



A legislative update from  
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**From the desk of Rep. Rogers**

Dear Neighbor,

Class is in session! As the 2024—2025 school year kickoffs, I want to acknowledge the hard work of our educators and school staff. I sincerely appreciate the teachers, custodians, administrators, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, coaches, counselors, nurses and all staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible.


As your state representative, I am working side by side with my colleagues to support legislation that will improve the lives of school staff and students. I am proud to have cosponsored bills aimed at raising the minimum base teacher salary in the state of Ohio from \$35,000 to \$50,000 and the Fair School Funding Plan that will invest more money in our public schools. The promise of happy, successful lives and a strong future begins in the classroom, that is why I will continue to fight for our educators, staff, and students.

Election season is around the corner. Have you checked your voter registration? Voting is one of the most sacred fundamental freedoms we have. The deadline to register to vote in the November election is October 7th. Make sure to check your voter registration here: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>. Confirming you have an active voter registration is the first step in participating in the backbone of our democracy. Besides the opportunity to cast your vote for president and other down ballot races, there will be an opportunity to determine what statehouse representation looks like through Issue 1, a redistricting amendment. Make your voice heard!


Please encourage your neighbors to sign-up for our newsletters at <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/elgin-rogers-jr/newsletter-sign-up>. If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep44@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-1401. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Register to Vote!**  
Make your voice heard

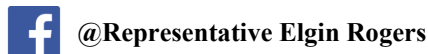


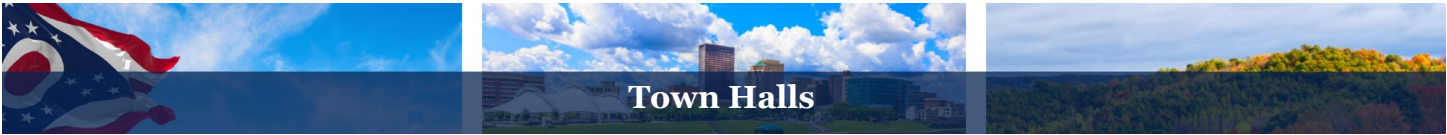
Are you a recent graduate or just moved? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!



**NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH**  
AUGUST 2024

August is National Water Quality Month. This month, we are reminded to look at ways our household and community are preserving and keeping our water safe to drink. All Ohioans deserve clean water.





## Town Halls

This September, my office will be holding multiple Town Halls throughout the 44th District.

Summer is almost over, but we are not slowing down in the legislature. The Ohio House Democrats are bringing the Statehouse to our community! Our People First Economic Freedom Town Hall will highlight what we're doing to put more money in your pocket and protect your fundamental freedoms. More importantly, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input on other issues facing our community.

I believe that wherever you come from and whatever your background, everyone should have the opportunity to raise happy, healthy families. That's why I want to share how my work on a comprehensive People First agenda will improve our quality of life in the Buckeye State. Putting People First means working together to ensure all Ohioans—no matter your race, gender or economic status—have the freedom to be who they are, the dignity of a safe community and secure job, and the opportunity to thrive.

These town hall events are free and open to the public. I will be hosting town hall events on:

- **Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 pm at the Point Place Branch Library, 2727 117th Street, Toledo, OH 43611**
- **Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 pm at the Mott Branch Library, 1010 Dorr Street, Toledo OH, 43607**

I encourage you to come and bring your own view on our community's needs.



August is National Black Business Month, a time to celebrate and support Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, and bring attention to the wonderful and hardworking Black-owned businesses across the country. This month encourages consumers to patronize Black-owned businesses, fosters networking among Black entrepreneurs, and raises awareness about the challenges and successes within the Black business community.

I encourage you to support your local Black-owned businesses, not just this month, but at any chance you get!



This month, we honor and celebrate our military families who do so much to uplift the men and women of our armed forces. Whether at home or abroad, the members of the United States military rely on their families for love and support. House Democrats honor our men and women in uniform and thank their families for their selfless sacrifice to our nation.





## Midwest Legislative Conference

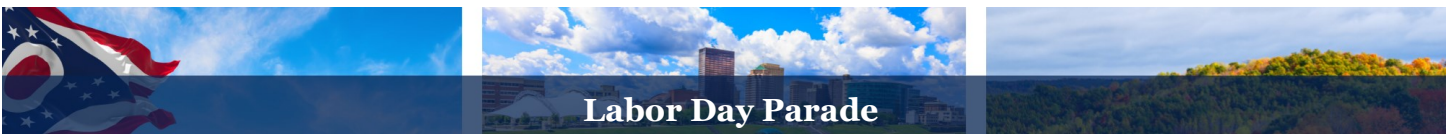
Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Midwest Legislative Conference (MLC). This event brings together legislators from across 11 states and the Canadian Province of Saskatchewan. We shared ideas and information to improve our states government and the region as a whole. I spent time speaking with experienced colleagues who brought diverse perspectives to the job we share and I offered my own opinions on how we can better serve those we represent. Events like this are crucial in spurring growth within state governments and improving legislative performance.



At the MLC Statehouse dinner.



With the Memorial Mounted Police at MLC.

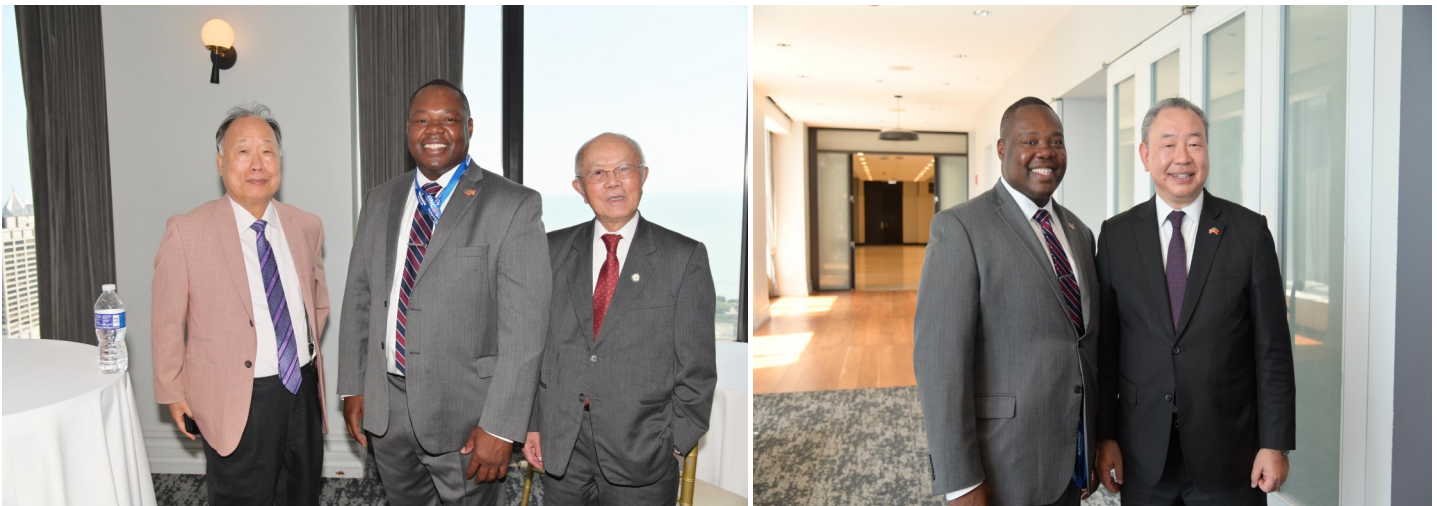


## Labor Day Parade

Join us this Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd from 9am to 11am, for the Toledo Labor Day Parade! Downtown Toledo will host local labor unions and supporters for a community celebration of the hard work our community is known for. The parade will start on N. Summit Street to Summit and Jackson Street. Happy Labor Day!



Photo Gallery



Rep. Rogers with representatives from the office of the United States Ambassador to Taiwan and Ambassador Alexander Tah-Ray Yui .



Rep. Rogers with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, the longest serving woman in congressional history.



Photo Gallery (Connecting with friends at the DNC)



Chatting with Kathleen Purdy of Akron.

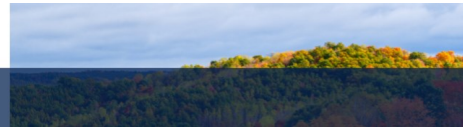


With Mr. Anil Ahuja of Chicago whom Rep. Rogers met in Germany.





# Photo Gallery (Jeep Fest)



With Commissioner Pete Gerkin and Polly Taylor-Gerkin.



With County Engineer Mike Pniewski.



With UAW Local 14 President Tony Totty and Amy Richardson, UAW Region 2B Education Representative

Jeep Fest was a huge success! With nearly 80,00 people in attendance, I had the chance to visit with old friends and make many new ones!



With Dan of Dana Spicer Corp.



With Brenda of Dana Spicer Corp.