

A young woman with long dark hair in a ponytail is shown in profile, looking through a telescope. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun visible in the background. The text "WHY IS YOUR VISION IMPORTANT TO YOU?" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

**WHY IS YOUR VISION
IMPORTANT TO YOU?**



“Vision is such an important sense whether you want to see a comet or stars with your bare eyes, connect with the planets and the cosmos (our own Milky Way galaxy or cluster of galaxies) or see your family and friends right in front of you. It is amazing what your eyes are capable of!”

**RAFAT R. ANSARI, CO-CHAIR
OHIO’S AGING EYE PUBLIC
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**



“Being able to see well is so important as we age. Healthy vision allows us to be independent, active, and involved in our communities. At the Ohio Department of Aging we are well aware of the impact of vision loss on our older population and their families. Blindness and low vision are potential risks for falls, depression and loss of independence.”

**BEV LAUBERT, CO-CHAIR OF
AEPPPP & DIRECTOR OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF AGING**



“GOLF!”

MARC MOLEA,
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIPS
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING



“My vision is important for many reasons, mostly because I have a lot of reading for law school.”

**MARIAH HALLECK,
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**



“To see my beautiful grandchildren!”

**SHERRY LEWIS,
PREVENT BLINDNESS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



“I personally believe vision is an important function as anything else. As a life long person who wore contacts until my cataract surgery, I understand what bad vision is and how difficult its to overcome.”

SENATOR BOB HACKETT



“My vision is very important to me as it allows me to read and consider new and insightful ideas and events passed on to me through the written word. Without sight, I would struggle to engage with my 4-year-old son and watch him grow.”

**BRYAN STOUT, LEGISLATIVE
LIAISON AT OHIO MEDICAID**



*“I love to see family
and friends!”*

KRISTA BISTLINE, PREVENT
BLINDNESS BOARD MEMBER



“My vision means everything to me. The world is full of so many majestic sites, and I would never want to miss out on the opportunity.”

ELI KALIL, LEGISLATIVE AIDE



*“My vision is important
because without it I wouldn’t
be able to see my favorite
movies.”*

**JAMES GRAVELY, PAGE FOR
SENATOR SEAN O'BRIEN OFFICE**



*“My daughters’
faces.”*

STEVE DORMAN, OHIO
OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION



*“Because I am a
grandfather of three of
the cutest little red
heads that you have
ever seen.”*

SENATOR KENNY YUKO



“Because without my vision I would miss the smile of my granddaughter, friendly faces and just the wonders of life.”

REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN ARNDT



*“To see my
husband laugh.”*

JENNY CAMPER, PREVENT
BLINDNESS BOARD MEMBER