



SENATOR STEPHANIE KUNZE

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Dear Neighbor,

During this special time of year, I hope you have the blessed opportunity to spend the holidays surrounded by those who you love as we celebrate the hope this season brings. As I look back and reflect on 2020, I am humbled by the many ways we have come together to overcome the trials of this difficult year.

I am proud of the work that the Ohio Senate accomplished in the past two years during the 133rd General Assembly. We assisted our schools, provided funding for vital infrastructure projects, addressed the healthcare needs of newborns and their mothers, fought against human trafficking, and honored the centennial of women's right to vote.

As we enter a new legislative cycle, I will continue my work to help our state and Central Ohio can emerge stronger than ever from the COVID-19 pandemic with the same thoughtful, collaborative and commonsense approach you have come to expect from me.

It is my honor to represent you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any thoughts on how we can continue to improve our state and communities. From my family to yours, we wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

Be Well and God Bless.

Stephanie Kunze



Last week, I was proud to vote for the state capital budget which will invest \$2.1 billion into Ohio's schools, roads and bridges, public services and local community projects. These investments are important now more than ever because they will create jobs, boost economic development and uplift the quality of life for our neighbors and community.

\$20.65 million is being distributed to cities and municipalities throughout Franklin County, and I appreciate the input and work of our local leaders to identify projects most important to our communities. Below is a highlight of local projects being funded in the 16th Senate District:

- \$4.5 million will be used for the **Comprehensive Addiction Center** in Franklin County.
- \$1.5 million for construction of the **Galloway Sports Complex One Field Project**
- \$338,000 for construction of the Upper Arlington **Lane Avenue Shared Use Path**
- \$400,000 for reconstruction of the **Thaddeus Kosciuszko Log Cabin** in Dublin
- \$400,000 for renovations to **McCord Park** in Worthington
- \$300,000 for the extension of the **Hayden Run Trail** in Hilliard

In addition to local investments, the Capital Budget allocates funds towards the following statewide efforts:

- \$305 million towards local school construction, including repairs, renovations and maintenance for primary and secondary facilities.
- \$253 million for the maintenance and preservation of Ohio's dams, parks, trails, waterways and wildlife
- \$62.5 million to support the Clean Ohio program which funds preservation of green space, farmland, open spaces and expanded recreational opportunities.
- \$95.6 million will be invested in critical health and human services

funding for mental health and addiction treatment facilities in communities across the state.

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The conclusion of the Ohio Legislature's 133rd General Assembly marks an end to the legislative course for bills that have been introduced in the last two years. I'm proud to share that seven bills that I've sponsored have been enacted into law. Focused on working alongside constituents and community leaders, we have helped to **empower Ohio's women**, provide **critical relief for Ohio's families and businesses**, continue our fight to **eradicate human trafficking** and **support Ohio's children and school districts**.

I've heard from many constituents regarding the issues facing our communities, and I am grateful for all of the input and ideas shared with me. I look forward to continuing our work in the New Year during the upcoming 134th General Assembly.

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All Ohio high school students, who are juniors or seniors during the 2020-2021 school year, are invited to apply for a \$1,000 Believe in Ohio STEM Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship program is to recognize students throughout Ohio for their contributions to STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This is a continuation of a legislative effort aimed at increasing the number of Ohio residents completing postsecondary studies in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEM).

This is a tremendous opportunity for Class of 2021 and 2022 high school students. I encourage all who may qualify to apply and take advantage of the Believe in Ohio Program Scholarship.

The application can be found by clicking *Learn More* below:

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In the News

ThisWeek Community News: [Central Ohio's merry spirit](#)

ThisWeek Community News (Grove City): [Grove City, Jackson Township holiday drives continue amid pandemic](#)

ThisWeek Community News (Hilliard): [Old Hilliard banners will honor military personnel, veterans in 2021](#)

Columbus Dispatch: [Central Ohio getting state dollars for new addiction center, upgrades to zoo, Ohio Theatre](#)

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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