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TRANSPORTATION BUDGET & EQUITY
Mass Transit Needs

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Greater Ohio Policy Center
RURAL AREAS 27 OH counties without public transit
Does your community have access to transit?

URBAN AREAS
Does your transit effectively meet the needs for employment, education, healthcare, etc?

SUBURBAN AREAS
Are the stops and routes reasonable and reliable? Are the elderly and people with disabilities readily served?

ELECTRIC VEHICLES
EV’s reduce emissions and pollutants that impact public health. Is your community installing EV charging stations?
THE ENERGY POLICY DEBATE IN OHIO
House Bill 6 and Other Legislative Messes

TRACY SABETTA, Founding Partner, Initiative Consulting
Moms Clean Air Force in Ohio
Where does House Bill 6 current stand?

- No formal repeal of the bill in its entirety
- Former Speaker Larry Householder still holds a seat in the General Assembly
- House Bill 57 (Skindell) and House Bill 18 (Lanese)—full repeal
- House Bill 128 (Hoops) repeals nuclear subsidy portion and decoupling
  - Passed both chambers and signed by the Governor
  - Does not address renewables, efficiency or OVEC charges
REPEAL HB6 NOW
NO EXCUSES.
Other bills impacting Ohio’s energy future

- Senate Bill 52/House Bill 118 (Reineke/Stein)
  - Would allow township trustees to put wind and solar projects to local referendum after Ohio Power Siting Board permitting process, which would make siting renewables extremely challenging and uncertain in Ohio. Would not apply to any other energy source.

- HB 201 (Stephens)
  - Would block local governments from passing any ordinance that “limits” or “prevents” consumer access to natural gas

- Senate Bill 29 (Hoagland) Opt-in aggregation bill
  - Would eliminate the local legislative authority’s option to choose an automatic enrollment, or opt-out, aggregation plan. Aggregation will occur only with an “opt-in” program with the affirmative consent of each person being aggregated.
What can you do?

- Visit www.RepealHB6.org to send a letter to your elected officials and Governor.
- Follow organizations on social media who are engaged in the legislative efforts:
  - Ohio Citizen Action
    - Twitter: @OHIOcitizenact
    - Facebook: @OhioCitizenAction
  - Ohio Consumers Power Alliance
    - Twitter: @OHconsumerpower
    - Facebook: @ohioconsumerspoweralliance
  - Moms Clean Air Force in Ohio
    - Twitter: @CleanAirMoms_OH
    - Facebook Group: Moms Clean Air Force Ohio
REPEAL HOUSE BILL 6

HB6 is a $1.5B bailout of a dirty energy company with dirty, corrupt business practices.

Tell Your Ohio Legislators to REPEAL HB 6 NOW!

bit.ly/RepealOhioHB6NOW
IT IS TIME TO END OHIO’S DEATH PENALTY

HANNAH KUBBINS, Executive Director
Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE)
Ohio Fast Facts

• Ohio reinstated in 1981

• 56 executions

• Protocol

• OH death row located in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio State Penitentiary in Youngstown (men) and Marysville (women)

• 138 on death row, 1 woman

• Last execution - Robert Vanhook in July 2018
• Over two dozen executions were on the calendar when DeWine took office, none have taken place
• Federal Magistrate Judge Merz ruling on protocol
• Gov. DeWine comments
• Legislative assessment
• Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty (CCATDP)
• Statewide Bipartisan Coalition to repeal Ohio’s death penalty
• Bipartisan bills in 134th General Assembly → SB 103, HB 183
• Public opinion, polling
Severity of crime does not determine sentence

**Determinants:** County, Prosecutor, Access to Defense Counsel

Ohio Counties

Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, and Summit Counties are responsible for 68% of all Ohio death cases.
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Cost

Most expensive part of the criminal justice system
70% cost in the trial
Shortening appeals wouldn’t be a solution
No ROI
2,318 unsolved homicides in Ohio
51% homicide clearance rate nationally
9/10 cases end up in something lesser than death
185 National exonerees
11 Ohio exonerees; 216 years; 21 years average
1 in 5
Posthumous exoneration; George Stinney
Racial Disparity

Pre and post Civil War; a “beloved” American institution

1910-1950 75% of those executed were black, 25% population in the South

75% death sentences involve white victim, 50% of homicide victims are POC

1972 outlawing death penalty, unusual application

1987 SCOTUS ruling
• 2020 Hamilton Co study found “A black defendant with at least one white victim faced odds of receiving a death sentence that were 5.33 times higher than all other cases.”

• While people of color make up less than 15% of Ohio’s population, they make up:
  - 56% of Ohio’s death row
  - 33% of those executed
  - 72% of those exonerated

• 75% of the time, executions have involved a white victim - indicating which lives Ohio has deemed worthy of the ultimate punishment.
Murder Victim Family Members

OTSE board members
Organizing of MVFMs
Journey of Hope
Conundrum
Next Steps

Legislative Calendar, Repeal?

How To Get Involved!
Death Penalty

Capital punishment is inherently flawed: does not account for wrongful convictions, is racially biased, and does not deter violent crimes.

Tell Your Ohio Legislators to ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY!

bit.ly/AbolishOHdeathPenalty
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE

SARAH WARNER, Issue Specialist
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Domestic Violence and the COVID-19 pandemic

What bills at the statehouse currently relate to domestic violence?

What can you do to get involved?

Helpful Resources
Domestic Violence

Intimate partner violence is defined as physical, emotional, psychological or economic abuse and stalking or sexual harm by a current or former partner or spouse, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Crime statistics indicate that 16 percent of homicides are perpetrated by a partner.

Further, the CDC says, 25 percent of women and 10 percent of men experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/02/210225082508.htm
Surveys around the world have shown domestic abuse spiking since January of 2020—jumping markedly year over year compared to the same period in 2019.

According to the American Journal of Emergency Medicine and the United Nations group U.N. Women, when the pandemic began, incidents of domestic violence increased:

300% in Hubei, China, 25% in Argentina, 30% in Cyprus, 33% in Singapore, and 50% in Brazil
And Here At Home...

In the U.S., the situation is equally troubling, with police departments reporting increases in cities around the country: for example, 18% in San Antonio, 22% in Portland, Ore.; and 10% in New York City, according to the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.

One study in the journal Radiology reports that at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, radiology scans and superficial wounds consistent with domestic abuse from March 11 to May 3 of this year exceeded the totals for the same period in 2018 and 2019 combined. https://time.com/5928539/domestic-violence-covid-19/

“Deaths resulting from domestic violence incidents increased by 35 percent in Ohio from July 2019 through June 2020, according to the Ohio Domestic Violence Network.” https://www.ideastream.org/news/staying-home-during-the-pandemic-is-dangerous-for-domestic-violence-victims
A report by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network showed 109 people died from domestic violence incidents between July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. That is a 35% jump from the previous year.

The access to firearms is a significant matter in domestic violence... 70% of the cases, (fatal incidents), had firearms/ a shooting involved.
Domestic Violence Increase During The Pandemic

**Risk factors** have been exacerbated: Barriers to escape and support have grown.

**Decreased access** to medical personnel, school personal, work colleagues, shelters, treatment, friends and family, faith community support, and social services as well as decreased trust in first responders and police.

**Increased stress** at home, increased exposure to abusers, debt, loss of jobs and income, household stress with new demands on time and family needs, increased pressure on power dynamics in the home, and crowded conditions when children are kept home all contribute.
These factors are exacerbated further in low-income communities, LGBTQIA+ communities, and communities of color.

“While one in three white women report having experienced domestic violence [during the pandemic], the rates of abuse increased dramatically to about 50% and higher for those marginalized by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship status, and cognitive physical ability.”

Legislation at the Statehouse Right Now

**HB 110** Increase state support for DV programs

**HB 3** Aisha’s Law

**SB 90** Make strangulation a felony

**HB 93** Improve Ohio’s Address confidentiality program

**HB 266** Regards Statutes of limitation for rape and child sexual abuse

**HCR 14** Urge Governor declare a State of Emergency on Childhood Trauma.

**HB 256** Allow certain crime victims to terminate rental agreement

**HB 254** Provide for domestic violence fatality review boards

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How YOU Can Help

Call your legislators and advocate for good bills to be heard and passed!

Believe survivors and listen without judgement when someone comes to you.

Get involved with the LWVO Lobby Corps to volunteer on the lobby teams for bills that matter to you!

Educate yourself on some of the signs that could indicate someone you care about may be experiencing abuse.

Donate to Domestic violence services, coalitions, and shelters.

Learn the resources for survivors in your area, share them widely and help increase awareness!

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Some Helpful Resources

Ohio Domestic Violence Network: https://www.odvn.org/resource-center/

Ohio Legal Center: https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/10-19-2020-zach-klein-domestic-violence-resources

Ohio Legislature Website: https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/

League of Women Voters of Ohio website (advocacy links, resources and MORE!): https://www.lwvohio.org/advocacy

Ohio Bar Association Call For Supporting Families Experiencing Domestic Violence During The COVID-19 Pandemic https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/domestic_violence1/covid/odvn.pdf
1 in 4 women, 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical & sexual violence and stalking. Help prevent the violence and prosecute offenders with Aisha’s Law.

Tell Your Ohio Legislators to PASS HB3 NOW!

bit.ly/SupportHB3Ohio
A DIALOGUE ON GUN SAFETY
The Many and Varied Bills

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Oppose HB 227 & HB 99

Ohio Legislators must tighten gun restrictions not loosen them. Arming untrained school personnel endangers students and staff; removing CCW requirements endangers the public.

Tell Your Ohio Legislators to OPPOSE HB227 & HB 99 NOW!

bit.ly/OHgunSafety
Advocacy

Our mission and work is centered around the idea that it takes all of us working together to create a perfect democracy that works for all of us. At the League, WE TAKE ACTION to support our mission of expanding participation and access to elections and our government, and advocate on public policies that impact the life of every Ohioan.

Click one of the links below to learn more about how you can support the League’s advocacy efforts, and take action today to help MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!

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