investing in the Renovation and Construction of Ohio's School Facilities



The Senate recently passed Senate Bill 4, which I introduced and the Senate recently passed, to provide an additional \$100 million in state capital appropriations for the renovation and construction of school buildings across the state.

Ensuring that students have a safe and quality learning environment is an essential part of their educational experience. I believe this additional funding will help improve our education system all across the state.

Speaking of school renovations, I was thrilled to join local leaders and

school officials for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Upper Arlington High School, pictured above. The project kicks off the renovation of six of the district's schools buildings.

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Providing Better Care for Ohioans Suffering with Alzheimer's Disease

An estimated 5.7 million Americans, including 220,000 Ohioans, currently live with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. For this reason and many others, I was proud to co-sponsor legislation, recently passed by the Senate, that would establish a State Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias Task Force charged with developing a comprehensive, state action plan to prepare for the growing impact of dementia-related diseases.



The Task Force will gather information on everything from detection and diagnosis to quality of care, training, health care system capacity, fiscal impact, research, public awareness and more.

For more information and tools to help you or a loved one navigate Alzheimer's disease, click [here](#), or call 1-800-272-3900 for a 24/7 help line.

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Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights



It has been 100 years since the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the Constitution of the United States, providing men and women with equal voting rights. I was pleased to introduce this legislation together with my colleague Sandra Williams. Senate Bill 30 will create the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. It was signed into law on April 24, 2019.

The Centennial Commission will coordinate events throughout Ohio in 2019 and 2020 to celebrate the historical significance of the Nineteenth Amendment and honor the women's suffrage movement. I look forward to sharing more information about these important events as it becomes available.

To watch footage of the bill signing and hear more about why we wanted to establish the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, click [here](#).



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**YMCA Youth & Government:
Future Leaders of Ohio**



The YMCA Youth in Government Program is a great way for high school students to learn and experience the inner workings of state government. I was honored to be part of their kick-off [event](#) in the House Chamber as well as participate in the annual Youth in Government Statehouse "Family Feud."

I look forward to seeing many of these young Ohioans as our state's future leaders!

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES...

Please feel free to contact me. My office can help:

- ★ Assist in dealing with state agencies.
- ★ Research information on bills and committees.
- ★ Share your opinions on pending legislation or your ideas for new legislation.
- ★ Honor outstanding accomplishments and milestones.
- ★ Request a meeting at the Statehouse or in the district.
- ★ Schedule a tour of the Ohio Statehouse.



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