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**WEXNER CENTER PRAISED BY OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT
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At the 27th House District's annual State of the District Address on June 21, the Wexner Center for the Arts was honored for its public service and "fervent commitment to serving the residents of Greater Columbus." The district noted that the "generous contributions of the Wexner Center for the Arts have improved the lives of many."

In her remarks at the event, held at the King Arts Complex, State Representative Joyce Beatty cited the Wexner Center's diversity initiatives, including two recent film screenings followed by community panel discussions: *The Letter*—a documentary about Somali immigration in a town in Maine (an event that Beatty attended)—and *African American*, which looked at cultural misunderstandings and tensions between black American students and African students at a Dayton college.

An Ohio State University institution, the Wexner Center serves as a forum where the public can engage in discourse about the art and social issues of our time, including local issues that affect a diverse cross-section of the Columbus and Ohio State communities. As such, the Center affirms the university's stated missions of education and diversity.

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