



A Legislative Report from Rep. Barbara Boyd

9th District of Ohio • Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, University Heights and Parts of Cleveland



Barbara Boyd
State Representative

Dear Constituents,

Ohio and the nation are facing unprecedented economic times. These challenges are felt by families who watch their home values decline, businesses who can't secure a loan because of tightening credit markets, and individual Ohioans who are struggling to find work. Our job in the legislature is to find ways to ease those struggles that so many Ohioans are feeling.

Tough times mean tough decisions, both in putting together our household budget and for a state spending plan. The process has not been easy. But our mission in the Legislature is to do the best we can for the people of the state of Ohio.

On the House floor, I provided a personal story of a neighbor and their family's ordeal when faced with foreclosure. With the foreclosure crisis still putting people out of their homes, we have recently passed two pieces of legislation that are designed to help.

One bill (House Bill 3) aims to minimize the loss that homeowners, lenders and communities continue to suffer in a foreclosure system that isn't set up to handle today's reality. It includes a 6 month moratorium on final foreclosure judgments (with conditions).

It also helps to protect the loss of investment dollars by maintaining home values and encouraging payment plans that guarantee a greater return than a sheriff sale. Homes that go to sale in Ohio typically recover between 20 and 60 cents on the dollar, as opposed to full recovery from a successful workout. This legislation truly seeks to protect every party in the mortgage process.

The House has also passed a bill that would protect renters when their landlord goes into foreclosure. Gone would be the days of people facing an eviction notice with no warning.

Our economy will get better, especially as the national picture improves. In the meantime, I will do my best to help Ohioans suffering now, and position Ohio for prosperity once things turn around.

I value the opinions of the 9th district and appreciate its diverse range as displayed in the results of the survey from the last issued newsletter. If you have any thoughts, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boyd
State Representative

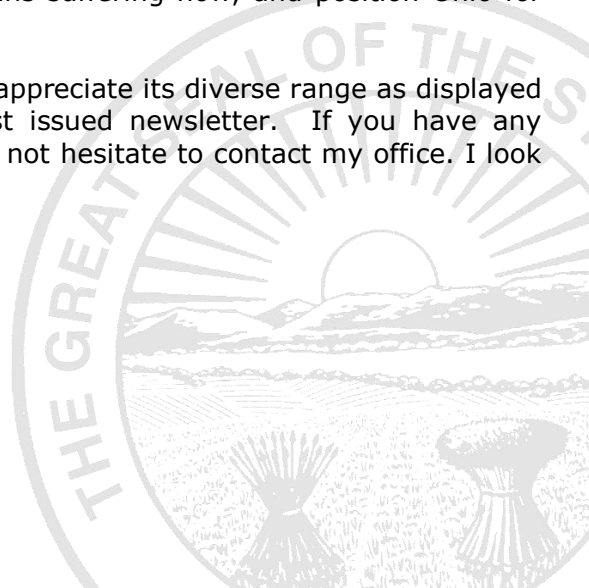
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Jobs and Family Services, Department of

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Veteran Services Division 800-253-4060

Unemployment Compensation Hotline 877-644-6562

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Public Safety, Department of

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

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State Highway Patrol DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Taxation, Department of

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Ohio House Health Committee Works on Key Bills

Chair Rep. Boyd Leads Consideration of Several Pieces of Legislation



This is a busy time in the House and specifically as Chairwoman of the House Health Committee, there are important legislative issues and topics that are being discussed and

voted upon. We have heard testimony on a number of bills in the House Health Committee. Among them:

House Bill 60 proposed by Representative Connie Pillich (D-28th District):

This bill would require food items sold to students through a vending machine in a school district, community school, and STEM school to meet certain nutritional standards.

House Bill 81 proposed by myself and Representative Randy Gardner (R-6th District):

This bill would require coverage for diabetes equipment, supplies, medication, and self-management education through employer welfare arrangements, health insuring corporations and public employee benefit plans.

House Bill 94 proposed by Representative Michael Skindell (D-13th District):

This bill would require pharmaceutical manufacturers and labelers to disclose to the Director of Health on an annual basis gifts to health care professionals or hospitals and other health care facilities.

House Bill 102 proposed by Representative Todd Book (D-89th District):

This bill would require the Department of Health to make available to women prior to their third trimester printable publications containing standardized, objective information about umbilical-cord-blood banking. Approved by the Health Committee with a unanimous favorable vote, House Bill 102 was recently approved by the full House and

sent to the Senate for consideration.

The Davis family of Cedar Hill, Texas came to Columbus to testify before the House Health Committee in favor of HB 102. They told the story of how their elder son Joseph Jr. (who was born with sickle cell anemia) was saved by his younger brother, Isaac through umbilical-cord-blood banking.

Pictured from left to right: Representative Winburn, mother Darlene, Joseph Jr., Representative Boyd, Isaac, and father Joseph Sr.



I am also the primary sponsor of the following bills:

House Bill 84 "Sean's Law"

This bill would require health screening procedures including a medical, dental, and mental health screening for new jail inmates by trained jail personnel to ensure adequate measures are in place to identify and treat inmates at risk of withdrawal from addictive drugs.

House Bill 83

This bill would require public school employees and private school bus operators to report to school principals or chief administrative officers known assaults at school or school events or on school buses. It would also require school district principals to notify the district superintendent of reported assaults and grants immunity from civil liability.



Federal Stimulus Money Comes to Ohio

Program Will Help Jump Start Ohio's Economy

The national economy is struggling, and too many Ohioans are struggling as well. These tough times require the use of every resource we have to jump-start our economy and create jobs. If we don't take action and work to move our economy forward, we risk putting Ohio further behind once the national recession lifts.

The Ohio House has taken action to use federal stimulus money to immediately begin creating jobs and positioning our economy for long-term growth. Ohio is getting \$5.8 billion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—a shot in the arm to our ailing economy – a bold move to get it healthy again.

These dollars are about jobs. By attracting industry to our state, the free market can promote a healthy economy as we come out on the other side of this recession. Sustainable growth and prosperity begins with the action we take now.

There are a few major ways the federal funds will come to Ohio. For one, the stimulus bill includes money for federally guaranteed loans under the Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program. Loans backed by the government help in an economic climate where credit is still frozen for too many businesses. The loans will go toward businesses that invest in emerging technologies. New industries not only create jobs in the short-term, but they also help other businesses to grow alongside them, providing long-term economic development.

We are also using federal funds to invest in infrastructure. \$1.1 billion of our transportation budget went toward keeping our roadways safe. Good roads also allow small businesses to move their goods and industry to develop along

transportation corridors. The jobs created as a result can invigorate communities.

We've pulled down \$629 million for energy efficiency, green technologies, and weatherization. These are investments that reap lasting benefits. For example, weatherizing our buildings decreases energy use and increases cost savings. When people save money on energy, they invest it back into the economy.

There are many opportunities for investments now that save money later. \$26 million will support preventive health care services. Countless studies show that the more we invest in preventive measures like wellness and regular doctor visits, the more long-term costs we save.



And we've also used stimulus funds to support vital services in Ohio, such as Medicaid, unemployment compensation, and school lunches. In tough times, when more and more Ohioans are in need, it is critical to maintain our social safety net. We've also invested \$38 million from the federal government to uphold our police forces to help keep citizens safe.

**... a shot in the arm
to our ailing economy**

These are unique times. With major layoffs and foreclosures in the news, we must act to put Ohio back on the road to prosperity. The investments we are making will help get Ohio's economy moving again and improve our financial position for tomorrow.

Legislative Survey

REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA BOYD
JULY 2009

Your views on issues facing state government are important to me. Please take the time to share your opinion on the following topics. I look forward to hearing from you!

1. Would you support building casinos in Ohio if the proposal was structured differently than the one defeated at the polls last November?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

2. Would you support raising the speed limit for passenger vehicles on interstate freeways from 65 mph to 70 mph?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

3. Do you support statewide efforts to update the passenger rail transportation system throughout Ohio?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

4. Would you support legislation that requires mandatory background checks for all volunteers who have direct unsupervised contact with children?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

5. Would you support an increase in the amount of insurance drivers must have in order to legally drive in this state?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

6. Should Ohio require insurance companies to provide coverage for conditions such as diabetes and autism?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

7. Do you support limits on marketing by credit card companies on university and college campuses?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

8. Please list what you believe to be the three biggest issues facing Ohio:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Additional Comments:

Please fold and return this form to me at the address listed on the other side. If you would like to receive information and legislative updates in the future, please provide the following information:

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Please don't hesitate to contact my office
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