

## Senator Stephanie Kunze

### 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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Senator Stephanie Kunze is currently serving her first term in the Ohio Senate representing the people of the 16th Senate District on the western side of Franklin county including the cities of Dublin, Galloway, Grove City, Hilliard, Upper Arlington, Worthington and portions of Clintonville and Columbus. She previously served two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives representing the 24th Ohio House District. Senator Kunze is known for her passionate advocacy for small business, education and health issues important to Ohioans. She has successfully championed legislation aimed at delivering justice for victims of sexual violence, advocated for efforts to improve Ohio's business climate and fought to ensure that Ohio's students receive the highest quality education possible. She also played a key role in the passage of recent legislation aimed at reducing the alarming infant mortality rate in Ohio. While in the Ohio House, Senator Kunze served as Vice Chair of the State Government committee, as well as a member of the Finance, Insurance and Rules and Reference committees and the Finance K-12 subcommittee. She also co-chaired Ohio's Commission on Infant Mortality and served on the Attorney General's DARE Task Force. A resident of Hilliard, Senator Kunze has called Ohio home for more than twenty years. While raising her two daughters with her husband Matt, she dedicated her time to volunteer leadership and service in her community and was elected to the Hilliard City Council in 2009, where she chaired the Recreation & Parks Committee and served as the DARE liaison to the council. Her commitment to supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs led her to be a founding member of [www.localevevents.com](http://www.localevevents.com), which was created to encourage those who live and work in an area to support their local businesses, schools and community. Senator Kunze is a member of the Hilliard and Upper Arlington Area Chambers of Commerce, Franklin County Farm Bureau, Hilliard Schools PTO and is a graduate of the Hilliard Citizens Police Academy and Indiana University.

