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Dear Neighbors,

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the **7th** District in the Ohio House of Representatives. Because I am here on your behalf, I thought it would be a good idea to review the basic services I can provide you as your state representative.

Naturally, I always welcome your comments and thoughts on legislation, and I am happy to answer questions on pending legislation as well as hear your ideas for a bill. In a democracy, some of the best ideas for legislation come from concerned citizens offering fresh new ideas.

Keep in mind, my office can also keep you informed on pending legislation of particular interest to you. Just let me know your area of concern or the bill you are trying to keep an eye on.

My office can also help if you are experiencing trouble with a state agency or are unsure of where to go when you face a problem that may pertain to state government. My office will help in any way we can; as your state representative, I am committed to helping the people of my district find the answers and support they need.

The House of Representatives has been wrestling with several important public policy concerns, including open records and predatory lending legislation. We will continue to work on new strategies for reviving Ohio's economy. And we must work to ensure transparency and accountability in the political process

But my work in Columbus starts with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments about any state matters that concern you.

Sincerely,

Kenny Yuko
State Representative



A Legislative Report from Rep. Kenny Yuko

7th District of Ohio • Cities of Euclid and South Euclid, Richmond Heights and Parts of Cleveland



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Ohio strengthens predatory lending laws

Governor Taft recently signed into law a bill passed by the Ohio legislature that cracks down on predatory lending practices in Ohio.



Senate Bill 185, which I supported, addresses deceptive lending practices including artificially inflating a home's appraisal so the borrower takes on more debt than the home is worth and or hiding costs such as insurance and taxes that raise monthly payments.

Among its many provisions, the legislation:

- applies a portion of the Consumer Sales Protection Act (CSPA) to the mortgage lending industry, making it easier for consumers to resolve complaints, recover damages and provide for the payment of attorney fees;
- enhance programs to educate citizens about the intricacies of loan transactions, including the development of a financial literacy curriculum for Ohio's high schools;
- introduces fiduciary responsibility to mortgage brokers, compelling them to act in the best financial interest of borrowers;
- defines more clearly deceptive practices that could trigger action by the borrower or attorney general.

Supporters of the bill argue that it gives Ohio's consumers a fighting chance in today's market and will clean up the lending practices that drain wealth from families, destroy the benefits of homeownership, and have helped contribute to Ohio's No. 1 ranking in foreclosure rates.

Tip of the Month: How to get the most out of a tank of gas



Whether you drive an economy car or an SUV, there are plenty of ways to improve your gas mileage. Avoid aggressive driving and observe the speed limit. Speeding, fast acceleration, and hard braking wastes gas. Lighten your load by clearing your car of extra weight, and remove roof racks or carriers if not used frequently. Air conditioning also wastes gas. Roll the windows down and enjoy the calming breeze. Keep current with car maintenance—clean air filters can improve gas mileage by as much as 10%. Properly inflated and aligned tires will improve gas mileage by 3%. Using the wrong grade of oil can reduce mileage by 1% to 2%. For longer-term savings, consider a high-mileage vehicle for your next purchase.

-Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy

Ohio's Statehouse: A Monument to the People

Built between the years 1839 and 1861, the Ohio Statehouse was constructed in the Greek Revival style, a style which emulates an understated elegance. It is a masonry building and consists largely of brick and Columbus limestone. The limestone was taken from a quarry on the west banks of the Scioto River. The stone of the Statehouse foundation is more than 18 feet deep. The foundation through the first floor was built by prisoners from the Ohio Penitentiary.

During the course of the Statehouse's construction, 22 years and seven architects came and went, and a cholera epidemic and an eight-year work stoppage occurred.

The Statehouse was opened to legislators and the public in 1857, but it was not completed until 1861. The Statehouse has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Want to learn more about Ohio's Statehouse history? Schedule a tour by calling (614) 728-2695 OR 888-OHIO-123. Walk-in tours are available Monday through Friday beginning at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Weekend tours begin at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations are suggested for groups of 10 or more.

For more information visit:
www.statehouse.state.oh.us

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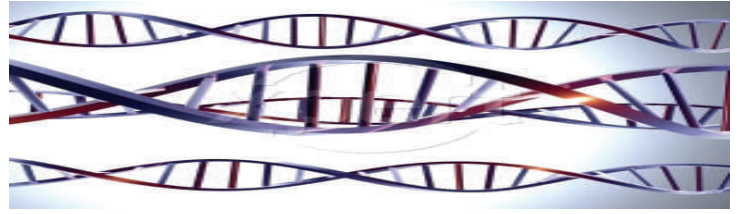
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Would you like to know more about bills currently before the legislature? A searchable Internet database from the Legislative Service Commission offers you an easy way to find out if the General Assembly is tackling an issue that you feel is important. You can also search by individual legislator to determine what issues are making waves around the state. Check it out at: www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm



Legislation sponsored by state Rep. John Bocchieri, D-New Middletown, creating a 300 foot set-back for protestors at funerals was signed into law by Governor Taft. Ohio joins Indiana, Kentucky, and seven other states that have recently enacted similar legislation.

House Bill 484, which I voted for, was drafted in response to Westboro Baptist Church, a group that has taken to demonstrating at the funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, holding signs that say “Thank God for Dead Soldiers” and “You’re Going to Hell.” The Kansas-based group has protested in Ohio several times.

HB 484 prohibits picketers and protestors from engaging in protest activities within 300 feet of the site of a funeral, funeral procession, or burial service from one

Ohioans who believe they have been wrongly convicted of a crime will have a chance to prove their innocence through DNA testing. **Senate Bill 262** makes permanent two earlier laws that gave state prisoners one-year windows to seek DNA testing that might prove their innocence. I voted in favor of the bill. Some 307 prisoners have sought testing through the earlier state laws. To date, two of the DNA tests have resulted in the exonerations of two men: Clarence Elkins, who spent seven years in prison before he was absolved of a Summit County rape, and Donte Booker, who was cleared of a Beachwood rape after 17 years in prison.



Cleveland Slovenian Day



State Representative Kenny Yuko celebrates Cleveland Slovenian Day at Cleveland City Hall.



State Representative Kenny Yuko presents a commendation to Zvone Zigon, Consul General for the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland, in recognition of Slovenia’s 15 years of independence.

State of Ohio toll-free numbers and websites

Ohio House of Representatives

www.house.state.oh.us
Legislative Information 800-282-0253

Insurance, Department of

www.ins.state.oh.us
Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program
800-686-1578

Job and Family Services, Department of

www.state.oh.us/odjfs
Veteran Services Division 800-253-4060
Unemployment Compensation Hotline 877-644-6562

Motor Vehicles, Bureau of

www.state.oh.us/odps/division/bmv
General Information 800-589-TAGS

Public Safety, Department of

www.state.oh.us/odps
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
Ohio Road Conditions 888-2OH-ROAD
State Highway Patrol DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

www.puc.state.oh.us
General Information 800-686-PUCO

Taxation, Department of

www.state.oh.us/tax
Form Requests 800-282-1782
Tax Questions 800-282-1780

Aging, Department of

www.state.oh.us/age
Golden Buckeye Card 800-422-1976
Ombudsman/Elder Rights Unit 800-282-1206

Attorney General

www.ag.state.oh.us
Consumer Protection 800-282-0515
Crime Victim Assistance 800-582-CVSS
Patient Abuse & Neglect Hotline 800-64-ABUSE

Consumers' Counsel, Office of the Ohio

www.state.oh.us/cons
Utility Consumer Complaints 877-742-5622

Development, Department of

www.odod.state.oh.us
General Information 800-848-1300
Business Advocacy 800-345-OHIO
Home Energy Assistance Hotline 800-282-0880
One Stop Business Permit Center 800-248-4040
Travel & Tourism 800-BUCKEYE

Education, Department of

www.ode.state.oh.us
Child Nutritional Services Information 800-808-MEAL
General Education Development 800-334-6679
Ohio Prevention Education Resources 800-788-7254

Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.state.oh.us
E-Check Information 800-227-8378



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