



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Rogers

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter a new season I hope you take time to reflect on the summer you had and what made it memorable. This past summer I took time to connect with friends, meet with constituents and organizations from our district, and get prepared for a busy fall. It is a privilege to serve you and hearing from my neighbors serves as a crucial reminder of why I wanted to serve in the Ohio Legislature, to represent you and fight for everyone in Northwest Ohio. As I look forward to the rest of the year, I am motivated to bring concrete, positive change to our community. In this newsletter I will share information regarding concerns over rising property taxes and other important news from our district.

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>.

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- **October 8:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- **October 29:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- **November 5:** Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

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,

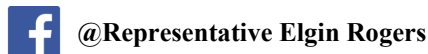
Register to Vote!

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
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Their achievements and culture have made Ohio, and America, a better place for us all.





Ohio House Democrats Fight to Lower Property Taxes for Ohioans

As we all know, the rising cost of property taxes is a critical economic issue for Ohioans. Homeowners are searching for answers and are rightfully frustrated feeling the squeeze of higher property tax bills. House Democrats have solutions!

No one wants to pay more than their fair share in taxes. That's why tax-shifting is unfair. It funds giveaways for the wealthiest few, and cuts to local communities, shifting taxes away from the state onto local homeowners.

It doesn't have to be this way! Together, we can support policies and leaders to unrig Ohio's tax system, so the state stops shifting the tax responsibility onto homeowners and local communities.

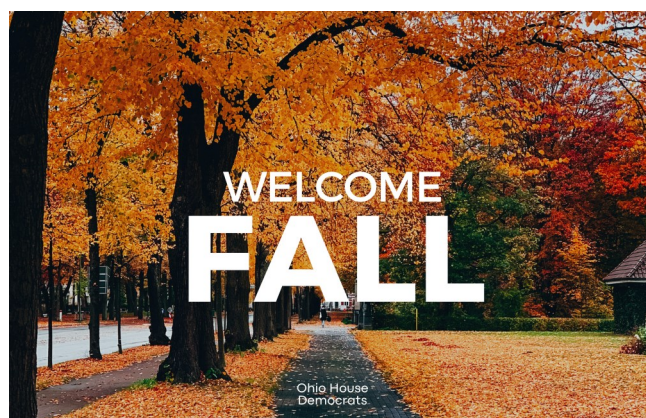
House Democrats have introduced several bipartisan bills to help lower your property taxes:

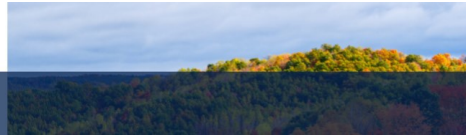
- **HB 60 (Troy)** - Increases the homestead exemption for elderly or disabled homeowners and certain surviving spouses
- **HB 263 (Isaacsohn/Hall)** - Freezes property taxes for qualified homeowners
- **HB 274 (Dell'Aquila/Matthews)** - For individuals who qualify and have owned their homes for more than 20 years, this bill increases the exemption from \$26,200 to \$50,000.
- **Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform** - This committee, proposed by Rep. Troy, with the intent of examining and identifying solutions to address some of the concerns with Ohio's property tax laws.
- **HB 645 (Isaacsohn)** - Legislation authorizing a property tax circuit breaker benefit for eligible homeowners and renters whose property taxes, or portion of rent attributable to property taxes, exceeds 5% of their income.

If you have questions about your property taxes or have received a property tax valuation that you feel is not accurate you can contact your county auditor. The kind, professional and hardworking staff at your county auditors office can assist you in this process.

- Lucas County Auditor - (419) 213 - 4406, for information and form for filing a complaint challenging your property valuation click [here](#).
- Ottawa County Auditor - (419) 734 - 6740, for information and form for filing a complaint challenging your property valuation click [here](#).
- Wood County Auditor - (419) 354 - 9150 or auditor@woodcountyohio.gov

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns!





90 Plus Spectacular Event

This month I had the privilege of attending the Wood County Senior Center’s “90 - Plus Spectacular!” This event honored Wood County residents who are 90 years old and older. I spoke with attendees from all walks of life and heard their stories and even received valuable words of advice. A synopsis of this event can be found [here](#).



Event attendees took part in a dinner and celebration.



With honoree Carolyn Borcharding and Senator Gavarone.

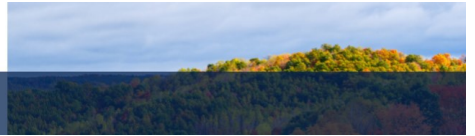
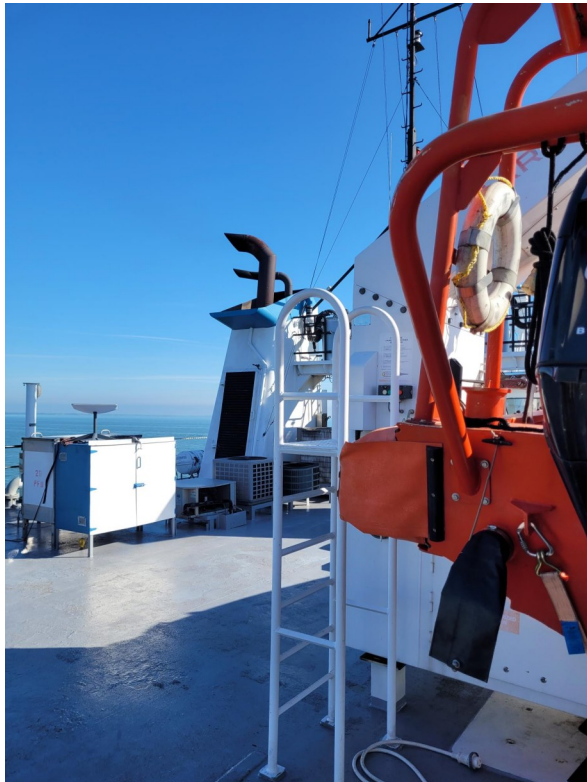


Photo Gallery



I recently took the opportunity to visit an ethanol plant to learn more about Ohio's biofuels industry and how this technology can impact our local economy (above). The tour was led by POET General Manager, Karl (right).



I joined researchers from US EPA for an informational tour of algae blooms in Lake Erie (left).

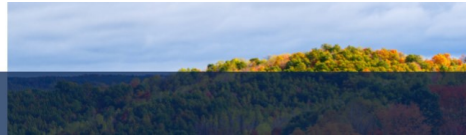
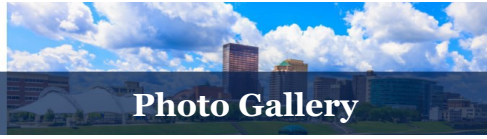


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Students take part in the groundbreaking for Whitmer Middle School (above).



I joined our strong labor unions for the Toledo Labor Day parade (above).